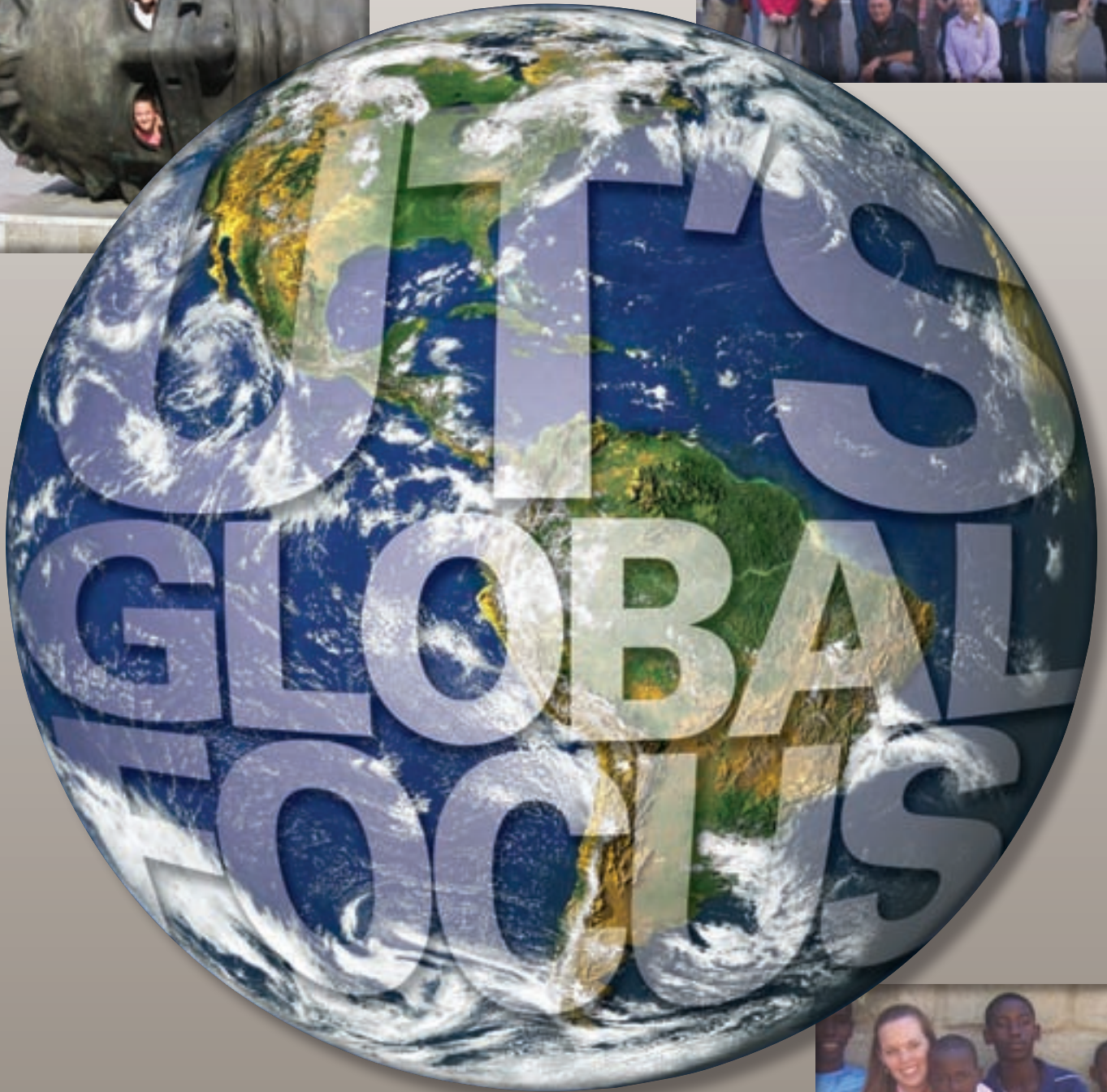


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Residence Hall Dedicated to Frank P. Urso, M.D. '57

The University held a dedication ceremony on Feb. 22 for the newly renamed Frank P. Urso, M.D. Hall following the Golden Spartans Luncheon.

A member of the class of 1957 and a retired pathologist, Dr. Frank P. Urso donated \$3 million to the University this winter. As a result, the University honored Urso by renaming the Kennedy Place residence hall for him. The hall opened August 2006.

"UT changed my life," Urso said of his gift.

Urso described UT in the 1950s as a "workman's college," and excelled in the sciences. After graduation he continued with medical school at the University of Miami, where he graduated with honors. Urso served as the director of pathology and clinical laboratories at three major hospitals, and worked as professor of pathology at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine — where he was twice honored as lecturer of the year.

Since retiring, Urso has delved into writing. In 2005, he published a memoir, *A Stranger in the Barrio: Memoir of a Tampa Sicilian* (iUniverse, 2005). Leland Hawes of the *Tampa Tribune* described the memoir as "earthy and emotional," with "never a dull word." Each resident of the



Celebrating at the dedication were (from left to right) Urso's long-time companion, Carol Hay; his son-in-law, Dr. Rick Palmon; his daughter, Dr. Lillian Palmon; his daughter-in-law, Marie Urso; his son, Lt. Commander Philip Urso; and Dr. Ronald L. Vaughn.

182-bed residence hall will receive a copy of Urso's book.

"We are grateful to Dr. Urso for his generous donation," said UT President Ronald L. Vaughn. "Frank's transformative experience at UT represents everything that's special about a University of Tampa education." (See story on page 36 for more about Urso.)

Presidential Candidate John McCain Visits UT

A crowd of supporters, members of the media and University staff and students packed Plant Hall's Music Room to watch as presidential candidate Senator John McCain (R-AZ) spoke on campus Jan. 25.

His visit was part of an organized discussion on national security and came just before his win in the Florida Republican Primary.

"I still believe the transcendent challenge of the 21st century is radical Islamic terrorism," McCain said. "It is a challenge that has taken many fronts. And the central battlefield is in Iraq."

Several nationally known political figures attended the roundtable event, including former Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty and Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC).

The panel members, who also included Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee and Hillsborough County Commissioner Mark Sharpe, unanimously supported McCain as the presidential candidate who can best maintain national security and strengthen the nation's military.



Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) sits on a national security panel held in the Music Room Jan. 25.

Board Adds Trustees



R. Kyle Bailey '95

The UT Board of Trustees has added 11 new members, and designated two former members as trustee emeriti.

R. KYLE BAILEY '95 is a trustee with the Tampa-based Bailey Family Foundation, and serves as the vice president of communications. In addition, Bailey owns and manages various residential and commercial real estate investments. He also serves on the board of the Florida Aquarium Foundation and is active in the Tampa Alpha Alumni Club.

After serving as president and CEO, **PHILLIP E. CASEY** is currently the chairman of the Board of Gerdau Ameristeel, the fourth largest overall steel company in the U.S. He also served as director, executive committee member and chairman of the Steel Manufacturers Association.

VELVA W. CLARK, a community volunteer and nonprofit fundraiser, is a past ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees, past president of The Chiselers Inc., and a member of the Minaret Society. She is chairman-elect of the Outback Bowl Committee and third vice president-elect of the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Suncoast Council Inc.

DR. O. REX DAMRON, author, teacher/coach, professor, businessman and philanthropist, is president of the Krewe of

Sant' Yago Education Foundation (*see page 39*). An emeritus professor at Kent State University, Damron has authored four books and worked in secondary education. He has also operated several businesses, including a restaurant, travel agency and import business.

GEORGE F. GRAMLING III is an attorney with the Gramling & Fingar Law Firm, which specializes in environmental matters. He is a past president and current board member of Bay Area Legal Services, and is a trustee of the Berkeley Preparatory School.

JOHN HARVEY retired in 2003 after serving 32 years in television broadcasting and sales management in Orlando, New York City and Tampa. He is co-chair of the UT Parents' Association. He is a member emeritus of The Salvation Army Advisory Board.

STEVE M. HATCH is a vice president of USAA and the vice president/general manager of the USAA Southeast Regional Office. He currently serves on the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the CEO Council of Tampa Bay.

BEVERLEY CLARKE HUBBELL, the current president of The Chiselers Inc., is the Chiselers' representative to the Board of Trustees and is a Tampa-based watercolor

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Dr. O. Rex Damron



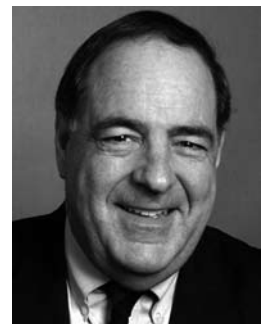
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New Program Aims to Develop Future Leaders

UT has created a highly selective leadership program designed to engage students with proven leadership abilities and the commitment to make positive change in their communities.

The President's Leadership Fellows is a four-year program in which students work with personal mentors and in group leadership projects and activities. The program will guide students toward a future as leaders in the community.

The program is competitive, and participants will be selected each year from the incoming freshman class. Students in the program will receive a \$1,000 yearly scholarship, in addition to other financial assistance.

"It's a higher commitment level for students," said Kim Northup, assistant director of leadership engagement. "By committing to this, they're committing a lot of time to the program."


Participants will engage in a variety of periodic leadership projects and activities. In year one, students partake in workshops and activities focused on their sense of "self" and individual leadership styles and abilities. The

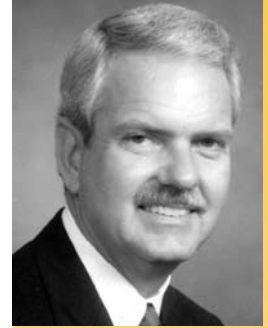
second year focuses on group leadership, which includes a day spent on a leadership challenge ropes course and other team-focused activities.

In the third year, students work together to identify and bring change to a certain issue. The project could be focused on any number of community issues such as homelessness or environmental waste.

Students continue to build on the community project in the fourth year as the focus of the program shifts to an examination of global leadership and how global influences affect the group's chosen issue. In this year, each student also becomes a mentor to an incoming freshman leadership student.

President Ronald L. Vaughn said that while The University of Tampa is known for developing community leaders, this program will expand leadership opportunities for students and help recruit prospective students who are committed to leadership.

"Educating students to be effective leaders, while also educating them in the classroom and the community, will continue to be a high priority for The University of Tampa," Vaughn said. 




Stephen Dickey, M.D.

Red Cross Honors Trustee

Board of Trustees member Stephen Dickey, M.D. was awarded the Vaughn Humanitarian Award by the American Red Cross Tampa Bay Chapter at its 8th annual Red White and Blue Bash on March 15.

A 22-year American Red Cross volunteer, Dickey is a past president and life member of the chapter Board of Directors. Dickey is the president and CEO of Doctor's Walk-In Clinics of Tampa Bay Inc. and has been a UT trustee since 1996.

The annual Vaughn Humanitarian Award is named in honor of President Ronald L. Vaughn and the late Martha Anne Vaughn. 

Trustees

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artist. She is the past president of Friends of the Arts of the Tampa Museum of Art, and Friends of Plant Park.

BROOKE MAY '03, chair of the UT Board of Counselors, is a project manager for Skanska USA Building. May is active in a local women's networking group called High Power in High Heels and is a recent graduate of Leadership Tampa Bay.

JOHN W. ROBINSON IV is an attorney in the employment law practice of the law firm Fowler White Boggs Banker. He serves as the chairman of the Board of Fellows, 2007-2008, and is a member of the Board of the Tampa Bay History Center.

CRAIG C. STURKEN '63 is the chairman, president and chief executive officer of Spartan Stores, the nation's tenth largest grocery wholesaler. He serves on the Board

of Directors of a Grand Rapids, MI, chamber of commerce business development and recruitment group, and is a member of the United Way of Kent County Campaign Cabinet.

VINCENT J. NAIMOLI, and **JOHN H. SYKES**, both former trustees and chairs of the Board, were elected as chair emeriti. 

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL
Through Thurs., May 1
University of Tampa
Annual Juried Student
Exhibition
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

Wed., April 23
Guitar Performance
Plant Hall Music room
7:30 p.m.

Wed., April 30-Sat. May 3
Spring Dance Happening
Edison Building to the
Plant Hall Verandah
8 p.m.

MAY
Wed., May 7-Sat., May 10
BFA Exit Show
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

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



Wed., May 7
Reception honoring
graduates
7-9 p.m.

Fri., May 16-Thurs., May 29
High School Arts 2007
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

Fri., May 16
Opening reception and
awards presentations
7-9 p.m.



Dr. Wayne Miller

UT Loses Friend and Colleague

UT mourned the loss of Dr. Wayne Miller, professor of English, who died unexpectedly in his home in Tampa on Feb. 21.

Miller came to UT in 1999 as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He specialized in American military fiction and film and racial and ethnic cultures. In his free time, he volunteered with minority high school students.

"He took seriously his role as a citizen of this city and the human community beyond," said Dr. Martha Serpas, associate professor of English. "Wayne was quick to remind us, with humor and generosity, of the larger pursuits of education and the joys of literature and art."

Miller received his Ph.D. from New York University in 1968.

"Dr. Miller was not only concerned with the academic progress of his students, but also very interested in their personal accomplishments," said Allison (Gispert) Altemose '05. "He always remembered personal details about his students and cared very deeply for their own well being. He was more than a great educator; he was a great friend." ❏

Literary Journal Wins Laurels

This winter the *Tampa Review* was named as the runner-up for the Parnassus Award for Significant Editorial Achievement for a Belletristic Journal by the Council of Editors of Learned Journals.

A belletristic journal is defined as one that contains literature regarded as fine art, appreciated for its aesthetics as well as its subject matter.

"The magnificently produced *Tampa Review* represents a perfect blending of verbal and visual art that amplifies resonant imaginative strands and 'promotes complex creative and critical reading as an experience of insight, outreach, and



delight,'" judges said.

Not only does Dr. Richard Mathews, editor of the *Tampa*

Review, perform the intellectual work of selecting, editing and arranging the journal's contents, they noted, but he is "an accomplished artist who designs the journal with keen sensitivity to the aesthetics of typography and the pleasures of the printed page — what he calls a 'gallery space in print.'"

The award is given every third year and is presented at the national Modern Language Association Conference. The competition recognizes the realization of an editorial mission, one that applies the highest standards of "learned" editorial practice, including the selection of high-quality content, compelling arrangement of contents, style, visual appeal and readability.

Tampa Review is a literary magazine dedicated to the blending of contemporary literature and visual arts. Each issue features contemporary writing and art from Florida and the world, emphasizing our connections to the Tampa Bay region and the international literary community. It is published twice a year in hardcover format by the University of Tampa Press. ❏

Music Department Establishes Alumni Award

Since its founding, UT has had a strong tradition in music performance — both in student performance and preparing students for careers in music. To recognize the achievements of its alumni, the Department of Music has established the UT Music Alumnus Achievement Award.

The award, which will be presented annually, recognizes music alumni who have excelled in their musical careers. At a reception on Feb. 24, the first award was given to Scott Leonard '87 (see story on page 24).

The Music Department will take nominations, and a committee of faculty will choose the winner each year. Dr. Jeffrey Traster, chair of the music department, said the award will be competitive, as there are many alumni who have had remarkable success.

"We're long overdue to recognize alumni who have made outstanding contributions to

the field of music," Traster said. "Music remains a strong program at UT, and the alumni have a lot to do with that." ❏



Dr. Jeffrey Traster presents Scott Leonard '87 with the first UT Music Alumnus Achievement Award. (Photo by James R. Sykes)

New Undergraduate Public Health Major Offered

The University will begin offering a bachelor's degree program in public health, designed for students interested in the improvement of population health and prevention of disease and disability.

The major, which resides in the department of exercise science and sport studies, focuses on identifying social and behavioral determinants of health, developing and evaluating interventions and policies leading to the improvement of population health, and preparing professionals for leadership positions in advocacy and public health service.

Rebecca Olsen, assistant professor of allied health, exercise science and sport sciences, said there are two major highlights of the new public health program. First, UT is the first academic institution in the Tampa Bay area to improve the capacity of public health at the undergraduate level.

"The field is thriving, not only in this country but around the world," Olsen said. "Knowledge and opportunities in the field are exploding. The work of public health has expanded from infectious disease control to chronic disease, mental health issues, terrorist threats, and improved population-based health in the global community. The development of this program confirms the commitment that UT has to every student."

Second, according to Olsen, the field of public health is extremely broad and encompasses a variety of careers. Therefore, the public health curriculum draws from a broad range of disciplines.

"Public health majors are required to take classes in such areas as epidemiology, biostatistics, social sciences and communication," Olsen said. "And, because successful public health efforts must be led by those who can mobilize, coordinate and direct collaborative actions within complex systems, the students will receive intense coursework in quality management and leadership."

Dr. Stephen Kucera, dean of the College of Natural and Health Sciences, said he is pleased to have someone of Olsen's caliber leading this new program. He expects this program to generate a great deal of interest among University

undergraduates who are thinking about a possible career path in this field.

Public health students will be encouraged to pursue interdisciplinary coursework including courses in adolescent health, women's health, gerontology, biology, environmental science, criminology, international and cultural studies, urban studies, Latin American studies, psychology, sociology, communication or research methods.

Upon completion of the program, students will be qualified for graduate studies and/or leadership roles in public and private organizations. These organizations may include hospitals, group practices, community health centers, and community-based nonprofit organizations, public and private corporations, foundations, workplaces, schools, colleges, and local, state and federal public health agencies.

Students who successfully complete the public health degree program are also eligible to take the national certification exam to become certified health education specialists. ■■■

New Dean Joins UT

Dr. Anne V. Gormly, psychology professor and vice president and dean of faculties at Georgia College & State University (GCSU), has joined the University as the new dean of the College of Social Sciences, Mathematics and Education.

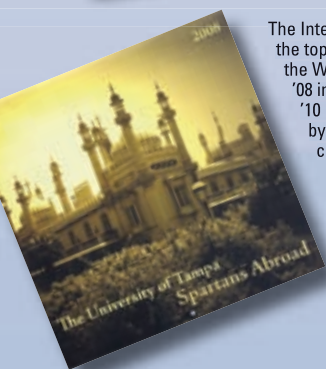
Gormly will oversee the departments of criminology; education; government, history and sociology; mathematics and psychology. She will begin her post this July.

At GCSU, Gormly helped implement the university's public liberal arts mission. She also helped launch Georgia College's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and was a leader in the institution's iPod initiative, which helps stimulate the innovative instructional use of iPods.

Gormly holds a doctorate and master's degree in psychology from the University of Illinois and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Rhode Island College. ■■■



STRAZ HONORED IN HONDURAS. The Hon. David A. Straz Jr. (left), member and past chairman of the UT Board of Trustees, received an honorary degree from Catholic University of Honduras on Jan. 11. Straz, joined by Honduran Cardinal Oscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga, the founder of the University (center), and UT President Ronald L. Vaughn, was honored for his work as honorary consulate to the Republics of Liberia and Honduras. ■■■



The International Programs Office held a photo contest and the top three winners were (clockwise from right) "Seeing the World Through New Eyes," taken by Susan Johnson '08 in Poland; "Bathing Woman," taken by Kelsey Stroop '10 in Montenegro; and "Eiffel Tower at Night," taken by Mariah Robinson '10 in France. Photos from the contest were featured in a calendar, with Samantha Webb's '10 photo on the cover (left).

In four years as a UT student, Traci Hicks '08, of Hudson, FL, has studied Japanese, traveled to Japan to research attitudes toward nuclear weapons (*See story on page 12*) and interned at the Terrorism Research Center in Washington, D.C. After she graduates, she hopes to work for the Foreign Service or for the U.S. State Department.

Hicks's experiences illustrate UT's increasing focus on building students' international competencies. These include language proficiency, the ability to travel, study and live outside the United States, knowledge of geography, diverse cultures and the historical context of those cultures; and the ability to appreciate cultural differences and demonstrate self-awareness.

"UT has certainly elevated the significance of graduating globally competent students," said Marca Bear, associate dean of International Programs. "Students are not only learning, but living and experiencing life abroad."

The next seven pages show how the University community has benefitted from UT's global focus. **UT**



Traci Hicks '08 enjoys a traditional Japanese meal.



A group of UT students enjoys the view of Machu Picchu. Inset: Steve Knauss '08 with the family who hosted him in Huilloc, Peru. (Photos courtesy of *The Minaret*)



TRIP LEADS TO

Reflection

By Mike Jones '08

I thought the most lasting memory of my trip to Peru with The University of Tampa would be the beauty of Machu Picchu, but the image that remains is the one night we spent in the poor village of Huilloc.

I had just given a young girl in the village a set of coloring pencils, a coloring book and a few oranges, but it was like she had been given the world. She colored for the majority of the night, proudly showing me her drawings with a huge smile on her face.

What made me so emotional wasn't the great appreciation and joy she had showed, but the fact that this brilliant girl and so many others like her had to live in horrible conditions.

She was fluent in two languages — Spanish and the local Quechua — and even counted in English for us. But in the morning I was woken by her loud cough and saw the dry blood in her nose. Her first concern wasn't about her health, which I suspect is a normal occurrence since the climate is so cold and they are without heat, but she was more worried about getting us orange juice and water.

For the most part of the trip we did not see anything close to Huilloc. We stayed with middle-class host families in one of the nicest neighborhoods in Cusco for seven days of our

trip. The only major difference between our home-stays in Cusco and the United States was a lack of hot water in the showers and no heat in the homes.

Despite the awkwardness of using buckets for bathrooms and seeing something I was completely unprepared for, I have to commend the coordinator of our trip, Dr. Decoster, for giving us a true immersion. The village of Huilloc gave me a greater appreciation for everything that I have been given.

Appreciating all the opportunities we have been given as University of Tampa students is important, but taking action is another important step. I have been guilty of getting so caught up in myself that I have never thought of helping anyone else. And it is so easy to make a difference. It is not just in countries like Peru that people need help, but right here in Tampa.

Although Huilloc will always stick out in my mind, Machu Picchu and the rest of Peru was amazing as well. I have to thank Dr. Lopez for allowing me to sign up for the trip at the last minute. It was an experience of a lifetime.

This story originally ran in the student newspaper, The Minaret. ■■■

Learning the Lingua Franca

Today's language lab at UT resembles a home theater, with 34 computers with multimedia and online capability, servers, video conferencing equipment, 32 international satellite TV channels and VCR and DVD players that accommodate VHS tapes purchased abroad.

Paid for with funds from the last capital campaign, the lab opened five years ago and is modeled to support today's language students. The computers all have individual headphones and microphones, and are hooked up through an instructional communication system.

"Students can listen to the language at a natural pace, which doesn't always happen in the classroom," said Raymond Cepko, language lab coordinator. "They can listen carefully, and push themselves without feeling the pressure that sometimes comes with face to face communication."

The lab also features a library with audio and video for language classes, plus a collection of foreign language films, from "The Bicycle Thief" to "Life is Beautiful." ■■■





STUDY ABROAD TRIPS

Put Students to the Test

By Robin Roger
Writer

Dr. Norma Winston with a group of UT students taking a break in front of the Auckland Harbour Bridge in Auckland, New Zealand. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Norma Winston)

Instead of the usual multiple choice questions, one UT student was tested last summer by a group of Maori tribal warriors bearing long spears, rolling their eyes and making threatening sounds with their tongues.

Luckily, all he had to do was prove his group had come in peace.

"A century and a half ago, had this not been the case, we might have been thrown into a pool of boiling water and cooked for someone's dinner," says Dr. Norma Winston, professor of sociology, who led the students on the trip to New Zealand as part of a two-week course last May.

A native Kiwi herself, Winston taught the students about the juxtaposition of the indigenous Maori culture and the colonial European culture in New Zealand. The students participated in a cultural workshop where men learned the haka (a war dance done by males only) and the women learned the poi dance (performed by females only).

"New Zealand became a laboratory in which we could focus on ethnic integration unfettered by the prejudices we might have learned in America," Winston says. "We benefited by gaining new insights into how a culture can evolve as people of different ethnicities come together. This is what travel/study programs are all about — offering us a different window of the world."

Students don't have to major in sociology to benefit from a travel study course, though. This spring and summer, students will travel the globe on more than a dozen trips spearheaded by the International Programs Office to Europe, Japan and South America, in a number of disciplines.

In an international business seminar, students will learn about production and marketing on a factory tour of Gucci in Florence, Italy, or the design house of a Parisian fashion icon like Hermes. The students will travel to Rome, Florence, Paris and Amsterdam. Other stops on the trip include an international security briefing at

the American Embassy in Rome, a visit to a Tuscan winery and vineyard and a tour of the local Heineken brewery in Amsterdam.

"The world is very small these days, with air travel being so readily available, cell phones, conference calls, video conferences, etc.," said Dr. James Krause, associate professor of accounting, who will lead the business trip. "Students will have an opportunity to observe first hand how European businesses operate. Just the difference in marketing products is interesting."

Before the trip, the students will meet for seven weeks to discuss the arrangements in Europe, what is expected of them and the history of the cities they'll be visiting, as well as why each company chose that city as its home.

A course in tropical biology and conservation might interest students who want to learn more about the ecosystems in Ecuador. While in Ecuador, students will travel to the Galapagos Islands, the upper Amazon River basin and the Andes Mountains around Quito, the capital.



“This is what travel/study programs are all about — offering us a different window of the world.”

There they will learn about the natural history of the organisms that live there and examine conservation programs and sustainable development practices.

A dozen MBA and Master of Science in Technology and Innovation Management students will travel to China this summer with Dr. Jody Tompson, associate professor of management and entrepreneurship, and Dr. Bill Rhey, dean of graduate studies. The course will include visits with Chinese divisions of American companies and locally owned companies, chambers of commerce, and government divisions that handle business or commerce.

Tompson took a similar trip to China in 2006, and the group visited a division of General Electric and Sykes Enterprises. On that trip he said he gained an appreciation for the economic progress and power that China represents.


"I was almost frightened by how advanced some of their companies were," he said. "I didn't expect them to be so competitive. I realized the Chinese threat was not one of just magnitude and size, but also technology."

Today China graduates roughly 600,000 engineers per year, he said, compared with 6,000 per year in the United States.

"It used to be that China was known for cheap manufacturing," Tompson said. "Now they're doing state-of-the-art software, research and design, and intellectual property."

In the manufacturing and textile region, the Guangdong province, a lot of the cities have begun to specialize in a product area, Tompson said. For instance, one city is considered a lamp city, because every manufacturing facility there makes lamps or something to do with electrical lighting.

They tell you to check your lamps when you go home to the West, he said. Nearly 90 percent will be made in Lamp City.

Other trips this summer include a sojourn in Spain for Spanish language students, a six-week program in London called London and the World, a course on nuclear nonproliferation in Japan, a course in Italy about Italian discourse on American speech and a global sociology course in Italy. 



Students Learn to Lead Abroad

Kim Northup was at the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre when she heard that the famous explorer had died.

"It was such a historical moment," said Northup, UT's assistant director of leadership engagement. "He was a model New Zealander who they all aspire to be like."


One of the first climbers known to have reached the summit of Mount Everest, Hillary embodied the leadership qualities Northup aimed to teach the 11 freshmen with her on a trip to New Zealand this past winter.

Northup took the students to cultural centers where they learned about different leadership philosophies and personal leadership development. They met with two Maori leaders, who talked about the issues they face, such as pollution, the struggle to retain their cultural values, and disputes over land ownership. The students put into practice the cultural lessons they had learned in their Global Issues course last fall, when they were greeted in the traditional confrontational manner and danced the haka.

Next the group visited the Parliament building and the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa where they learned about the country's nature, art and history.

"Being in a different place broadened their world view," Northup said. "And they learned they have to lead differently in different contexts."

At the Outdoor Pursuits Centre, students worked together on challenges, such as building a bridge out of ropes and harnesses and designing and constructing a raft to float down a river. They also had to navigate on a two-day hike, where they were required to keep together, participate in a high ropes course and dig their own toilets.

"They challenged their comfort zones and took risks, which you often have to do as a leader," Northup said. 

Ricki Goldsmith '11 crosses a river using a method devised by the students. (Photo courtesy of Kim Northup)



Mexican president Felipe Calderón (right) congratulates Juan Camilo Mouriño '93 (center) Jan. 16 on his appointment to secretary of governance while the outgoing secretary, Francisco Ramírez Acuña (left), looks on.



The President's Right-Hand Man

UT ALUMNUS APPOINTED AS MEXICO'S SECRETARY OF GOVERNANCE

By Dan Sullivan
Web Writer

In a little more than a decade, Juan Camilo Mouriño '93 has skyrocketed through Mexico's political arena to become one of the most prominent leaders in the country.

Mexican President Felipe Calderón, whose office Mouriño headed after directing his 2006 campaign, appointed Mouriño in January to the position of secretary of governance, traditionally a springboard to the presidency. In this capacity, Mouriño is in charge of a wide range of government business including intelligence gathering, immigration and relations between Mexico's political parties and government leaders.

Mouriño recently answered a few questions about his career and time spent at UT.

Q: How have your past experiences prepared you for your current position?

A: My experiences during the last 10 years in several positions, both in the legislative branch and in the federal government, gave me the tools to be ready for this challenge. I believe that my knowledge of the legislative power, periods spent in political campaigns, hard-working times in public administration, the year heading the president's office and, very significantly, having the president's trust, have led my career to this new high honor.

Q: What were the challenges you faced in directing President Calderón's campaign?

A: During Calderón's campaign, we were always considered the underdogs. This is not always easy to overcome, but with the leadership of the candidate and the hard work of a group of very committed people, we succeeded. To win the nomination of the National Action Party, we faced a lot of difficulties. Calderón was never perceived as the favored candidate, and it was not easy to get endorsements. Once Calderón won the party's nomination, we had to surmount an opposing candidate who led the opinion polls for several years.

Q: What was it like leading the president's office on a day-to-day basis?

A: It was the best experience of my career as a politician. Working side-by-side with the president of Mexico during the first year of his administration was an honor and a great opportunity. I also learned a lot about my country and the challenges and problems we face. I always tried to understand and achieve the best results for the president's projects and priorities.

Q: What brought you to the U.S., and specifically to Florida?

Juan Camilo Mouriño at a Glance

▲ **1971** Juan Camilo Mouriño was born in Madrid, Spain, but his nationality is Mexican, because his mother was born in Mexico City.

▲ **1989** Mouriño enrolled at UT with his brother, Carlos. They came to UT after attending high school at Montverde Academy near Orlando.

▲ **1993** Mouriño graduated with a B.S. in economics. He then returned to Mexico where he worked as finance director for his family's business. He later obtained an M.A. in accounting with a specialization in finances from Mexico's University of Campeche.


▲ **1997** Mouriño was elected to the legislature of his home state of Campeche as a member of the National Action Party (PAN).

▲ **2000** Mouriño was elected to the Mexican federal congress, representing Campeche through 2003.

▲ **2003** Following an unsuccessful campaign for mayor of Campeche, Mouriño served as an adviser to then-Secretary of Energy Felipe Calderón.

▲ **2004** Calderón selected Mouriño to serve as deputy secretary of energy.

▲ **2006** Mouriño served as a head coordinator of Calderón's presidential campaign. Following Calderón's victory in July 2006, Mouriño was named the head of the transition team and later became chief of the president's office.

▲ **2008** In January, President Calderón selected Mouriño to serve as secretary of governance. 

Creating a Cosmopolitan Classroom

Though thousands of miles from home, first-year student Jesal Patel '11 felt like she was with family celebrating Phagwa: The Festival of Colors, held on campus in February.

Also known as Holi, the ancient Hindu festival has been celebrated in India for centuries. As part of Phagwa, the students applied mehendi — or henna — artwork on each other's hands and a group performed traditional Indian music. Afterwards the students took part in the throwing of colors, where they splashed colored water on each other's white clothing.

The event was hosted by the Indian Cultural Association, along with the Diversity Fellowship. The Diversity Fellowship is a student organization and a branch of the Student Activities Office that promotes and recognizes diversity on campus.



Nadya Tilluckdharry '08 (left) and Jesal Patel '11 (right) apply henna at Phagwa. (Photo by Travis Miller)

The Indian Cultural Association is one of many cultural student organizations, including the International Student Organization, which holds cultural events throughout the year.

Patel speaks four languages: English, Gujarati, Hindi and Swahili. Her parents are from India, but she's spent most of her life in Kenya. In her introduction to sociology class, Patel says her experiences help her to compare and contrast cultures. Her classmates also benefit from her unique perspective and experiences.


"Someone asked if we live in real houses, or if our houses are made of straw, and if there are roads in Kenya," she said.

She said many parts of Kenya have become westernized, so she has not experienced much culture shock.

In Kenya, she said, teachers are stricter, but in America, she can voice her opinion without worrying what the teacher will think. They don't get impatient with her.

International student enrollment increased nearly 60 percent from the spring of 2006 to the fall of 2007. A total of 479 international students attended the University last fall.

Having international students in the classroom contributes to the mission of building international competencies, says Brent Benner, director of undergraduate missions.


"We train them to live in the 20th century," he says. "We want to graduate students who can live and work in the real world. Without international students sitting next to them, it's hard to do." 

Recruiting Around the World

UT has expanded its reach, and now draws international students — nearly 10 percent of all students — from 78 countries around the globe. While the Bahamas produce the highest number of the University's 479 international students, countries such as Saudi Arabia, India, England and Venezuela are seeing large increases.

This increase bucks the national trend of flat or declining international student populations. George DaPonte, director of international admissions, said UT's small class sizes, academic reputation and affordability are attractive to foreign students.

DaPonte and his two-person staff utilize new tools such as real-time videoconferencing to expedite international recruiting. He said bringing international students to campus adds to the "multicultural mosaic" of campus.

"The type of discourse that can take place in a classroom with students from different perspectives — culturally, socially and politically — is absolutely amazing," he said. 

A: My parents always gave a lot of importance to the education of their children and we did appreciate that. For them it was relevant that all of their children had a bachelor's degree. Also, to learn English in the '80s was essential for the business world. The combination of these two factors was the key for us ending up studying in the U.S. We chose Florida because it was close and easy to travel back and forth to the Yucatan peninsula, where we are residents.

Q: How did you end up at UT?

A: I went to high school in Montverde Academy, a small boarding school close to Orlando. While there, we went to Tampa several times to play against Tampa Prep. When I had to decide where to go for college, I was used to living in Florida and UT offered me a scholarship (leadership) to go there.

Q: What do you remember most about UT?


A: I have a lot of good memories about my University. I don't have any doubt that everything I am is because of the process of my education. An important part of that process belongs to my years in Florida and at UT. I do remember that

the University had (and I'm sure still has) an excellent and very demanding staff in the economics field. I learned a lot from them! Finally, I did build very close relationships and, in some cases, long lasting friends in Tampa.

Q: What are the biggest challenges Mexico faces today?

A: Undoubtedly the biggest challenges are the fight against organized crime, the creation of jobs and better-paid jobs and to overcome poverty. We work very hard in these three axes. We are conscious of the magnitude of these challenges but we are resolute to modernize our country. We are working hard to transform it into an attractive and safe place for investments and to generate more employment. We need to create the mechanisms to better distribute the income in order to combat poverty and fight organized crime.

Q: Where do you see yourself in the future?

A: The only place I see myself is serving Mexico and working hard for President Calderón as secretary of governance, helping him find solutions to Mexico's biggest problems. 

UT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE*

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| Africa..... | 7% |
| Asia..... | 11% |
| Caribbean..... | 35% |
| Central and South America..... | 12% |
| Europe..... | 16% |
| Middle East..... | 14% |
| North America..... | 5% |

*Based on Fall 2007 enrollment



FACULTY RESEARCH LEADS TO

International Understanding

By Robin Roger
Writer

Photos Courtesy of
Traci Hicks '08 and
Dr. Steven Geisz

On the 60th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima, Traci Hicks '08 wrote a verse on a paper lantern and laid it on the bank of the Motoyasu River.

"May the message of peace soar on the wings of a dove," she wrote.

Above: Traci Hicks '08 leaves her message by the Motoyasu River.

When she watched with thousands of people as doves were released into the sky, and visitors poured ladles of water over a stone monument in Peace Memorial Park, symbolizing the suffering of those who died.

"It was unbelievable," Hicks said of the anniversary commemorating the first use of the atomic bomb.

Nuclear Nonproliferation

Hicks' visit to Hiroshima came during the month she spent in Japan with Dr. Maria Rost Rublee, assistant professor of government and world affairs. The pair researched the influence of non-governmental organizations on nuclear policies. Hicks and Rublee met with several peace groups, as well as nuclear experts and survivors of the Hiroshima bombing. They also interviewed people they met on the street, and Hicks was able to use the Japanese she learned at UT.

Hicks was chosen by Rublee to do the research after she took several of her classes. Hicks said the undergraduate research fellowship helped her secure an internship in Washington, D.C., last summer, where she utilized contacts she made in Japan.

An expert on nuclear nonproliferation, Rublee has previously served as an official observer to the UN Meeting on Disarmament, and, in 2006, organized a conference sponsored by the Japan Foundation that brought together experts on nuclear weapons. Rublee is just one example of the many UT faculty members conducting international research.

National Security

Dr. James Beckman, associate professor of government and world affairs, also explores national security and terrorism. He analyzes

the law enforcement and homeland security practices of a select group of countries, including

the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, Russia, Japan and Israel, and then compares those various international approaches to how the United States has handled the same issue since Sept. 11.

"We have much to learn from other countries that have been combating the scourge of terrorism for decades," Beckman says. "Israel, for example, has been combating major terroristic threats since its foundation in 1948."



Dr. Maria Rost Rublee (left) and Traci Hicks '08 (right) met with Japanese nuclear expert Dr. Mitsuo Okamoto of Hiroshima Shudo University.

Through his research, Beckman hopes to make meaningful comparisons among how different countries handle terrorism attacks through changes in their laws, changes in law enforcement practices and the impact of these changes on civil liberties and individual freedoms.

"I have used my research in several of my classes here at UT and ask my students to look critically at U.S. practices by comparing how other countries have approached the same problems," he says.

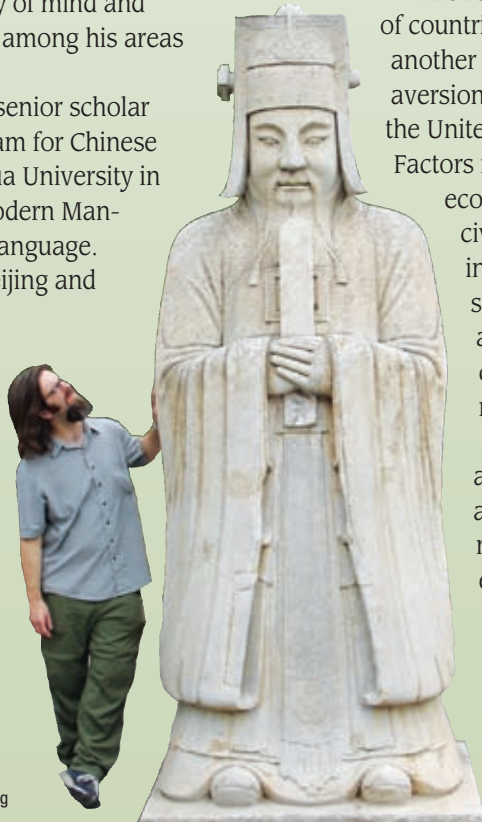
Democracy and Confucianism

Dr. Steven Geisz, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, decided to learn Chinese because he perceived a lack of internationalization in philosophy of mind and cognitive science, which are among his areas of research interest.

In 2004-2005, he was a senior scholar at the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University in Beijing, where he studied modern Mandarin and classical Chinese language.

"When I was living in Beijing and studying Chinese language full time, I was struck by how difficult it was to be unable to communicate smoothly with people," he says. "In that context, I often had to operate on partial information, even when the person I was talking to was being patient and trying to explain things to me. It's made me a better teacher, I think."

Dr. Steven Geisz contemplates the statue on Shendao, or "Spirit Way," near the Ming Tombs outside of Beijing.



Geisz received a David Delo Research Professor Grant from UT to support his research on the ways in which Confucianism might inform our conceptions of liberal democracy in general and deliberative democracy in particular.

"While it might seem that Confucianism and traditional Chinese culture are incompatible with democracy and equality, the real story is more complicated and much more interesting," he says. "By bringing the core values of democracy into conversation with traditional Chinese political culture and philosophy, we can better understand many of the value commitments that guide us — both in our daily lives and on the grand scale of international policy."

Risky Business

Dr. Barbara Weiss, assistant professor of international business, has worked in the areas of trade finance, foreign exchange, and capital markets and has lived overseas — in Canada, Japan, and Europe — for half of her career.

She attempts to measure the extent to which a country is risk averse and whether they are less concerned with security by analyzing time-based international investment relationships.

She has found, for instance, that Asia tends to be more risk averse than America and the United Kingdom, she says, with the exception of China.

The relative 'market risk structures' of countries often balance one another out. For example, Japan's risk aversion has historically balanced the United States' risk management.

Factors include political and economic frameworks and civil society. Consumption, investment and government spending also come into play, and conventional security capabilities and geography may have an influence.


"International lending and a strong banking industry and foreign direct investment [FDI] and a stable real economy are key components of political stability," Weiss says. "Lending and direct capital investment are long-term risky businesses, so a lot of lending and FDI indicate stability." 

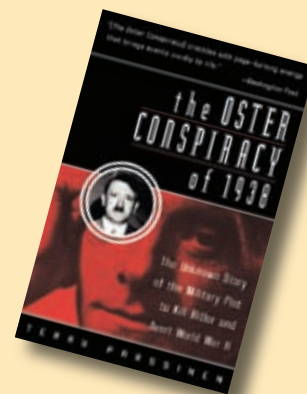
Faculty Explores Global Topics

▲ "Badriya's Short Career in Saudi Arabia," by Dr. Dianne Welsh, James W. Walter Distinguished Chair of Entrepreneurship and professor of management, appeared in the *International Journal of Family Business*.

▲ "Global Corporate Ventures: A New Trend of International Corporate Entrepreneurship," by Dr. Stephen Callaway, assistant professor of management, appeared in the peer reviewed journal *Multinational Business Review*.

▲ "The Road to Global Currency Integration: Is the World Ready for Three to Six Major Regional Currencies?" by Dr. Frank Ghannadian, dean of the John H. Sykes College of Business, appeared in the *Journal of the International Society of Business Disciplines*.

▲ A German version of **The Oster Conspiracy of 1938**, by Terry Parsinen, professor of history, will be published by German publisher Siedler Verlag, (roughly the equivalent of Random House). 



New Honors Director Named

Dr. Gary Luter, professor of speech, theatre and dance, has accepted the position of director of the Honors Program.

Luter is a widely respected professor who has been recognized for his excellence in teaching and has maintained an involvement with the Honors Program that stretches back almost to its inception. [UU](#)



Clockwise from bottom left: Dr. Terry Mohn, Dr. Richard Piper, Dr. Philip Quinn, Dr. Gordon W. Couturier and Dr. David Ford (not pictured: Dr. Fred Punzo).

Six Renowned Professors Retire

Six well-known professors, with a combined 182 years of teaching experience, will retire this year. The year each joined UT is indicated in parentheses following his name.

DR. DAVID FORD (1969)

PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

As a professor of chemistry, Ford prepares students for the environmental decisions that they will face regarding the ozone layer, global warming and water quality. He has participated in research funded by the National Science Foundation exploring the effect of high energy gamma and electron radiation on the removal of pollutants from water. He received the Louise Loy Hunter Award in 1977, became a dean in 1978 and received the alumni award as the outstanding faculty member with less than five years of service in 1973.

DR. TERRY MOHN (1976)

PROFESSOR OF MUSIC

Mohn was chair of the music department for several years, but he never gave up his side gig, playing with the Bay Area Saxophone Quartet. He became an expert in the field of electronic music, and, in 1990, he traveled to what was then Czechoslovakia to give lectures and demonstra-

tions on computerized music at St. Charles University in Prague. In 1992 he was named Music Educator of the Year by Hillsborough Educators Council. Mohn spent many years building an electronic music lab at UT.

DR. PHILIP QUINN (1976)

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CRIMINOLOGY

Quinn joined the University after a career as a Jesuit priest, and is a licensed psy-

chologist, knowledgeable in abnormal criminal disorders like sociopathy. He has interviewed such notorious sociopaths as Murph the Surf, among others. He also has worked as a volunteer psychologist for the Tampa Police Department.

DR. RICHARD PIPER (1976)

DANA PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT AND WORLD AFFAIRS

Piper, director of the Honors Program, taught classes on political science, specializing in American government and Western European politics. He received a Fulbright scholarship to India and received the Sears Roebuck Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership. During retirement, Piper plans to travel to the American West, Australia and New Zealand; to continue work on a book manuscript about the Republican Party; and to engage in political and civic activities.

DR. FRED PUNZO (1981)

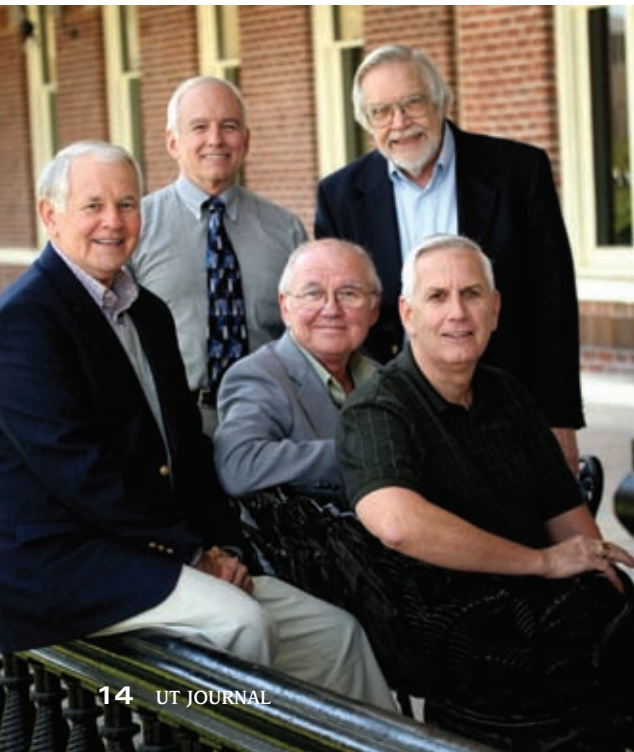
DANA PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

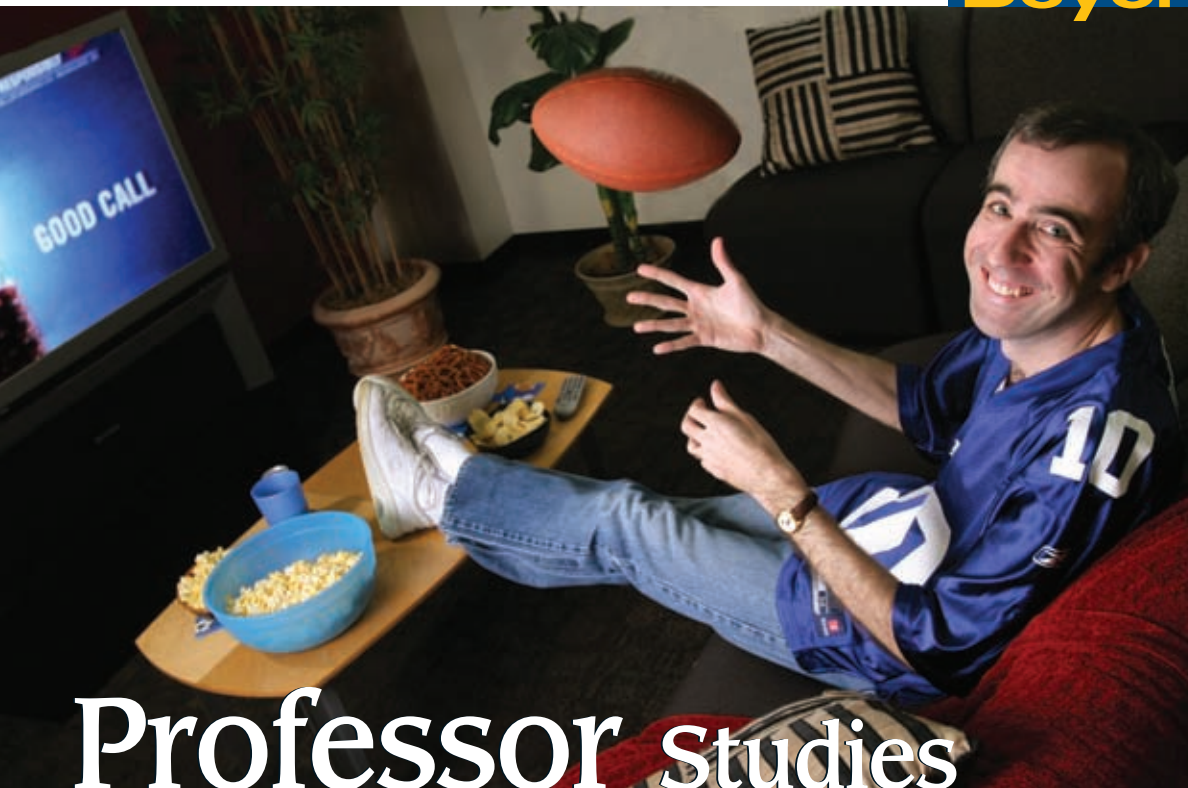
In his time at UT, Punzo taught courses on behavioral biology, cell biology, evolution, biodiversity and animal physiology. In 1991, he received the Sears Roebuck Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership. Punzo studied poison dart frogs in Costa Rica and the effects of heavy metal pollutants and pesticides on the physiology and behavior of Florida mammals, amphibians and arthropods.

DR. GORDON W. COUTURIER (1988)

PROFESSOR OF INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Dr. Gordon W. Couturier came to UT with 25 years of industry experience in software design, software development and technical management. He taught information systems analysis and design and managing information technology and resources. Couturier was also involved with the creation of the freshman Gateways program and has taught a course each semester he was at UT. In 2000 he received the Unsung Hero Award and the College of Business Service Excellence Award for 1999-2000. [UU](#)





Professor Studies Superbowl Psychology

Every year, advertisers spend millions to create and broadcast the TV commercials that run during the Super Bowl. But those commercials are not always as effective as they could be, according to Dr. Stephen Blessing, assistant professor of psychology.

A year after the big game, Blessing surveyed a group of undergraduates about what they remembered of the ads. He found that viewers seldom made a definitive connection between the commercials and the product being sold. While an advertisement may be particularly funny or strike some other emotional chord, viewers frequently misidentified the exact product that each ad was promoting.

So what makes for an effective ad?

"Advertisers need to link their product into the viewers' existing memory structures, as well as promote new links, if viewers are going to be influenced toward purchasing the marketed product," Blessing said.

According to Blessing, there are three main cognitive psychological components that factor into how well viewers remember a given ad: sensory processing, working (short-term) memory and long-term memory.

Using these components as a base, Blessing

worked with Dr. Lisa Haverty of the Boston-based consulting firm Brain on Brand, to develop a system known as CogScore, which is capable of scientifically predicting how well viewers will remember certain advertisements. Each of the 25 commercials examined in the study was assigned a rating based on the CogScore formula to indicate how memorable the ad would be.

"We wanted to evaluate the model and see if we could accurately predict which ads people would remember," Blessing said.

Of the commercials used in the study, very few were rated highly with CogScore.

The research showed that few of the commercials were well remembered one year later. The study also found that even when viewers did acknowledge remembering a given commercial, they frequently misidentified the brand as that of a competing brand. A commercial for FedEx shipping, for example, was repeatedly misidentified as a commercial for UPS.

A future study of Super Bowl commercials is in the works, Blessing said, with further research examining how well the ads are remembered over different periods of time. ■■■

International Films Screen at UT

UT students got some insight into human rights concerns around the globe when the Human Rights Watch International Film Festival came to campus this spring.

Sponsored by International Programs and Sigma Phi Epsilon, the festival ran from March 31-April 3 and featured three films that depicted the experiences of survivors and activists in countries where civil liberties are challenged.

The films shown were "White Light/Black Rain," "Enemies of Happiness" and "A Lesson of Belarussian." ■■■

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By Dr. Ronald L. Vaughn
President

The UT Experience Transformed

This issue of the *Journal* highlights many aspects of our international program at UT. From study abroad trips to language lab teaching methodology, UT provides students with unprecedented opportunities to learn to be responsible global citizens and leaders, which is critical in today's world.

International programming exemplifies just one of the many transformations UT has experienced in the last couple of decades. When visitors come to campus, or when alumni return to campus, the first thing they see is UT's physical transformations, including the renovation of Plant Hall, the six new residence halls and the modern, well-equipped academic facilities. These \$200 million of improvements have made UT one of the most unique, beautiful and functional campuses in

the country. The physical infrastructure has also provided a foundation for UT to undergo a transformation in its intellectual and residential experience, which is the heart of who we are as an institution.

Our academic infrastructure, of which I've written in the past, has come a long way. We have four undergraduate colleges, a graduate school, an evening college and departments devoted to academic support and advising. We now have 120 programs of study and offer more than 3,000 classes a year. We hire faculty whose passion is for teaching and learning, and who want to grow in their fields and serve as role models for young students.

But perhaps what is most innovative is how, in the past two decades, we have transformed the learning environment and made the student experience one that merges academic learning with experiential learning, both on campus and beyond. It is well known that students at residential universities such as ours learn as much outside the classroom as in it, and that giving them comfortable environments to live and learn in is key to their success. Plus, as new generations of students open our doors, they expect more sophisticated and holistic educational experiences.

As such, today we have more than 130 student organizations and offer thousands of campus programs, events, seminars, speakers and community learning opportunities each year. Athletics is integrated into our academic mission, as seen by our scholar-athletes who bring home national championships and achieve top GPAs and graduation rates. More students than ever are completing internships and studying abroad. Applications for resident assistant (RA) positions are at an all-time high. Business students can practice real-world consulting, and UT has gained considerable publicity for its campus-wide community service days.



Dr. Douglas Sutherland provides one-on-one mentoring to students in a graphics arts lab last fall.



Students apply leadership, communication, problem solving and conflict resolution skills to navigate a 31-foot sloop in Tampa Bay as part of the bi-annual Leadership and Sailing program.

Professor of Chemistry David Ford, who has taught at UT since 1969 and is retiring this semester, shared a message with me that he sent to a colleague commenting on the improvements in faculty, facilities and academic support.

"The transformations since the early '90s have been dramatic," Ford wrote. "I think the future for UT is most promising."

I believe that areas such as leadership, global perspectives, and community service are critical to students' success after graduation, and the college years provide a climate for them to gain the experiences they need. One example of this is the Office of Student Activities, which has been renamed the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement. It's no longer about just keeping students active and entertained; it's about guiding students on a mission of leadership and service.

In a recent conversation, Board of Trustees member and community leader Jim Ferman, whose family has been involved with UT since the early 1960s, commented that improvements at UT have been "remarkable" and "significant."


Along with UT, Ferman has served on boards of Florida Southern College and Emory University, and believes UT, with its physical

and educational transformations, is poised to be one of the best universities of its kind in the nation.

"UT can and should compete with far better funded and historic institutions possessing higher reputations and rankings," he said.

Recently, former Board of Trustees member Bob Martinez '69, remarked that never in his time associated with UT have students had the mix of opportunities they have now, in terms of academic offerings and experiential learning. It's

like "night and day," he said. He credited this evolution with UT's leadership, and its ability to move quickly to give students what they need to meet the requirements of various professions and demands of a global society.

As a community we'll continue striving for excellence by hiring more top faculty, adding new programs, encouraging cross-curricular teaching and enhancing the extracurricular experience. We'll also continue building facilities to give future students the best UT experience possible. 

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— Jim Ferman,
Member, UT Board
of Trustees



Josh Murphy '08 participates in UT's 2007 Alternative Spring Break program constructing housing in Meridian, MS. (Photo courtesy of Casey Stevens)

UT has 21 athletes from all over the world, including (back row, from left) Marsid Tushe '10 (cross country-Albania), Niocolas Jutigny '10 (golf-France), Glyn Hunter '11 (basketball-England), Javon Edwards '11 (basketball-Trinidad), (front row, from left) Dan Ingvarsson '11 (soccer-Sweden), Ryan Thompson '10 (soccer-Jamaica), Ryan Maxwell '09 (soccer-Jamaica) and Shane Armbrister '11 (swimming-Bahamas).



International UT Athletic Hall of Famers

HENRIK NEBRELIUS '98, MBA '99 (MEN'S SOCCER)

Henrik Nebrelius remains one of the most highly-decorated soccer players ever to compete in the Sunshine State Conference. Nebrelius racked up UT records of 72 career goals and 162 career points, which rank fourth and fifth in SSC history.

As a freshman, Nebrelius was heralded as the Division II National Player of the Year and was named SSC Player of the Year two years in a row. After UT, Nebrelius played professionally with several different clubs in his native Sweden.

ULF LILIUS '95 (MEN'S SOCCER)

The men's soccer team scored big with Ulf Lilius. The native of Sweden led the Spartans to the 1994 NCAA Division II National Championship, earning him the national championship tournament MVP accolade and the distinction of SSC Player of the Year.

After UT, Lilius returned to Sweden where he works for a manufacturing company. ■■■

Teams Draw Talent from Abroad

Athletes from around the world will come together in Beijing this summer to compete in the Olympic Games, but a different kind of global village already exists among athletes at UT.

Twenty-one international students compete in various sports, many coming from the Bahamas, Trinidad and Jamaica. The UT men's soccer team alone has six international students on its roster.

Ryan Thompson '10, from Kingston, Jamaica, plays goalie for the Spartans and helped steer the team to a Sunshine State Conference victory last fall. The sophomore sports management major also played for the Jamaica under-20 national team.

"Obviously it's more competitive," he says of playing on the international level. "It's like two countries going to war. But I always put my heart on the field, whether I'm playing for my country or for UT."

Sweeper Dan Ingvarsson '11 also played for the national soccer team of his home country, Sweden. His teammate Dan Bergstrand '10 is also from Sweden, and the two defenders like to confuse the competition.

"It works out perfectly," said Ingvarsson. "I give him directions in Swedish, and they have no idea what I'm saying."

This fall, Ingvarsson scored the game-winning goal in the Sunshine State Conference Championships and added an assist to lead the Spartans to the crown.

Glyn Hunter '11, from Liverpool, says he came to UT to play basketball because in England the sport is much less competitive and the professional league doesn't have as much financial backing.

Hunter began playing recreationally when he was 12. He didn't start playing seriously until he turned 15 and tried out for his local area team for the Merseyside Youth Games where the five boroughs of Liverpool play various sports against each other. Eventually he led his team to the Patrons' Cup in the English Division 2 basketball league.

At his high school, he received the Outstanding Academic and Sporting Achievement Award and he received a partial academic scholarship to UT. He maintains a grade point average just under 4.0 and is majoring in accounting.

"For me, working hard in school is just like working hard on the basketball court," he said.

A freshman at UT, Hunter said he would like to continue playing basketball as long as he can and take his game as far as possible.

"So far it brought me over here, so I'll see how far I can take it from here," he said. ■■■



Women's Soccer Wins National Championship

The women's soccer team won the NCAA II National Championship this fall with a 3-1 shootout victory over five-time national champion Franklin Pierce College.

With the game still scoreless after the end of regulation time and two overtime periods, the Spartans won the shootout to claim the program's first title in its 10 years of existence.

UT and Franklin Pierce (18-2-5) played the first double-overtime match in NCAA Division II women's soccer championship history and the first decided on penalties. While the match was the first championship appearance for UT, the Ravens appeared in the national championship match for a Division II record seventh time.


"Even though it was a 0-0 tie, I thought it was an exciting game," said UT Head Coach Gerry Lucy. "Franklin Pierce obviously provided some stiff opposition. They are a quality team, and we did a good job marking their key players."

The two teams battled through 110 minutes of scoreless soccer and both struggled to create scoring chances all afternoon. This was the second shootout of the postseason for UT, who also defeated Columbus State in the quarterfinals with a 3-1 shootout win.

Ashley Flateland '10 clinched the championship for UT in the fourth round of the shootout with a low shot to the left side.

"I just didn't want to miss it; I was thinking about our keeper, and I didn't want to let her down," says Flateland. "She had played so well. It's a good feeling, but I am more proud of my defensive play."

The match also had 39 fouls, 20 for UT and 19 for Franklin Pierce. Shots on goal went in UT's favor at 4-2.

UT has now claimed 12 national titles in the history of its athletics program. The women's soccer win combines with victories by baseball (2006, 2007) and volleyball (2006) to total four national championships in less than two years. 



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New Athletics Hall of Fame Unveiled

In January UT unveiled its completed Athletics Hall of Fame in the Bob Martinez Sports Center lobby.

Previously in the Sword & Shield Room, the renovated Hall of Fame was made possible through a gift from the Class of 2006.

In addition to plaques for each of the members of the Hall of Fame, cases displaying memorabilia also are located in the areas surrounding the Hall of Famers.

Anyone with relevant memorabilia is welcome to donate the articles to the Hall of Fame. Please contact the UT Athletic Department at (813) 257-3100 if you have any questions. Memorabilia may be mailed to: 401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Box 1, Tampa, FL 33606-1490. 

Goalie up for NCAA Award


After leading UT to its first women's soccer national title, Shannon Aitken '08 has been nominated as a candidate for the 2007-2008 Division II Athlete of the Year.

The women's soccer NCAA II National Player of the Year is one of four student-athletes nominated from the fall season and will be among 11 finalists for the award, which will be announced in June. The presentation of this award will be made at a press conference on June 23 at Columbia University in New York City.

American Honda Motor Co. Inc. will donate

\$1,000 to the women's athletic fund at each finalist's university. The company also will donate \$5,000 to the school of the Division II Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year.

Aitken concluded her senior season with a record of 20-2-3 in goal, with a 0.61 goals against average while leading UT to the NCAA title. She allowed just 16 goals in 25 matches in more than 2,000 minutes of play.

In February, Aitken nabbed the Outstanding Amateur Female Athlete Award at the 47th Annual Sports Club of Tampa Bay Awards Banquet. 



Shannon Aitken '08

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

BASEBALL

Games played at Sam Bailey Field.

Fri., May 2
Barry* 7 p.m.

Sat., May 3
Barry* 1 p.m.
(DH)

Fri., May 9
Newberry 5 p.m.
(DH)

Sat., May 10
Newberry 1 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Games played at the softball field.

Fri., Apr. 18
Rollins* 7 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 19
Rollins* 1 p.m.
(DH)

On the Web


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



Spartans Fourth in Directors' Cup Standings

UT has been ranked fourth in the U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup fall standings for Division II, out of 152 colleges and universities. This marks the second consecutive year the Spartans were ranked in the top five.

The Sports Academy Directors' Cup awards points based on each institution's finish in up to 14 sports — seven women's and seven men's. The cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and *USA Today*. The United States Sports Academy is the program sponsor.

The Spartans have accumulated 427 points after finishing first in women's soccer, fifth in women's volleyball, ninth in men's soccer, 10th in women's cross country and 22nd in men's cross country. 

U.S. SPORTS ACADEMY DIRECTORS' CUP TOP 10 DIVISION II

1. Grand Valley State (MI)
2. Minnesota State-Mankato
3. Adams State (CO)
4. The University of Tampa
5. Abilene Christian (TX)
6. Nebraska-Omaha
7. Western State (CO)
8. Ashland (OH)
9. Massachusetts-Lowell
10. UC-San Diego

Tailgate in Style with a UT Plate



Get ready to cheer for the Spartans with a UT license plate. The next time you register your car, you can purchase a custom license plate for an additional fee. You don't even need to leave home. You can do it by phone directly through the alumni office.

And when you purchase a custom license plate from UT, you're not only sharing your Spartan pride with everyone on the road, you're donating to the University. For each \$27 spent on the license plate (in addition to the regular tag fee) \$25 goes toward funding scholarships and University improvements. So far, more than 1,200 plates have been sold, raising nearly \$100,000 for the University. To learn more about the UT license plate, call the alumni office at (813) 253-6209, or e-mail alumni@ut.edu. (Florida residents only)

MUEZZIN



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

Basking in the Afterglow

The National Alumni Association presented two awards to distinguished members of our alumni community at the winter commencement. The Esse Quam Videri award was presented to Leo B. Berman '69, and the Outstanding Alumni award was presented to Jack '61 and Sally Jenkins '61. Before the presentation, Jack shared some thoughts with me on his time at UT and on what the award meant to him. I thought the UT community would enjoy hearing Jack's message, and he graciously offered to share it here:

"Sally would be as overwhelmed with this great honor, as I am.


We had a wonderful marriage and a successful career that was filled with memories. Those memories had their beginning at The University of Tampa where we first met. We fell in love as freshmen, married in our junior year, and graduated in 1961. In hindsight, it seems as though our time at UT was sprinkled with

stardust. The head of the Music Department, Professor Lyman Wiltse, was enthusiastic about our talents and we were given full scholarships. The University had never before presented a musical. Somehow Professor Wiltse acquired \$4,000 — a princely sum in 1958 — and produced the Broadway musical, "Brigadoon." Because Professor Wiltse was also the conductor of the Tampa Philharmonic, we had the entire orchestra in the pit. Having a full professional orchestra accompanying young music students was a rare experience and raised our professional awareness which well prepared us for what was quickly to come.

Only months after graduating — through good fortune — we were booked on a national television show — "The Mike Wallace Show" — The same Mike Wallace who just last year retired from "60 Minutes." Mr. Wallace said, "I would like to introduce you to a young singing team making their first appearance on national television. They were recently married and just last June graduated from The University of Tampa down in Florida."

And in almost every personal appearance — more than 40 years of performances — we were proud to mention that we graduated from The University of Tampa.


My family and I are proud of the newly established "Sally Jenkins Memorial Scholarship," which is still in the funding stage. And the many contributions already received are greatly appreciated.


Sally and I realized — even in the afterglow — that our days at the University were truly golden days in the sunshine of a happy youth. My wish is that in future years, when looking back, each student will feel that his or her time at UT was also golden. 



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

NAA Award Nominees Sought

To nominate someone for an award from the National Alumni Association, visit alumni.ut.edu or contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at alumni@ut.edu. Nomination forms can be found online. 

To make a contribution to the **SALLY JENKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**, send checks (made payable to The University of Tampa) to: The University of Tampa, Development Office, 401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33606-1490, Attention: Sally Jenkins Memorial Scholarship. For more information about the fund, contact Dan Gura, vice president of Development and University Relations, at (813) 253-6277. 



President Ronald L. Vaughn (center) presents Jack Jenkins '61 (left) and Leo Berman '69 (right) with their alumni awards at the winter commencement ceremony. (Photo courtesy of Bob Knight Photography)

'60

Diana (Ray) Stanley announced that her granddaughter, Tabatha, got married in June.
E-mail: stanleyd28@yahoo.com

'62

Real estate agent **Sue Paskert** was featured in an early December episode of HGTV's "House Hunters," which was filmed in February 2006. A sales associate with Keller Williams Gulf Coast Realty, Sue specializes in homes in South Tampa and on Little Gasparilla Island, one of the barrier islands between Sarasota and Fort Myers. Before becoming a real estate agent, she taught grades 2 through 10 at public and private schools.

'69

Clayton Kelley retired from San Jacinto College in Harris County, TX, on Oct. 31. Clayton's last position was a dean of technical education, and he worked 32 years at the college.

'70

John Gram received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service on Jan. 29 from the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.

'73

James Blake is the leader of the U.S. Army Program Executive Office (PEO) for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (STRI).

Vincent Daniels published a new book titled *International Sales*. For more information, visit his Web site www.vincentdaniels.com.

Frank Zedar has started a Web site serving current and ex-military, firefighters, and law enforcement workers called www.RealEstateForHeroes.com. In March he attended training to become a "Sentinel of Freedom,"

helping to re-acclimate those traumatized in combat back into the community.

E-mail: frankzedar@gmail.com

'74

Arnold G. Hunter was promoted to a newly created position as the director of corporate security for Integral Systems Inc. He reports to the CEO and ensures that current and future security programs are managed at the senior corporate level. Arnold joined the company after more than three decades serving in a variety of active military and Department of Defense security and counterintelligence positions.

'75

Mark Drebin started an investment company — Drebin Investment Corp. He lives in Tampa.

Marc Kelman and his father, Leo, received The Jewish National Fund's Tree of Life Award on Dec. 2 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa in Phoenix. They received the award in recognition of outstanding service to the community, the country and the state of Israel.

'76

Linda (Shaw) Blondheim's paintings were written about in *The Valdosta Daily Times* in November. Her work was on display in the newspaper's lobby when she was named artist of the month by the Southern Artists League. Linda works "en plein air," which means she paints outdoors. She earned a bachelor of fine arts from UT and attended the University of South Florida for graduate study. She has been painting for 30 years.

Frank Durr received the www.USABookNews.com National Best Books 2007 Award in the General History Category, for his publication *In the Shadow of the Sphinx: A New Look at the Bay of Pigs and JFK Assassination*.

'79

Jody Weis is the new Chicago Police Department superintendent. Jody had been working at the FBI for 23 years.

'82

Shannon (Brown) Calahan and her family relocated to Colorado Springs, CO. Shannon is an emergency preparedness liaison officer in the Army Reserve. She has three children still at home.
E-mail: shannon.calahan@us.army.mil

'83

Wernher Kuck was promoted to a senior configuration analyst at Raytheon. He lives in Redondo Beach, CA.
E-mail: wernher@raytheon.com

'84

In August, **Mexi Ann Grant** took on a new position as learning community leader for the Sister Islands, where she is based at the Education Centre at the Creek in the Caymans. She has been an education officer for the Sister Islands since 2002. In 2004, she received the distinguished Certificate and Badge of Honour from Her Majesty the Queen for her many years of dedicated service to education in the Sister Islands.

'85

Matthew Destry, former assistant statewide prosecutor for the Florida Attorney General, was chosen by Gov. Charlie Crist to fill an opening as a judge in the Broward circuit court system. Matthew is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a graduate of Stetson University College of Law. He had a solo practice in Fort Lauderdale for seven years before joining the Attorney General's Office, where he handled racketeering and white-collar fraud cases. Matthew speaks and writes French, and was trained to be a Russian linguist in the Air Force.



From left: Cece (Stepniewski) McKiernan '85, Donna (Babian) Griffiths '87, Sandra (Andino) Sequeira '85 and Tracy (Ward) Stodart '85.

Cece (Stepniewski) McKiernan met her friends **Donna (Babian) Griffiths '86, Sandra (Andino) Sequeira '85 and Tracy (Ward) Stodart '85** at the Victorian Christmas Stroll at UT in December. Cece lives on Davis Islands in Tampa.
E-mail: digirl@tampabay.rr.com

'86

Judith Tilton of Hernando Beach, FL, became the new director of the non-profit job placement service Connections in Tampa in April. Judith worked in publishing in New York before she joined the Medical Society of Wisconsin. She returned to Tampa a decade ago and worked for the American Cancer Society and LifePath Hospice. As interim director of Connections, Judith helps the young and old find work. She also oversees the expansion of services to east Pasco County.

'89

Marc Asturias is an author, editor, Web and media expert at Cisco Systems. He published a new book with Peachpit Press and Apple Computer, *Desktop and Portable Systems: A Guide to Supporting, Servicing, and Troubleshooting Apple Computers*. He lives in Silicon Valley, CA.
E-mail: masturias@mac.com

'91

Ozzie Timmons begins his second season as a hitting coach for the Tampa Bay

Rays baseball organization after spending the 2007 season with the Rays' short A affiliate, the Hudson Valley Renegades. Selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 5th round of the 1991 June draft, he played professional baseball for 16 seasons with the Cubs, Reds, Mariners, Devil Rays, Braves, Diamondbacks and Mets organizations as well as Chunichi Dragons of the Japanese Baseball League, the Mexican League and Atlantic City of the Independent Atlantic League. He owns a .235 career major league batting average with 20 doubles and 20 home runs in 186 games.

'92

Kevin Strange married Ericka Monger on Sept. 29. Kevin works as an airline pilot at ExpressJet Airlines. They live in Newark, NJ.
www.kevin-and-ericka.com

Kim (Nordt) Tompuri and her husband, Jorma, had their baby girl, Jorja Irene, on Dec. 11. They have another child, Gus, who is almost 4 years old. The family lives in Carmel, NY.



Jorja Irene Tompuri

'94

Kelly Bennett and her husband moved to a new home, still in Tallahassee, to better accommodate their family. They have twin daughters, Katie and Christy, who are almost one year old and are very active toddlers.
E-mail: kbandjp@embarqmail.com

Leslie (Katzman) Heichman and her husband, Michael, welcomed their new baby, Ava, on Sept. 14. They have another daughter, Sophie, who is 3 years old. The family lives in Plainview, NY.
E-mail: 1mheichman@yahoo.com

Terri Raines is studying to earn a master's degree in

National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.
E-mail: tempi72@yahoo.com

Her other granddaughter's name is Evie Jo.
E-mail: sewingbydeb@aol.com

'95

Deborah (Askew) Tungate has a second granddaughter, Allie Lynn, who was born on June 15.

'97

Michael Robeson is pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Colorado.
E-mail: popgen23@mac.com

John Rubsamen has a new job as a convention manager for SmithBucklin Corp. John lives in Washington, D.C.

'98

John Kahne was promoted to director of finance at Graybar Electric Company in Norcross, GA. He has been working at the same company for 20 years.
E-mail: john.kahne@gbe.com

Janel Tackney married Anthony Gonzalez in Plant Park at UT on Nov. 10. The reception was at the Don Vicente de Ybor Historic Inn in Ybor City. The couple spent their honeymoon in Australia and New Zealand.
E-mail: jtackney11@hotmail.com

'99

Jonique Hale moved from Atlanta to Miami to enjoy the Florida weather and the diverse cultures of Miami.
E-mail: miami_jonique@yahoo.com

James Deschamps married Jeanette in December 2006. They had their first child, Jaida, on Feb. 9, 2007. The family has moved from Waikiki, HI, to Tampa.
E-mail: jd003@mac.com

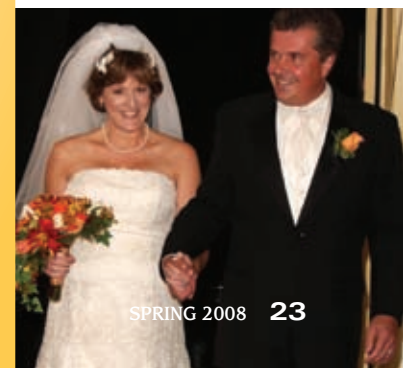
Brett McMullen MBA was promoted to U.S. Air Force Reserve colonel on Nov. 1 at the MacDill Air Force Base Officers' Club. Brett is the chief of procurement policy for the United States Special Operations Command.

'00

Kathryn Heintz MBA married Thomas

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Kathryn Heintz MBA '00 and Thomas Meachum '81



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Rocket Scientist

It only took **SZABOLCZ M. DE GYURKY '71** 30 days to write a textbook on computer science, but it's taking him much longer to write his novel.

"I've done so many space craft systems, I can just sit down and write," he said. "But to write a novel ... it's the pits. I get depressed, and then totally elated sometimes. I get caught up in it."

De Gyurky worked in NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab at the California Institute of Technology for 25 years and is a recipient of the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal. He has written millions of lines of computer code used to direct \$200 million satellites like TOPEX and Jason. These satellites helped scientists understand interactions between the ocean and the atmosphere, which result in climate events like El Niño.

His textbook, *The Cognitive Dynamics of Computer Science*, published in 2006, describes how to construct large-scale computer software programs on schedule and on budget. It also explores the philosophical underpinnings of software, drawing on Kant and Hegel. Computer science and philosophy may seem like an odd pairing, but de Gyurky is a study in contrasts.

He took the photo of Rodin's "The Thinker" that graces the cover of his textbook. He paints in oils. He has sung in a big band. He wrote an autobiography about his flight from Hungary to escape the Soviets. And now, he is working on an adventure novel.

The story begins with a young soldier from St. Louis arriving in Frankfurt, Germany, on St. Nicholas Day in 1959. The book has parachuting, big game hunting, hand-to-hand combat with machetes at night in Algeria, and singing with Glen Miller's band. So far de Gyurky has written 400 pages.

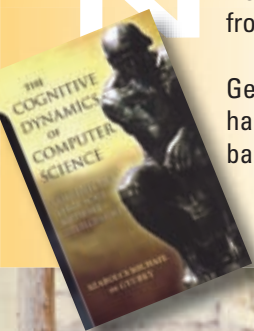
He also has published a collection of poems he wrote as a soldier in Vietnam, *Reflections During a Monsoon Evening*, under the pen name Michael Simay.

He attended The University of Tampa through the bootstrap program, after three years of combat in Vietnam.

"I was really stressed out, and I needed to cool off," he recalled.

He said he remembers having some great professors, including Drs. Leith, Speronif and Stuckey. Though he was only at UT for a year, the atmosphere and the academics made it a memorable place.

Once he graduated with a history degree, De Gyurky ended up taking a course offered by IBM through the army, and that's how he got into computer science. He went on to work at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at CalTech, eventually becoming a technical manager and systems architect on a number of high profile projects. He now works as a consultant and writer. ■■■



De Gyurky in 1969, as a company commander for the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam.

Meachum '81, MBA '93 in the Plant Hall Music Room on Nov. 3. They honeymooned in London and Paris.
E-mail: tmeachum@tampabay.rr.com

Kelly Madigan graduated magna cum laude with a law degree from Seattle University School of Law in 2007. She is an associate attorney at Preg

O'Donnell & Gillett PLLC in Seattle.
E-mail: kmmadigan@comcast.net

Molly Marsters married Matthew Paolino on July 7 at Christ the King Church in Kingston, RI. Molly is a professional makeup artist and founder of Molly B Cosmetics. She is a store manager for Origins at International Plaza in Tampa. Matthew is an acoustic guitarist and entertainer in the Tampa Bay area.

'01

Brian Simmons, a member of the United States Army Reserve, was deployed to Iraq for the second time since graduation. The first time was in 2003. Brian has been a coach of the Wesley Chapel wrestling team.

Christopher D. Willman MBA has been named as the new president and chief executive officer of Bank of Florida —



From left: Alisa Amaral '02, Heather Arndt '02 and Megan Anttila '02

Tampa Bay. Christopher has served as the senior lender in Tampa since the affiliate's inception. Prior to joining Bank of Florida, he served as vice

president of lending for Gold Bank; vice president of commercial real estate lending at Colonial Bank; and lending officer in the commercial mortgage division at SunTrust. He was a real estate appraiser in the Tampa area for six years before beginning his career in banking.

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Where in the World is Scott Leonard?

You may know **SCOTT LEONARD '87** from the days he spent on the set of "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" but these days he's the one crossing the globe.

Leonard found professional success in the early 1990s as a member of the a cappella group Rockapella, the house band on the popular PBS children's show. A spot on a mid-'90s Folgers coffee commercial cemented the group's success, paving the way for record deals and worldwide tours.

These days, Leonard remains as Rockapella's senior member and front man as they showcase close to 100 shows a year at venues throughout Europe, Asia and North America.

"Rockapella is kind of unique in its own niche," Leonard said. "There's not really another group like us out there that's kind of broken through the mainstream."


While many recognize the group from their "Carmen Sandiego" days (the show's theme song remains their most popular tune), their catalogue in recent years has grown to include multiple hit albums. Leonard has also produced four solo albums. His latest, "1MAN1MIKE," released in 2007, features all original songs performed by Leonard without any accompanying voices or instruments.

In recognition of his achievements, UT chose Leonard in February to be the first-ever recipient of the UT Music Alumnus Achievement Award (*see story page 4*). It was an unexpected honor from the school that Leonard says he made "a last-minute decision" to attend in the 1980s.

Growing up in his native Indianapolis, IN, Leonard says he always had a gift for singing and an interest in music. But it was not until he arrived at UT on a baseball scholarship and enrolled in the music program that he saw his talent as a potential career path.

"It was really a gem of a music program that was under the radar — led by extraordinarily talented professors like David Isele and Terry Mohn," he said. "It just turned out to be such a fortunate thing. It was fun to be involved but not be pressured by a huge music program like you would at other schools."

As for the future, Leonard says he has more professional projects in the works, but his main focus is his family. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Tampa's Hyde Park neighborhood, with their son Jesse, 14, and daughter Natalie, 8.

Rockapella is scheduled to perform April 25 at the Tampa Theatre in downtown Tampa. More information about this and other Rockapella shows can be found at www.scottleonardmusic.com and www.rockapella.com. 



Scott Leonard '87

'02

Heather Arndt ran the Nike Women's Marathon in San Francisco on Oct. 21, in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Fellow UT alumni **Megan Anttila '02** and **Alisa Amaral '02** flew to California to cheer her on. Heather also bought her first house in Bolton, MA, in October 2006.
E-mail: heatherarndt@gmail.com

Frank Marcantoni MBA, MAT '07 is an 8th grade science teacher and was named Teacher of the Year at Webb Middle School in Tampa. Marcantoni is also a volunteer at Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools.

Henry Robles Jr. is now the office manager for Western Judicial Services. He supervises their operations for the Tampa and New Port Richey areas.
E-mail: henry.robles@westernjudicial.com

'03

Kristina Brigiotta married **Derek Lazaro '04** on May 26 in Harvard, MA.
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Kristen Chapman has been promoted to director of special events at the Mohegan Sun casino. As director of special events, Kristen will be responsible for the development, implementation and

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UT Couple Radiates Knowledge

JASON HARRIS '95 and **MARIA OKUNIEWSKI '94** make the perfect “nuclear family.”

An assistant professor of health physics at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho, Harris teaches physics and works on the development of radiation detectors, which can be used in such applications as protecting humans and the environment from radiation, and in homeland security.

In the latter application, Harris is looking at how nuclear accelerators can be used to bombard particles at containers — such as those in ships in port — and determine, via imaging, what’s inside the container. The same application can be used to see if there are radioactive materials inside the containers. He also researches health and environmental effects from nuclear power plants.

Okuniewski, who works at the nearby Idaho National Laboratory — known as the lead national lab for nuclear energy — does material research in nuclear reactor design. Basically, she looks at how radiation affects different materials used in the construction of nuclear reactors.

Both Harris and Okuniewski were marine biology majors at UT, and worked for competing environmental firms after graduation. They both transitioned into nuclear physics and eventually received their doctoral degrees — she in nuclear engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and he in health physics at Purdue University.

“It’s odd how we both got into the nuclear area, but it’s different enough,” Harris said. “It’s nice to understand what the other is doing.”

Harris said his work in health physics and radiation biology draws heavily from his background in marine biology at UT.

Harris and Okuniewski were married in 2002 and moved to Idaho last winter. Since their research areas are so specialized, they feel lucky to be in a location in which they both can pursue their fields of study — although it’s a long way from UT.

They still are avid SCUBA divers, but have enjoyed swapping beaches and flatlands for mountains.

“We appreciate the natural beauty of the West,” Harris said. **UT**

Jason Harris '95 and Maria Okuniewski '94 at the Tulum Mayan ruins near Cancun, Mexico last summer.



operation of all special events. She will also organize and execute various on-site events, as well as develop and oversee the Mohegan Sun’s community and charitable events. Kristen first started her career at Mohegan Sun as an intern in 1998. She returned to Mohegan Sun in 2005 as rooms revenue maximization analyst. From there, she became manager of special events.

Sara Dayley is a co-host of the sports radio talk show “Mayhem in the AM” on KFNS-590 AM in St. Louis, MO.

Bonne Kramer made her off-Broadway Debut in 2007. She played five different characters in “Mark Twain’s Blues.” www.marktwainsblues.com

Jennifer Leibe married Joshua Marshall on Sept. 15 at St. Anthony Chapel in Gloucester, MA. They live in Manchester, CT. Jennifer is a specialty nutrition representative for Tier Rx Pharmaceutical, and Joshua is a territory manager for Zimmer Dental.

Nicole (Rucker) Misiura earned a certification as a professional in human resources. E-mail: nicolemisiura@hotmail.com

Leah Ogle married Peter Greshaw on March 22 in Florida.

Laura Danielle Wachob married Michael Kidrick Lassiter on Oct. 26 at Hollis Garden. The couple took a wedding cruise to the Greek isles and now reside in Lakeland, FL. Laura is employed by Digital Architecture.

Kerry Sweeney '04 and Justin Jones



'04

Kella Dawson married Curtis Swift on Oct. 6, 2006 in Lake Ridge, VA. E-mail: kelladawson@hotmail.com

D. Todd Marrs MBA was selected for the Leadership Tampa Class of 2008. E-mail: ridingout@hotmail.com

Andre Tomlinson is now a high school teacher

at Blake High School in Tampa. E-mail: andretomlinson@hotmail.com

Kerrie Sweeney is engaged to Justin Jones and plans to get married in the fall. She is a sales representative for Novartis Pharmaceuticals and lives in Tampa.

'05

Allison Gispert wed David Altemose on Feb. 9 at UT.

They held their ceremony in Plant Hall’s Music Room and the reception in Fletcher Lounge. **Allison Dingivan '05** and **Elizabeth Pytlík '07** were bridesmaids. Allison (Gispert) Altemose works as a sales coordinator for Professional Screen Printing Inc. in Tampa.

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Allison Gispert '05 and David Altemose



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Alumna Cheers for Bucs, Appears in *Sports Illustrated*

Weeks after the *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition* hit newsstands, **MILLY (FIGUERO) HIX '01** said it's still surreal to see her photo in the magazine.

"I really still can't believe that out of all the beautiful, talented, deserving women on our squad, they picked little old me to represent the Buccaneers," she said. "It's an amazing honor for me to represent not only the team and my teammates but, also, Tampa and this community."

The magazine, which came out in February, featured a spread with cheerleaders from 12 NFL teams. Hix, who works fulltime as a brokerage assistant, has cheered for the Bucs for two years.

In addition to cheerleading, Hix is an all-around athlete and she competed in the Fort Desoto Triathlon.

While at UT, she majored in communication and was involved with the dance program. She still keeps in touch with the director of the dance program, Susan Taylor Lennon.

Lennon said that Hix still attends UT dance performances and has become a contributor to the program.

"It's heartening to see our students continue to grow and to give back to our program. We are all very excited about her recent accomplishments," Lennon said.

Hix met her husband at an adult kickball league, and they were married March 2 on the beach. Someday, she said, she'd like to have a big family, with two children of her own and three adopted children. For now, though, she said she hopes to continue her stint as a Bucs cheerleader.



Milly (Figuero) Hix '01

Jamie Faulkner MBA is a chief operating officer for Sterling Research Group Inc. She will focus on short- and long-term planning and executing for the company.

Kimberly Martin and her husband, Andrew, welcomed their baby girl, Aiyana Renelle, on June 20.

Brian Metz MBA joined Sterling Research Group Inc. as a director of information technology. Brian will lead the software development and the IT infrastructure team.

'07

Patricia Harvey-Maines MAT received the Pasco County's 2007 Water Wise award. She is a science teacher at Paul R. Smith Middle School in Holiday, FL.

Adrienne McGill joined the Peace Corps and is teaching science to children in Mozambique.

Kim Muong moved to Columbus, OH, in July for four months of training in operations. She also traveled to Indianapolis, Phoenix, and New York City. In November Kim moved to Chicago, where she works as an operations analyst for JPMorgan Chase. E-mail: kmuong@hotmail.com

Victor O'Brien is a crime reporter and staff writer for the *Killeen Daily Herald* in Killeen, TX.



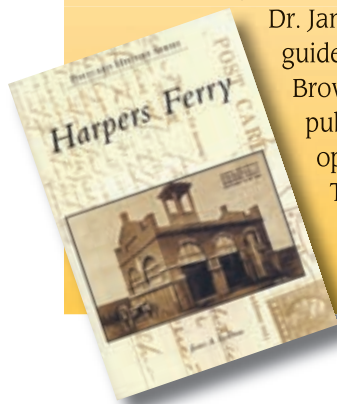
UT Comes to YOU!

Take a Stroll Through History

The D.C.-area alumni group will be heading out of the city to Harpers Ferry on Saturday, May 17 for a walk through history.

Dr. James Beckman '90 will lead the group on a guided walking tour through the sites of John Brown's historic raid, based on his recently published book. After the tour, Beckman will open his antebellum house for a group lunch.

To get involved with D.C.-area alumni contact Abebi Wolfe '98 at abebi.wolfe@rcn.net.



Ja'Net Higgins is engaged to Christopher Weston. E-mail: jhiggins2005@yahoo.com

Jamal Pope is a field organizer for the Barack Obama campaign. He worked on the campaign in Sioux City, Iowa for three months before following the campaign trail to Los Angeles.

'06

Bryan Carey and a friend drove 14,418.2 miles from Rochester, NY, to Anchorage, AK, and back. Their journey was 50 days long and was chronicled on their Web site www.ourdrivetoalaska.com.




Jamal Pope '05



ON THICK ICE Rafnar Hermannsson '95 (left) and Richard Turer '83 (right) met unexpectedly in Iceland this winter. Hermannsson owns a production company in Iceland called Truenorth, which helps TV and movie studios when shooting on the island and provides support for conventions and meeting planning. Turer, vice president of marketing for Bonefish Grill, was in Iceland on business making TV commercials. Turer is a member of the John H. Sykes College of Business Advisory Board.

Stay in Touch

We want to know what you've been doing since graduation, and so do your classmates and friends. Stay in touch by sending us your Class Acts so we can include you in the next issue of the *UT Journal*. You can send in the form below, e-mail alumni@ut.edu or update your page on the alumni site. 



What's Happenin'?

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

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Goutoufas '90 in his new cigar shop.
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Not Hearing, but Listening

By Wayne Garcia

If there's one thing that Davelis "D.C." Goutoufas '90 learned while getting a degree in business at The University of Tampa, it's the importance of listening to your customers.

Goutoufas, 40, puffs on a Diamond Crown Maximus while he relates this bit of wisdom. As he does, a customer walks into his Gaspar's Cigar Shop in South Tampa and hands Goutoufas two seemingly identical cigars, except for a slight variation in the cigar bands. Same cigars, two different boxes, but also identical, allegedly the same stogie, the customer says, but the one with the *gold* band tastes different — better, much better. What gives, the customer asks.

Goutoufas takes the cigars and promises to find out.

You have to listen to your customers, even if that means reading their lips.

Goutoufas is deaf, the first deaf graduate of The University of Tampa. After more than 15 years in banking in Tampa Bay — a career that grew out of an internship for his management major at UT — Goutoufas opened Gaspar's last year with the help of a fellow Freemason and the support of some of Tampa's most fa-



mous lawyers and businessmen, whose names adorn the small metal placards on the private cigar lockers that line the northern wall of his shop. They are the result of growing up this city's most politically influential neighborhood and going to its most socially connected high school, Plant High.

Building a Base

Goutoufas' roots run deep in Tampa Bay; he is the great-grandson of a pioneering Greek who helped settle Tampa in 1887. They also run deep at UT; his grandmother was a graduate, and his father and uncle attended classes here. His grandfather owned property across the street from Plant Park, in sight of the glistening minarets.

After high school, Goutoufas wanted to go to college, and he wanted to go to UT. He met personally with then-President Bruce Samson. The support from the highest levels of the administration, the smaller class sizes, and the professional experience of the business professors sealed the deal for Goutoufas to become a Spartan.

He had an interpreter who attended class with him, "and with the support of the professors and the people helping me, I overcame the obstacles," Goutoufas said. The support of his brothers in Theta Chi fraternity also helped; sometimes they would get away from campus for a cigar break, back at a time when you could still smoke in just about any business establishment.

He was always ambitious. At UT, he went to school in the mornings and then walked downtown to intern in the marketing department of First Florida Bank.

"The way the business school [at UT] works is it's about real-world experience," Goutoufas said.

Running for Office

After graduation, Goutoufas ran for a seat on the Tampa City Council. He lost that race and a second four years later, but already made his mark on Tampa's civic fabric by convincing city government to begin closed-caption transcription of City Council meetings.

He put aside his ambition for politics (while keeping his love for it) and settled into his own home in South Tampa, with his wife, Katie, and daughter, Olivia. And he eventually traded that dream — with its smoke-filled back rooms — for

a different vision, turning his attention from the deal-making to the smoke.

One day last year, he got a telephone call from an old friend, a real estate investor. The friend had put together a deal to purchase a small store on West Shore Boulevard that used to house a UPS package business, with rows of mailboxes and a place where a metal barrier came across the middle of the store and allowed customers to pick up their mail after hours. Would this building do?

Goutoufas drove over and took a look. "I was thinking," he remembers, "if mail boxes are there, why not turn them into cigar lockers?"

So he did. Goutoufas replaced the "What can brown do for you?" vibe inside the building with dark woods, overstuffed leather chairs, vintage black-and-white photos of Tampa and HD flat-panel television sets. A cigar bar sits at the center of the shop, across from a small but impressive selection of stogies.

Taking a Chance

Gaspar's Cigar Shop opened on the Fourth of July 2007. Goutoufas threw a pig roast for his friends and supporters. Three hundred people turned up.

"The shop isn't just about cigars," he says. "It is an embodiment of something that is uniquely American: the freedom to do and become whoever and whatever you want."

After hours, he slides a metal fence into place, closing off the bar and the merchandise. The rest of the shop remains open 24/7 for members who pay a fee for humidified locker space. A keypad allows them to come in, grab a cigar and relax at any hour of the night or early morning. A closed-circuit camera keeps trouble away.

It's the adult version of a tree house.

"This is like a home away from home," Goutoufas explains. "I remember the days when politics were about the city, county, state or country first, and then your party. You could think what you wanted, heck, even fight for it. But at the end of the day, they came together, had a meal or even a cigar.

"Tampa used to be that way," he adds. "My Tampa will always be that way, as long as those doors stay open."

Because you have to listen to what your customers want.

A version of this story first ran in Creative Loafing newspaper, where journalist Wayne Garcia works as political editor. 

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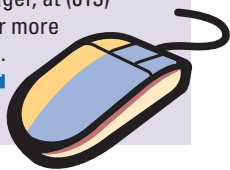
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Sykes College of Business
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Thursday, April 17
Tampa Alpha Alumni
Chapter Meeting
6 p.m. social
6:30 p.m. meeting
Riverside Center
Alumni Conference Room

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MAY

Friday, May 9
Graduation Reception
4 p.m.
Vaughn Center

Saturday, May 10
124th Commencement
10 a.m.
St. Pete Times Forum
Downtown Tampa

Thursday, May 15
Tampa Alpha Alumni
Planning Meeting
6 p.m. social
6:30 p.m. meeting
Check alumni.ut.edu for location

Saturday, May 17
Washington, DC-area Alumni
Event Harpers Ferry Guided
Walking Tour and Lunch
Hosted by Dr. James Beckman
11 a.m.

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Wednesday, May 21
MBAA Leadership Meeting
5:15 p.m.
Sykes College of Business
Room 148

JULY

Thursday, July 17
NAA Board of Directors' Meeting
1 p.m.
Riverside Center
Alumni Conference Room

Victorian Holiday with the Parents

Tampa Bay area moms and dads stepped back in time on Dec. 5 at the UT Family Association's annual Parent Night at the Henry B. Plant Museum Victorian Christmas Stroll. More than 115 people turned out for the holiday tour and cider on the verandah.

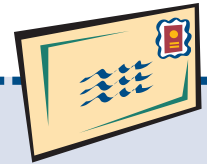


Colleen Sweeney '09 and Devin Shaw '09, both nursing students, enjoyed cider on the verandah after taking the stroll with Colleen's parents Beth and Daniel Sweeney.



Heat Wave in Boston

Members of the New England Alumni Chapter experienced the heat of the Boston Celtics during freezing winter temperatures as the team defeated the Philadelphia 76-ers on Jan. 18. The group of 60 Spartan alums, parents and current students, gathered at The Greatest Bar before the game to catch up on UT current events. If you have ideas for future events or want to get involved in the New England Chapter, contact Dave Tedford '84 at dtedford@comcast.net.



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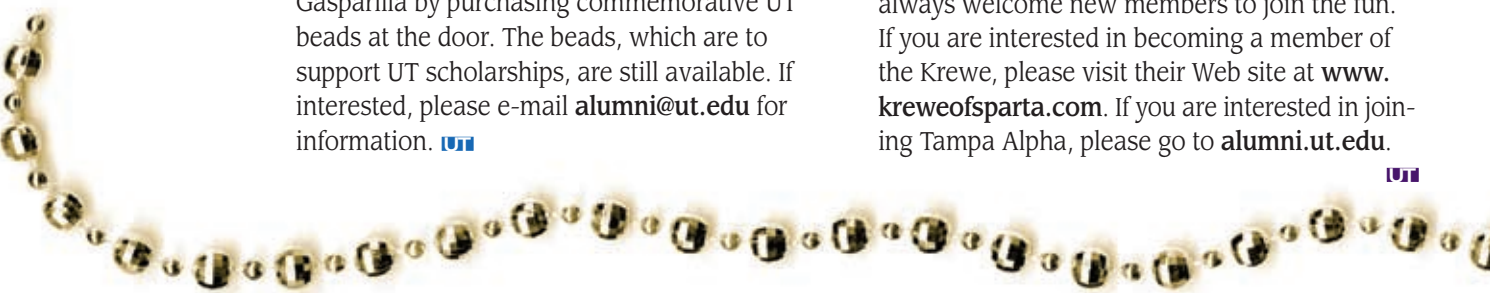
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From left: Marsha Stone '84, Ted Schwartz '82, and Leona Peszka '85 mingle while enjoying the evening view of the minarets.

Gasparilla Kick-Off Networking Social

Alumni and friends gathered for a networking social at Malio's Prime in downtown Tampa on Jan. 25. The evening brought together more than 125 members of the Board of Counselors, Board of Fellows, Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter, the National Alumni Association and the MBA Association. Many guests prepared for Gasparilla by purchasing commemorative UT beads at the door. The beads, which are to support UT scholarships, are still available. If interested, please e-mail alumni@ut.edu for information. 



Clockwise from top left: Ida Coe '58, Carol Tortarelli '02, Sheri Huestler '05 and April Gillespie '04 encourage scholarship support as they sell UT Gasparilla beads.

Gasparilla Brunch

The Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter held its annual Gasparilla Pre-parade Brunch on Jan. 26. Nearly 300 alumni and friends enjoyed a brunch buffet and spirits on the verandah before heading down to watch the Gasparilla parade. Despite the chilly morning, the Royal Krewe of Sparta wore their togas with pride. The Tampa Alpha Chapter and the Royal Krewe of Sparta always welcome new members to join the fun. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Krewe, please visit their Web site at www.kreweofsparta.com. If you are interested in joining Tampa Alpha, please go to alumni.ut.edu. 

UT Twists in Atlanta

The Atlanta Alumni Chapter held a networking social at Twist restaurant on Feb. 19. UT followed the Georgia tradition of hospitality and warmly welcomed the group of graduates, family and friends to the gathering. The group mixed and mingled while enjoying specialty drinks made just for UT: the Golden Spartan and the Spartini! 



Alumni and friends (from left) Lisa Dwyer '04, her friend, John, and Mark Novak '83 enjoyed sharing stories and good times at Twist in Atlanta.

Ace Fighter Pilot Mourned

Donald S. Lopez, a World War II ace fighter pilot and former student at UT, passed away March 3 at the age of 84. He died of a heart attack, according to an obituary in *The New York Times*.

Lopez gained ace status when he shot down five Japanese pilots in China. He later went on to teach thermodynamics at the United States Air Force Academy, before becoming a propulsion engineer for the space program.

Although he only attended UT for one year, Lopez said he first learned to fly through

UT, through the Civil Aeronautics Authority's Civil Pilot Training Program in 1941. In the cover story for the Spring 2005 *UT Journal*, Lopez recounted how he took his first lessons at the Peter O. Knight Airport on Davis Islands. He left school after receiving his pilot's license and joined the military in 1942. 

In Memoriam

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Grateful Alumna, Chiseler Dies

Mary Ann Yorkunas '39, described in the *The Tampa Tribune* as a "teacher-turned-businesswoman," passed away on Jan. 19. She was 90, and had been active in The Chiselers, a nonprofit group dedicated to the preservation of Plant Hall. A story in *The St. Petersburg Times* said "She was driven to go to college and be a teacher. Her grades were high, but so was tuition. Suddenly, a break came. A secret donor paid for her

room and board at University of Tampa, her family said."


"She was always grateful to this unknown person," said Peter Yorkunas, 57. "She never really knew who it was. She didn't try. She just accepted it."

She was married to Alvin Peter Yorkunas, also a member of the class of 1939 and later an emeritus member of the Board of Trustees, who passed away in 1994. They lived in Tampa. 




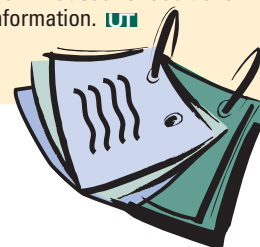
Golden Moments

The class of 1958 was officially inducted into the Golden Spartan Society on Feb. 22. More than 170 Golden Spartan alumni were

on hand to welcome their classmates and congratulate them on 50 years of being a Spartan. The next Golden Spartan reunion luncheon will be held on Oct. 16, during Homecoming. 

Mark your calendar now!

Homecoming and Reunions 2008 will be celebrated on Oct. 16-19. The **Classes of '88 and '98** will commemorate their 20th and 10th respectively. Visit alumni.ut.edu for additional information. 





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Four Years to Change

When I came to UT a year ago, one of the first students I met was Koya Belgrave, a student who moved here from the Dominican Republic and works in the Alumni Office. I was impressed by her outgoing nature, but Koya says when she first came to UT she was a quiet freshman.

Koya grew up in Trinidad and Barbados before moving to the Dominican Republic at age 8. She always attended school in English, but spoke Spanish outside the classroom. When it came time to choosing a university, however, it was important to Koya to continue her studies in English.

From the beginning, she said, she was drawn by pictures of UT and the small class sizes that would be similar to her high school experience. So at 16 Koya packed her bags and moved a thousand miles away from her family and friends to her new home.

"When I first arrived on campus, it was intimidating," she says. "I was in a new environment, submerged in a different culture, and I didn't know a soul. But now looking back, this whole experience has been wonderful; I have loved my time here at UT."

Koya says she's seen many changes in the last four years, including two new dorms, improvements to buildings and a new dining facility (with great food!). Despite the University's increasing size, Koya says her classes are always small, so she can get help if she needs it, she has one-on-one relationships with professors, and she has been able to explore several academic programs that she wouldn't even think of trying.

Last year, Koya took a course about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, in which she was the only international student. "It was interesting to see from an

outside perspective the effects 9-11 had on everyone in this country and the world," she says.

She also spent a semester in Spain, where she studied the history of the country while learning to flamenco dance and watching bull-fights.

Koya says UT provides more activities for students than she could ever dream of doing. She has become very involved on campus, acting as vice president of her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, and The National Pan-Hellenic Counsel. She also has been a member of the Black Student Union. On top of those activities, Koya also has worked in the Alumni Office for four years, served as an Orientation Team leader for two years, and is a Gateways mentor.

"I like being an O-Team leader and Gateways mentor because it lets me help other freshmen come out of their shells," she says. "I know I needed guidance when I got here, and it's nice to know I can return the favor."

Koya's latest volunteer project involves educating her peers about the value of giving back. She has joined the Senior Class Giving Committee and is challenging the class of 2008 to raise \$3,000 for the Annual Fund to create two scholarships for incoming students.

"Every student here at UT is touched by the generosity of those who were here before us," she says. "Our campus is beautiful, the classes are small, and our professors are top notch because others cared to help us. Now we need to do our part for those who are following in our footsteps." ■■■

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From the *Barrio* to the Bookshelf

Frank P. Urso, M.D. enrolled at The University of Tampa in the early 1950s, at a time when students did not have to submit their GPAs or take an SAT to be considered. He simply showed up, filled out a registration card and was accepted.

"It was a working man's college," Urso said, a place where he could live at home in Ybor City and afford to pay tuition.

But his life as a working man conflicted with his studies from the start. His long hours at a local box factory made it difficult for him to fulfill the requirements of his University coursework. Frustrated by school life, Urso slept through classes and began to falter. After his first two years at UT, he was on the verge of quitting.

An Rx for Success

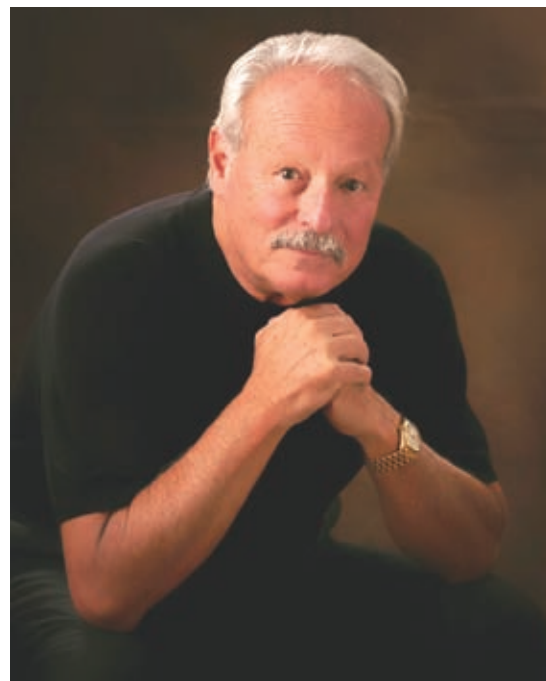
His rescue from this inauspicious beginning came from two professors at UT — Dr. Clyde T. Reed and Dr. Charles Walker. Walker and Reed saw something that Urso himself didn't — that he was gifted in the sciences. As great professors do, they mentored him and encouraged him to turn his college career around.

And turn it around he did, so much so that Walker not only pressed Urso to pursue a career as a physician, he also wrote the letter of recommendation that helped Urso get accepted to medical school. Urso graduated from UT in 1957 with a bachelor's degree, packed his bags, and drove south to the University of Miami School of Medicine where he graduated with honors.

Urso spent his entire career in the medical profession, as evidenced by his impressive résumé. Urso served as the director of pathology and clinical laboratories at three major hospitals, and worked as professor of pathology at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine — where he was twice honored as lecturer of the year.

Beyond the *Barrio*

This doctor and teacher is also a writer, having published not only numerous medical articles in national journals, but also a memoir, *A Stranger in the Barrio* (available at major



Frank P. Urso, M.D. '57

online booksellers as well as The University of Tampa and other local bookstores). The book has been endorsed by Leland Hawes, former writer of the *History and Heritage* section of *The Tampa Tribune*. Urso said he hopes students will read his memoir and learn to chase their dreams, no matter the hardships they may face.

Urso knows much about adversity. In his memoir, he recounts the difficult circumstances of his youth. Urso was born into the *barrio* of Ybor City in 1935, when the city was a bustling cigar-making section of Tampa. He was raised by his hard-working yet illiterate parents who eked out a living by working in the local cigar factories. He grew up Sicilian-American in a predominantly Latino city, living adjacent to an African American neighborhood during the time of segregation.

A bookless home and the atmosphere of illiteracy repressed Urso and kept him from considering ideas such as gaining an education or changing his lot in life. As Urso said, "No one left Ybor; no one escaped the *barrio*." Even in death, his relatives were buried in the neighborhood's Italian Club Cemetery, where he plans to be interred.

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—Frank P. Urso, M.D. '57

Barrio


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Making his Mark

Despite their plight, both parents pressed Urso to finish high school; they wanted him to rise above the *barrio*, to find a job where he would wear a white collar and a tie. If watching his father labor in various blue collar jobs and seeing his mother ill from acute nicotine poisoning was not enough to motivate Urso, his father would drive home the point by telling him to "go to school so that you won't break your back like me." Under the guidance of professors Walker and Reed, he escaped the *barrio* and turned down a path that would lead him toward a better life. As he said, "My family and Sicilian culture taught me to better myself but had I not gone to The University of Tampa, I would not have made the leap from the *barrio*."

Recently, Urso donated \$3 million to The University of Tampa to recognize the University for its role in helping him make this leap. As he said, "UT changed my life. Making a major


gift to UT was something that I always thought about doing, and I decided to do it now because I wanted to repay the University while I am still alive."

As the *barrio* in Tampa has left its mark on Urso, so too will he leave his mark on The University of Tampa. In recognition of his significant donation, UT has chosen to honor its illustrious alumnus by changing the name of Kennedy Place to Frank P. Urso, M.D. Hall. Urso's transformative experience at UT represents everything that's special about a University of Tampa education. 



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

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

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

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WHY GIVE

NAME

Monique Groulx '66

MAJOR

Spanish, with a minor in French

CURRENT PROFESSION

Retired school teacher

In 1965, while a student at The University of Tampa, Monique Groulx was the subject of an article in the *Tampa Times* titled "Girl in a Whirl." The article featured Monique because of the five part-time jobs she worked while completing her degree, including working as the secretary for Dr. Eustasio Fernandez, then director of the foreign language department; as a student assistant at the language lab, as the coeditor of UT's *Poetry Review*, as a librarian for the music department, and as a short order cook at the local bowling alley. After graduating from UT, she earned a master's and a doctorate from Florida State University in French language and literature before starting a 32-year career as a teacher in Hillsborough County. Today she remains as busy in retirement as she was at UT.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF TAMPA

We arrived in Tampa on New Year's Eve in 1958. I couldn't speak a word of English. That was quite an experience. In those days they didn't have any special courses to help with a new language. As you might imagine, when I went to East Bay High School there were not too many people speaking French, so it was sink, swim or drown.

PROUD MOMENT

I was the teacher of the year finalist for Hillsborough County for the 1989-1990 school year. It was a great honor to represent my peers.


INTERESTING UT CONNECTION

I taught French for about 10 years at The University of Tampa as an adjunct faculty member.

WHERE SHE VOLUNTEERS

I'm on the board for the Alliance Française. I'm one of the directors and we meet once a month to plan a French program to help continue the culture. I've been singing with the Spanish Lyric Theatre since I was here at UT with René González, one of the founders of the theatre. His first performance was here on campus. It's almost been 50 years now. I've been with them since '63, so I do one or two shows a year with them. I also volunteer at the food bank and with other organizations.

WHY SHE GIVES

There is a need in me to support those institutions that helped me grow in the past and continue to do so in the present. UT for me was and is a second home, and I am proud to be part of its history, its growth and development. I am not a millionaire, but as a board member of Tampa Alpha, a donor and a volunteer, I feel that in some small way I am paying back UT for the pleasures, the education and the opportunities the University gave me. I have great memories from my time spent at UT and shall cherish those as long as I live. 

Krewe Education Foundation Gives \$125,000 for Scholarships

The Krewe of Sant' Yago Education Foundation has awarded \$125,000 to fund scholarships for deserving Latin students at UT.

The award was made on Feb. 1 at the Krewe of Sant' Yago Mayor's Proclamation Luncheon at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City.

"The Krewe of Sant' Yago Education Foundation has never been willing to rest comfortably when deserving students in need are abundant," said Dr. O. Rex Damron, president of the foundation and member of the UT Board of Trustees. "Perhaps our successes in offering higher education scholarships to students, who otherwise may not have this opportunity, will create a broader community-based philanthropic response to a pervasive national concern."

In the past seven years, Sant' Yago has granted educational institutions more than \$800,000 in the form of scholarships, endowments and matching funds.

The Foundation already has endowed three scholarships at UT, and also has awarded scholarships and endowments to Hillsborough Community College and the University of South Florida.

President Ronald L. Vaughn said he was pleased to continue the relationship with Sant' Yago and support their efforts in making college possible for Hispanic students.

"UT has a long history of being accessible to minority students, and to Hispanic students in particular," Vaughn said. "This will help us to continue that mission."

The Sant' Yago Education Foundation was created 12 years ago to fund academically deserving Latin students with financial need. The Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago of Tampa was established in 1970 to preserve the Latin culture and now boasts 275 members. The Krewe's mission is dedication to itself and the continued improvement of life and cultural progress. 

President Ronald L. Vaughn receives a \$100,000 check from the Krewe of Sant' Yago at a luncheon on Feb. 1. An additional \$25,000 for scholarships was presented later in the ceremony. Vaughn is flanked by (left to right) Dr. William D. Anton, Dr. O. Rex Damron, Paul J. Sierra and Ernest Segundo '56. Damron and Segundo are members of the UT Board of Trustees.



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A Journey of 1,000 Miles

As early as 1949, The University of Tampa opened its doors to students from around the world. These students began their journey at UT with a single step. Pictured are (from left) Marguerite Lee, Eleanor Camacho, Alhanassoir Anastasiades and Evelyn Perez, whose daughter, Elizabeth Barron, now works at UT as a reference librarian. They came to UT from Guam on a scholarship sponsored by an American soldier who had been based there during WWII. [UT](#)

Floored by the Floors

We were wrong. At least, that's what some of our readers told us about the caption for the photo in last issue's Minaret Moments. A note accompanying the photo said it was taken on the fifth floor, and it was labeled "1947-1948, Married

Veterans Dormitory." Dr. Jack King '55 called in to tell us the married students lived on the third floor, along with the female students (who were behind locked doors, he added). The men lived on the fourth and fifth floors while he was there.

Hugh J. Squitier '52 also said the married students lived on the third floor while he was there (from 1948-1952), and he only knew one man who lived in a room on the fifth floor. 

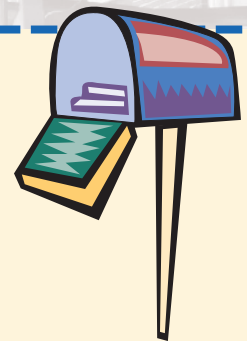


Love and Marriage
 College and marriage went together like a horse and carriage for those who attended UT in the 1940s when the University offered married students housing. This photo shows a couple having coffee in one of the apartments. It was labeled "Married Veterans Dormitory" in the 1947-1948 UT catalog. Rumor has it that these two weren't actually married, but instead were students posing for the photograph. There is some debate about where the married housing units were located, but a note attached to the photo tells us it was on the fifth floor of Plant Hall. Tell us what you know about them by calling (813) 253-8232 or e-mail publicinfo@ut.edu.

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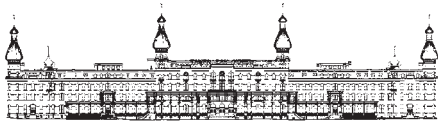
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