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# from the Chancellor



Chancellor Nick Dunagan

You will note that the cover and several articles in this issue of *Campus Scene* are devoted to the internationalization of UT Martin. As I look back on the last five years or so, it is apparent that we have advanced, to a major degree, the options available to our students to truly internationalize their educational experience at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Why is this important, and what kind of results do we expect from these efforts?

- Our English as a Second Language (ESL) Program is back to pre-9/11 totals. Having students in Martin from 31 countries learning to speak English is a source of enrollment growth once they pass the TOEFL; but just as important, it provides an opportunity for Tennessee students to interact with students from around the world. Sandra Baker, director of international programs and admissions, and her staff are to be congratulated for the quality of instruction and the quantity of students (84 in the first summer term) in the ESL Program.
- Under Stan Sieber's able leadership, in the 2005-06 academic year we conducted 23 travel-study programs that involved 26 countries. We had a record number of student participants (approximately 280) who traveled and learned.
- The Dottie Frist Initiative grant has helped sponsor student and faculty travel and especially opened doors in China. Dottie, through the Frist Family Charitable Trust, has set a positive precedent for what private gifts can do to enhance our efforts.
- The Student Government Association, with the leadership of SGA President James Orr, led an initiative to earmark \$5 per semester per student for student-travel scholarships. This has been a tremendous stimulus for greater student involvement.
- Foreign language students now have established immersion programs in France, Canada (Quebec), Germany, Mexico and Japan.

These and other endeavors have been initiated and nurtured through the Center for Global Studies and International Education. Dr. Paul Crapo, center director, has provided leadership to marshal internal support and generate external funds through the good work of the center's advisory committee.

It seems that every day I read in a newspaper, view a television clip or read in a book about the growing importance of the global marketplace to the U.S. It is vital that our students are prepared to enter this new and changing environment. The international experiences we are making available to our students are an important part of this process. During the last few years, I have challenged our entering freshmen to make international travel a part of their educational experience. In many ways, this is still a dream; but many alumni, friends and faculty members are helping this become a reality for more and more UT Martin students.

My thanks to all who are helping make the dream a reality. This investment by the university and donors is going to make our students better prepared as they go into graduate programs or enter the marketplace. Investments like this make UT Martin students true citizens of the world.

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By Rita Mitchell

**“I think what we’re doing is offering international experiences which complement the undergraduate study of UT Martin students, and that will prepare them for careers in any number of fields, disciplines and professions which are now part of our global economy.”**

— Dr. Paul Crapo,  
director, UT Martin  
Center for Global Studies  
and International Education.

**T**hrough the years, UT Martin has incorporated into its academic offerings a variety of international components. From semester and year-long immersion programs at sister universities throughout the world to shorter travel-study trips, students may choose the type of educational experience that best meets their educational goals.

“In order to prepare our graduates for work or graduate school, we must present them with options to learn about other cultures, languages and the whole globalization concept,” said Chancellor Nick Dunagan. “Our international programs, the Center for Global Studies and International Education and faculty are working to provide these important options.”

For many years, the university has maintained agreements, including faculty and student exchange programs, with international institutions, most recently adding Autonomous Agrarian University, Antonio Narro, in Saltillo, Mexico. (See page 6.)

“We probably will add partnerships this summer and fall in Ontario and Alberta,” said Dr. Paul Crapo, director of the UT Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education. He noted that Canada is the most important trade partner for the U.S., and Mexico is second. “It probably will remain so for the foreseeable future.”

He added, “Also, we want to extend our network of international partners to include institutions in China, Tanzania, Thailand and England.”

Another component of international education at UT Martin comes under the heading of travel-study programs. These include one- and two-week trips abroad during the academic year and summer. Most often, the travel-study programs that also are offered to the public are theme-based and developed by various UT Martin instructors. Included have been trips to several European and South American countries, Africa, China and New Zealand.

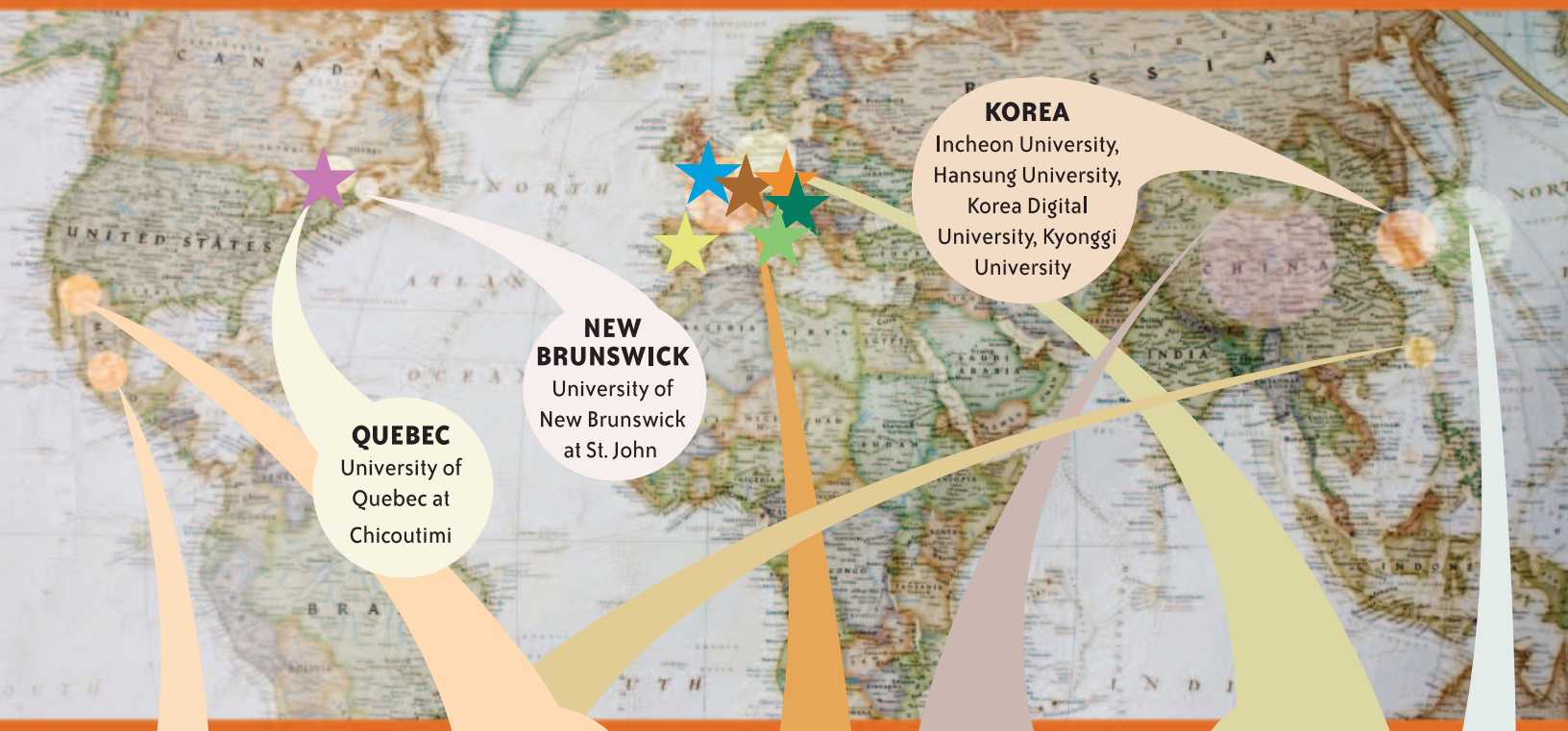
Since the international education opportunities are much more than merely sightseeing or cultural adventures, Crapo said students “who take advantage of a travel-study or study-abroad opportunity in Canada, for example, are going to be able to pursue a career much more effectively with the 16 Canadian-owned companies based in West Tennessee.” He added, “A student who studies at Hirosaki University as part of an exchange program will be much more competitive back in Tennessee in seeking a position with one of the more than 140 Japanese companies based in our state.”

Similar examples of foreign business investments are found throughout the United States.

“These programs are not frivolous tourist adventures. They really do prepare our students to thrive in what has become a global workplace,” Crapo said.

Dunagan echoed Crapo’s comments and added, “In my opinion, international travel for students has shifted from a ‘nice to do’ to an important part of a total collegiate experience.” **UTM**

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 Hansung University,  
 Korea Digital  
 University, Kyonggi  
 University

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 New Brunswick  
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**QUEBEC**  
 University of  
 Quebec at  
 Chicoutimi

**MEXICO**  
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 University, Antonio  
 Narro, in Saltillo

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 Wesleyan University, Niiijima  
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## 2006-2007 TRAVEL-STUDY PROGRAMS PLANNED

- ★ Venice, Florence and Rome, March 8–19, 2007
- ★ London and Paris, March 8–19, 2007
- ★ Spain, March 8–19, 2007
- ★ Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa Canada, March 9–18, 2007
- ★ Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, May 9–23, 2007
- ★ Germany, Austria and Switzerland, July 7–21, 2007
- ★ Budapest, Prague and Vienna, July 22–August 5, 2007

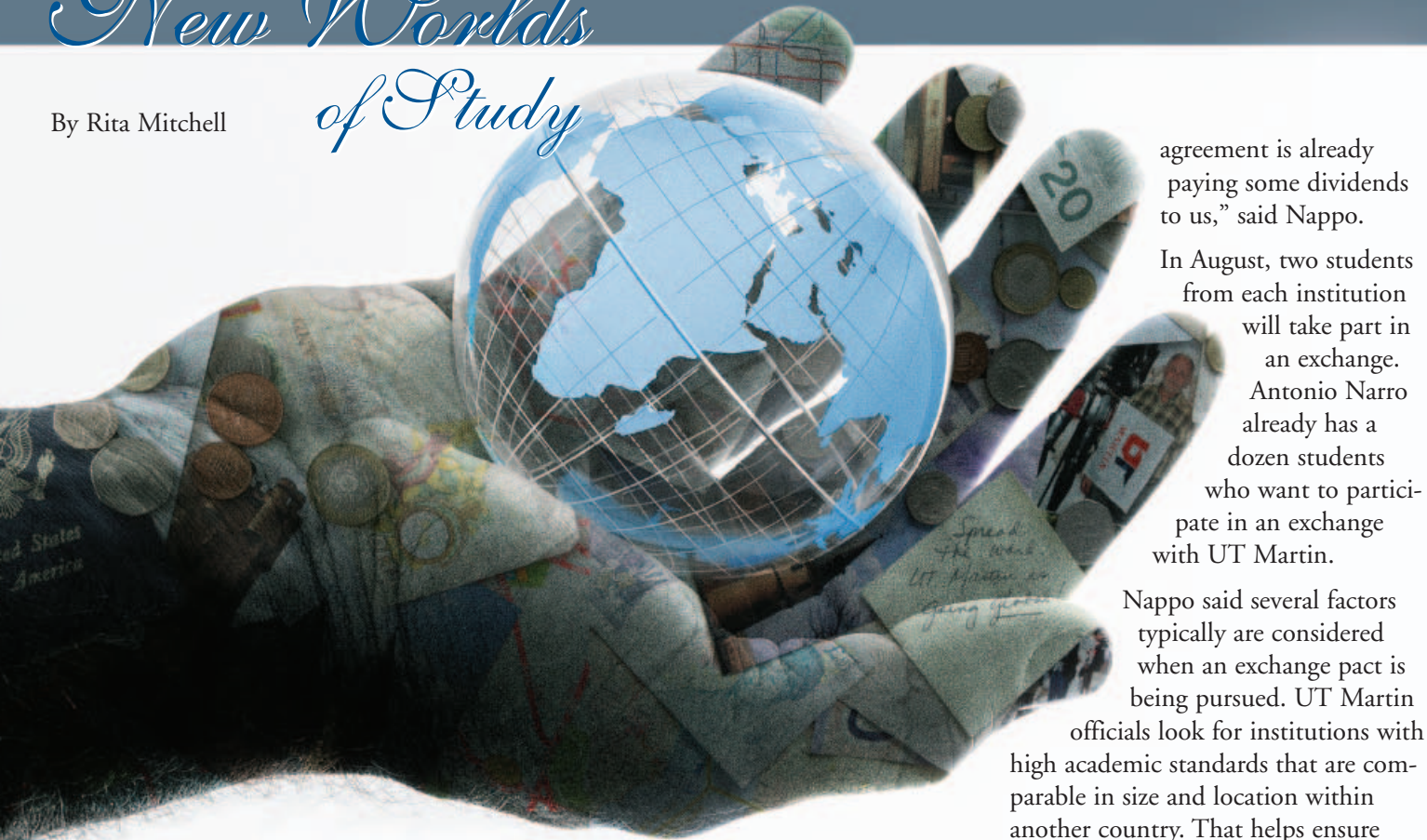
There are multiple scholarships available to students who travel with UT Martin – from \$250 - \$1,000. For more information, contact the Center for Global Studies and International Education in Room 242, Clement Hall, or call (731) 881-1023.

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# New Worlds of Study

By Rita Mitchell



**E**xchange agreements between universities literally open up new worlds of study when educational opportunities and cultural awareness expand for students and faculty. UT Martin has pacts with universities in France, Canada, Japan and Germany, among others, and continues to look for other partnerships throughout the world.

## Mexico

A recent agreement between UT Martin and the Autonomous Agrarian University, Antonio Narro, in Saltillo, Mexico, is the latest of these partnerships. Antonio Narro is the highest-ranked agricultural university in Mexico and is ranked 12th overall among higher education institutions in the country.

“We have a lot of great students in the agricultural program at UT Martin who will benefit from the exchange opportunities,” said Dr. Daniel Nappo, UT Martin Department of Modern Foreign Languages interim chair and assistant professor of Spanish. “And any time you bring international students to our campus it enriches everything.”

Initially, Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, UT Martin associate professor of agricultural economics, spent time this summer at Antonio Narro, beginning the process of developing a USDA International Education Grant. Hopefully, this opportunity will assist students and faculty from the agriculture and natural resources department to attend Antonio Narro on an exchange program. Mehlhorn also delivered seminars for faculty discussing the use of technology in the classroom as well as delivering online educational content. These seminars highlighted UT Martin’s leadership role in the use of technology for education. “So the

agreement is already paying some dividends to us,” said Nappo.

In August, two students from each institution will take part in an exchange. Antonio Narro already has a dozen students who want to participate in an exchange with UT Martin.

Nappo said several factors typically are considered when an exchange pact is being pursued. UT Martin officials look for institutions with high academic standards that are comparable in size and location within another country. That helps ensure that the students from each country can more easily adapt to life in the host country. Officials make sure that courses are similar so that students’ work will transfer to the home school.

The possibility of receiving grant funds from the North American Mobility in Higher Education program is another incentive to promote this university partnership. The competitive grant program is administered cooperatively by the governments of the United States, Canada and Mexico. The purpose is to promote a student-centered North American dimension to education and training in a wide range of academic and professional disciplines. The program funds, for up to five years, collaborations in the form of consortia consisting of at least two academic institutions from each country.

The agreement with Antonio Narro followed a visit to Saltillo in October by a UT Martin delegation. In March, Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin

# Canada

chancellor, and Nappo returned to Antonio Narro, where Dunagan signed a formal exchange agreement. "It showed a level of commitment to the agreement," said Nappo of the chancellor's trip to Saltillo.

UT Martin students in the exchange program will have a variety of academic pursuits supplemented by visits to state parks, experimental farms and villages operated as communes.

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"There will be a lot of opportunities for internships," said Nappo, "during which students can really focus on specific areas of study."

In exchange, students from Antonio Narro will study agriculture production operations in this region of the United States, will visit agriculturally based companies, such as Tyson and Ferry-Morse Seed Co., and farm equipment dealerships. Internships also will be available for these students.

Nappo said he hopes they will return to Mexico with the knowledge and skills to "make Mexico more productive agriculturally and get the most out of the land.

"I like to see our university and community building relationships with Mexico," said Nappo. "It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to step out of West Tennessee, that they know so well, and go somewhere else.

"I'm really happy we have this agreement," added Nappo. "This is one of the best universities in Mexico, and we are one of the first universities in the U.S. to have an agreement with them."

By Erin Young, student writer

Courses in international relations are quickly becoming a necessity in undergraduate education. UT Martin students are being encouraged to learn about neighbors to the north via a new minor in Canadian studies.

Six of the 18 hours required for the minor are to be completed at the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi, the University of New Brunswick at St. John, another approved Canadian institution, a travel-study program or an international internship. Students are required to spend at least one month in Canada.

The new minor is expected to enhance career opportunities for graduates in humanities, the sciences, business and agriculture. To prepare for the minor, students are required to complete an introductory course, "Foundations in Canadian Studies," an overview of Canadian geography, history, politics, literature and culture. They also are required to take one course in Canadian geography, history or political science; one course in Canadian literature or

culture/civilization; and three electives from two approved fields.

During the 2005-06 school year, the Center for Global Studies and International Education sponsored a series of lectures and events to spark interest in the new minor. Canadian Consulate General Michael Flaherty began the series with an overview of U.S./Canadian relations.

This series continued with three lectures: "The Industrial City in Transition—St. John, New Brunswick," by dean Robert MacKennon, New Brunswick at St. John; "Contemporary Quebec: Social Changes and the Affirmation of National Identity," by Dr. Piere-André Tremblay, University of Quebec at Chicoutimi; and "Global Business Today from the Perspective of a Canadian CEO," by Thomas MacKaig, TMI.

The Center for Global Studies also organized a two-week travel-study program to Quebec and New Brunswick for Canadian studies minors. Both the lecture series and travel-study trips were partially funded by a program enhancement grant from the Canadian government. [UTM](#)

## Funding for UT Martin International programs and trips comes from:

- Dottie Frist International Initiatives Fund (Dottie Frist Beonsch) - \$300,000
- Welles International Travel Faculty Development Fund (Dr. Hunter Welles) - \$20,000 (this was later incorporated into the Center for Global Studies Endowment)
- Center for Global Studies Endowment (Dr. Walter Hoffmann and others) \$46,000
- Newby International Interest Fund (Carl "Butch" and Judy Newby) - \$12,000
- John Eisterhold International Study Scholarship - \$15,000 (in memory of John Eisterhold)
- Ted Mosch Scholarship Endowment - \$45,000 (from Dr. Mosch and others in his honor)

The Student Government Association, under the direction of James Orr, president, approved a resolution to add a \$5 student travel fee to student fees, effective in the 2005-06 academic year. The fee generated approximately \$45,000. Funds were distributed through the Center for Global Studies and International Education and an academic committee to students in good standing who participated in university-sponsored international travel. All funds were allocated the first year as more than 300 students took advantage of the initiative.

A U.S. Department of Education Business and International Education grant has assisted a number of business students in international travel, and university departments and colleges also provide funds through various programs.



# A Life- Changing Experience

By Bud Grimes

Jennifer Ogg ('05) boarded an airplane in summer 2004 bound for Orleans, France. The journey began a summer-long immersion experience in which Jennifer lived with a French family to complete requirements for her French major. That summer became a life-changing experience for the Vanderbilt University graduate student.

Jennifer, who earned undergraduate degrees in French, international studies and political science, is part of a new generation of UT Martin students experiencing the strong international influence in the university's academic programs. No longer is enrolling in foreign-language courses enough. Many students see the necessity of understanding different cultures in a global

economy. Travel-study opportunities are the new norm as UT Martin students set out for destinations around the world.

Travel was already second nature for Jennifer, who was bitten by the travel bug early in life. "Growing up, my family traveled regularly. These trips first piqued my interest in seeing new parts of the world," she recalled. Her family started with month-long journeys across the United States, eventually covering all 50 states. These experiences just made her want to see more of the world, she said.

While in high school, she credits her French teacher (Cheryl Boyte '69, Westview High School) for fostering her interest in the French language. It was also then that her family traveled to London and Paris, her first international trip. She remembers that trip as "the first time that I really began to realize ingrained cultural differences between Americans and

Europeans.” Her transition from those years to UT Martin came at a perfect time as the university’s international focus began to take shape.

Jennifer’s immersion experience several years later was accomplished in cooperation with the University of Orleans. She lived with a French family of four children, ranging in ages from eight to 16. She was treated as a family member “and just really got more of a feel for French life than I ever could have on a vacation or living with other Americans in France.” The father and oldest son spoke English but not around her, so her French-speaking skills were tested. “When I didn’t understand a word,

differentiated between American politics and American individuals. “They were much more sympathetic than I anticipated and were curious as to why would Americans hate the French so much. I explained that Americans wonder the same about why the French hate them.

“It ends up being a misunderstanding, I think largely rooted in the way people think. For example, the French are brought up to be independent thinkers, whereas Americans would tend to agree with each other around the dinner table, and that would be the acceptable type of conversation,” she said. “The French are brought up from birth to disagree, to not be unpleasant, but to show that they can think on their own.”

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they would just describe the word to me through other French words,” she said.

Language challenges aside, she enjoyed the French lifestyle. She traveled with the family, was introduced to many people, and especially loved the food and the French dining experience.

In a post-911 world, Jennifer approached her immersion experience with an open mind. Still, she anticipated that her French hosts held some negative feelings toward Americans.

“Maybe the most interesting thing that I learned while over there was that so much of the way that the French feel toward Americans is brought on solely due to stereotypes. It’s not necessarily anything that they have experienced first hand,” she explained.

She recalled their interest in her views about President George Bush, the Iraq War and other political topics, but to her surprise they

Although international travel is high on Jennifer’s resumé, she also earned many honors at UT Martin. The one of which she and others seem proudest is the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship she received in spring 2005. The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi sponsors 50 national fellowships annually at \$5,000 each. Each university is allowed to submit one nominee, and Jennifer was the UT Martin chapter nominee. Receiving the fellowship, combined with a call from Chancellor Nick Dunagan to the director of graduate studies at Vanderbilt to update them about this honor, probably secured her acceptance into the Vanderbilt graduate program with full funding.

Whether her international experiences helped to earn the fellowship or admission to graduate school is open to speculation, but they probably did not hurt. Regardless, she is sold on the value of international travel as part of a degree program. Her UT Martin senior thesis revealed that 80 percent of new jobs in the U.S. have an international component, so speaking another language is no longer a luxury,

“but almost a situation where you’re behind if you do not,” she said.

Jennifer acknowledges that she could not have pursued international travel without some help. She is grateful for her parents’ support, which she said is necessary for any student who wishes to follow her path.

“I think there is always some trepidation watching your daughter or son take off to live in another country with people you don’t know, but Jennifer was so excited it was hard to be too worried,” said Dr. Jerald Ogg (UTM ’76, UTK-Law ’78), Jennifer’s father and interim vice chancellor, UT Martin Division of Student Affairs. He added, “As it turned out, studying in France literally changed the direction of Jennifer’s life. I don’t know of any student who has studied abroad, however, who would not recommend it both as a cultural adventure and an educational investment.”

Ogg also credited Chancellor Dunagan and Dr. Paul Crapo, director of UT Martin’s Center for Global Studies and International Education, for their vision in the international arena.

“Dr. Dunagan’s establishment of the Center for Global Studies and International Education has positioned UT Martin well for the 21st century,” he said, “and Dr. Crapo was a great choice for implementing that vision.”

After graduate school, Jennifer’s career goals include university administration, teaching international relations classes and foreign policy work. And, there just might be more international travel. She never knows when the travel bug will bite again. **UTM**



# Still Taking Flight:



## Airline Attendant Nears 40 Years of Service

By Bud Grimes



Jimmye Nan Guthrie Ramsey ('68) recalls that her father had big plans for her when she left to attend college at UT Martin. Little did he know that his daughter's career would have little to do with the home economics degree that she would later earn. After graduation, she joined Delta Air Lines as a stewardess, and 38 years later, continues to fly internationally as one of the longest-serving airline attendants in the company.

Ramsey, 59, was born and raised in Humboldt, Tenn. Her high school home economics teacher recommended UT

Martin because of the education emphasis in the home economics degree program. Ramsey pursued her degree with plans to become a teacher. Instead, an Alpha Delta Pi sorority trip caused a career-direction change.

During her sophomore year, she was elected chapter vice president and pledge trainer. The chapter president could not attend the national convention near Chicago, so her parents paid to send Jimmye Nan. As if by fate, she flew Delta, arrived early at Chicago O'Hare International Airport and was asked to help welcome the other sorority members. Ramsey liked the airport's atmosphere and greeting people as they arrived.

She returned from the experience and considered flying for a couple of years before beginning a teaching career. She

completed her student teaching, graduated, considered the different airlines and chose Delta. Ramsey recalled many favorite college courses, but a single speech class had a lasting influence on her chosen profession.

“That (class) gave me a lot of confidence,” she said. “I was very shy and still am. Even though I do a lot of talking, I tend to be a little bit on the shy side, and so that class was important.”

Ramsey joined Delta during a time of tremendous company growth and significant airline industry changes. From its first passenger flights in 1929, the company’s Web site reports that Delta has grown to become “the world’s second-largest airline in terms of passengers carried.” The company, which includes more than 47,000 employees, is also the “leading U.S. carrier across the Atlantic.” Revenues for 2005 were \$16 billion.

## “When I started flying, if you’d flown three years, you were very, very senior.”

When she began, Ramsey said that most stewardesses intended to fly for a short time and then pursue another career or marry. Marriage was not allowed, but shortly after Ramsey began her career, the rules changed so that stewardesses could marry after flying for a minimum of six months. “When I started flying, if you’d flown three years, you were very, very senior,” she said. She later married, and she and her husband, Jack (’69), live in Memphis and have two grown children: Rob and Alicia (UTK ’04).

After marriage was allowed, immediate resignation was required if a stewardess became pregnant. Then in the early 1970s, that rule also changed so that a stewardess could take maternity leave and return to work. This allowed stewardesses to pursue flying as a career.

About this time, the first men were hired as stewards, which introduced a new title: flight attendant.

Airline travel was very different early in her career. “Then it was more laid back. If somebody wanted to go up to the cockpit during flight, no problem,” she said. Food service was the main duty, but safety, always important, is now a primary job for attendants.

“I guess one of the reasons I’m still flying is I’ve had a wonderful career without anything really major happening,” she said. Although Ramsey has never had to evacuate a plane, she’s been in some tense situations. On one occasion, the flight crew wasn’t sure if the landing gear was locked into place, so she had to help prepare the passengers for an emergency landing. She also recalls several times when one engine failed, but with calm assurance in her voice, she notes that

crews are trained to land planes with just one engine.

Ramsey now works mostly international flights, noting Europe as a favorite destination. Delta began London service in 1978, and she flew the first week these flights began. Attendants bid on jobs, and given that she’s now 170 out of some 13,000 flight attendants, her seniority generally secures the flights she wants. For European flights, she leaves Memphis before noon, arrives in Atlanta by late afternoon and departs by 9 p.m. for Europe. Her three-day workweek sounds appealing, but she’s active almost 24 hours from the time her plane leaves Memphis until she lands across the Atlantic Ocean. She then stays in Europe 24 hours before returning to the United States.



Because of the trip's short duration, jet lag is not a big problem on the international flights. She gets plenty of rest while there, and by the time they return, the crew has remained on a regular schedule. The Federal Aviation Administration requires a one-hour break for flights that last more than nine hours.

Jet lag is another matter for passengers, especially business travelers, who have to sleep and then be ready to work at the end of an overseas flight. "And not only internationally but domestically, we feel like we really need to cater to them (business

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travelers) because they've got a tough road," she said.

The Delta fleet includes 767s and 777s that fly overseas; the 767s carry about 200 passengers and eight to nine attendants, while the 777s carry some 300 passengers and 10 attendants. Ramsey remembers when Delta ordered its first 767 in 1982, the first quarter that the company had experienced a financial loss. "All the employees went in together to help put in the money to purchase that airplane, and they were able to get it on time," she said. This company pride earned the airplane its name, the Spirit of Delta. The plane is being retired this year after more than 20 years of domestic flights.

Ramsey has met some famous people on her flights, having flown charters with the Atlanta Braves and University of Tennessee football team. "Once in particular, I had Bob Hope twice in one week, and I thought that was interesting," she said. Art Linkletter once left his briefcase on a flight, and because her mother was such a

fan, Ramsey volunteered to find the entertainer in the terminal and return the briefcase. On still another occasion, a passenger complained to her about cold sourdough rolls. Singer Billy Joe Royal (*Down in the Boondocks*) intervened saying, "Would you leave her alone? It's a sourdough roll. You're not supposed to heat it up!"

Ramsey says the biggest change in the airline industry is security. Tightened security and higher costs have affected some Delta traditions. "One thing we used to do, going to the West Coast, we carved roasts in the aisle. Well, not only are we not carving roasts, we have plastic utensils in first class now because of 9-11," she said. Meanwhile, low-cost carriers have virtually eliminated food service, except for snacks, on domestic flights. One tradition that remains is ice cream service in first class for international flights, considered by Delta a signature dessert.

Financial problems have worsened for Delta, which has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Ramsey believes the company can survive, but employees have already sacrificed: she has taken two pay cuts in the last year. "You know, it's a little bit of a sacrifice, but for doing something you enjoy, it's not that big of a sacrifice," she said. Company communications point to the resolution of financial problems by the end of this year or in early 2007.

Even with cutbacks, Ramsey believes that airline customers are well cared for, although in different ways. She describes her talent as an airline attendant as a kind of "spiritual gift." She can almost anticipate passenger needs even before they ask, and she loves the service aspect of her work. Retirement is not in her immediate plans; she enjoys her work too much.

Jimmye Nan Ramsey remembers wondering how she would tell her father that she wanted to be an airline stewardess. Fortunately for thousands of passengers, she made the right career choice and today still makes sure that "Delta is ready when you are." **UTM**

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Photos courtesy of Delta Airlines.



The day before Hurricane Katrina hit, Suzanne Ishee posed with fellow teachers on the front steps of Pass Christian Middle School where they worked. (left) Those same front steps led to devastation following the hurricane. (right) Photos courtesy of Brie Smith, Suzanne Ishee's daughter.



# Living the

## Months After Hurricane Katrina

By Rita Mitchell

It's the "new normal." That's how Suzanne Miller Ishee ('75) terms life eight months after Hurricane Katrina struck her Mississippi coastal community with a crushing blow, demolishing homes, businesses and everything else in its path.

Standing on the beach looking inward, devastation is four blocks deep. Nothing about the landscape appears as it did prior to Aug. 29. Even the trees farther inland that were not uprooted were soaked with saltwater and are just now showing signs of greening. Katrina really did take a toll on every living thing.

"We took a full-force hit. We're going to need help for a long time," said Ishee, who lives and teaches in Pass Christian, Miss. "I wish everyone could actually see the aftermath. People who come to help tell us the photos and television coverage just don't tell the whole story."

Following the hurricane, Ishee and her husband were without electricity for 21 days; without running water for 10 days; and she says everyone went on a "Katrina diet" because there were no grocery stores or restaurants open.

"There was a shortage of products," she said. "We became accustomed to standing in line for hours to purchase basics."

And the Ishees were not the hardest hit. Their home was damaged, but they had a home. "You almost get survivor's

guilt," she said of their "good fortune" compared to some residents. "We had one family, who lost their home, eat with us every night for six weeks. We still have some of their things stored in our garage."

Eighty-five percent of Pass Christian was destroyed. This includes businesses and residential areas. And, in the Pass Christian School District, where Ishee has taught for 15 years, three of the four schools were destroyed. Classes are being conducted in temporary trailers provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Eighty-five percent of the administration, faculty and staff lost their homes. At one point, she said, a 50-foot-deep river was crashing through town.

"We were out of school for seven weeks. We'll (school district) be in trailers for four to six years."

Ishee said post-traumatic shock is beginning to affect students, some of whom were lucky even to have survived the storm. Some of these same students have parents who have moved to other locations for jobs and left them with relatives.

"There are families with five or six people living in small camper trailers. Others were living in a tent city in the middle of town

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# New Normal *continued*



Pass Christian Middle School after Katrina hit. *Photo courtesy of Brie Smith*

Suzanne Ishee stands where her classroom was before Katrina hit. *Photo courtesy of Brie Smith*



until March. That was six months after the hurricane,” she said. “It puts education in a whole new light.”

When Ishee returned to school after Katrina, she had one white board and two markers. All the teaching materials she had created in a 28-year teaching career were destroyed. “I’m rebuilding my program right now.”

Recently, the staff took one more hit. “We had a reduction in force. The enrollment is down. People have moved.” Ishee was one of the lucky ones who still has a job. “I live in the community where I teach. I am committed to the rebuilding.”

Even with what she and others have been through in the past few months, Ishee remains upbeat and positive about the outcome. “People in the community have pulled together.”

With years of recovery and repair ahead, Ishee said Pass Christian residents will need assistance. “Any encouragement is appreciated. It doesn’t always have to be monetary. She notes that FEMA has been helpful and has nothing but good things to say about all the volunteers, especially students, who have responded. “Anyone in this country who has something bad to say about today’s youth would have a big fight on their hands on the coast.”

Ishee turns her thoughts to her classroom, where, in the spring, there was talk of the upcoming hurricane season. She and her students will never talk about hurricanes in the same way.

“When you’ve lost everything . . . our ‘normal’ world is gone forever.” **UTM**

## Katrina Overview

From Wikipedia  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane\\_Katrina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane_Katrina)

Hurricane Katrina was the costliest and one of the deadliest hurricanes in the history of the United States. It was the eleventh named storm, fifth hurricane, third major hurricane, and second Category 5 hurricane of the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season, was the sixth-strongest Atlantic hurricane ever recorded and the third-strongest landfalling U.S. hurricane ever recorded. It is possible that Katrina was the largest hurricane of its strength to approach the United States in recorded history; its sheer size caused devastation over 100 miles (160 km) from the center. The storm surge caused major or catastrophic damage along the coastlines of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, including the cities of Mobile, Ala., Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss., and Slidell, La. Levees separating Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans were breached by the surge, flooding roughly 80% of New Orleans as well as many areas of neighboring parishes. Severe wind damage was reported well inland. Katrina is estimated to be responsible for \$75 billion (2005 U.S. dollars) in damages, making it the costliest hurricane in U.S. history. The storm has killed at least 1,836 people, making it the deadliest U.S. hurricane since the 1928 Okeechobee Hurricane.



## Chance (Find) of a Lifetime

By Rita Mitchell

A chance encounter between James Clapper and an Alaskan riverbank netted a fossil find embedded in the bank for more than 10,000 years. The discovery of woolly mammoth tusks by the UT Martin alum and his father is now benefiting students in a UT Martin ge archaeology class.

Clapper, a May 2005 graduate, his father, Jon, and another companion were casting for salmon and trout while floating their way down the Aniak River in Western Alaska when they spotted what appeared to be tusks protruding from a cliff following a recent thaw. The town of Aniak and the river are about 500 miles west of Anchorage. The only access to the area is by air or water.

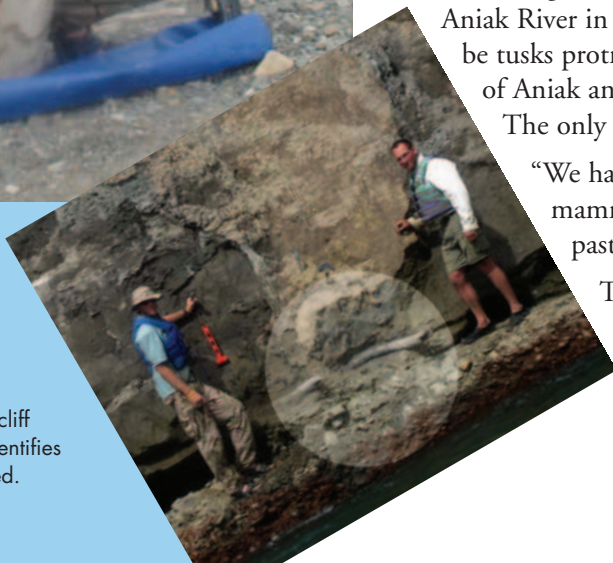
“We had heard from a few different sources that woolly mammoth ivory had been found here and there in the past and knew to keep an eye out for it,” said James.

The father and son from Nashville and Ty Roderick, who joined them from Oklahoma, used crude, makeshift tools to free the tusks after several hours of excavating. The tusks were in a lab last fall being

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Top: UT Martin students clean and preserve the mammoth tusk fossils. Middle: James Clapper displays his find. Bottom: How the tusks appeared in the Alaskan cliff bank. The lighter circle identifies where the tusks are located.



## Find of a Lifetime, cont.

cleaned, preserved and studied by students in the geoarchaeology class taught by Helmut Wenz and Dr. Michael Gibson. Wenz is a UT Martin professor of geography with expertise in archaeology. Gibson is a UT Martin professor of geology.

“The idea of touching and seeing something that no living creature had for thousands of years was a pretty amazing feeling for us all,” said James. “. . . We were elated when we were finally able to realize their full size and beauty. The outside of the ivory had oxidized into a cobalt blue.”

And, while James and his companions were amazed at their find, Gibson, whose expertise is in the fossils of animals and plants, said such finds are more common than the public might think.

“Many people think the best fossil finds are made by professional paleontologists,” said Gibson. “While paleontologists are busy conducting research, writing and teaching, the average person is the one actually in the field . . . in many cases, and thus comes across finds.” He added, “Such encounters are where the majority of scientific discoveries come from.

“One of the things I tell my students as part of their courses is how to recognize when something they come across may be significant enough to ask a professional. After a few years of educating students on what fossils are, how they preserve, where they preserve and their importance, they become an extension of my eyes and ears. While they may not have the training to deal with the find, they do know to contact someone.”

And that is exactly what James did. “I brought them to professor Wenz for several reasons,” James said. “I knew that he and his department would take good care of them and tell me volumes of information about the tusks.”

It was Jon who actually saw the tusks as the trio floated around a sharp bend in the river. They were about three feet

above the water with the proximal sides sticking out of the cliff and the distal sides, the points, along with the majority of the tusks embedded in the clay.

“Luckily, we were the first people down the river since the spring melt off and resulting floods that exposed the tusks for us to see,” said James, who added the tusks might have been lost forever if the river flooded and destroyed them. “Although we had no real equipment to excavate the tusks, we used a small tent stake mallet and fashioned some crude tools out of tent stakes wrapped in duct tape for handles to dig and chip away the substrate from around the tusks.”

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Once at UT Martin, Wenz and Gibson, who often collaborate, immediately expanded the benefit of the fossil find by placing them in the classroom. “We include students in these collaborative endeavors because we know that students like the thrill of discovery and this excites learning,” said Gibson. He added there are not many things better “than participating in being the first people to find and handle objects that predate humans or have not been seen by others.”

“So, as we have done in the past, we offered a special-topics course built around the two tusks found by one of our alumni, who thought of our department as the best place to get some answers . . . to me a sure sign that we reached this student and influenced his life in a positive way,” Gibson added.

Students learned how to clean and preserve the tusks and how to document and evaluate the find. “Science, history and geoarchaeology are usually taught in different departments, but overlap,” Gibson said. “Why not show students the value of a true liberal arts education and approach?”

There was controversy that arose around the find and how it was preserved. The removal of ivory and vertebrate material from state and federal lands is prohibited by law, unless by permit. Most people, even many professionals, do not realize this. In this case, the tusks were property of the State of Alaska and then removed from Alaska. One of the important aspects of the geoarchaeology class was to study the legal aspects of collecting vertebrate material and the responsibilities of researchers and the general public in such situations. The tusk material was already in Martin, so the next step was to contact the proper authorities in Alaska and determine their wishes concerning the final disposition of the material. Gibson contacted State Archaeologist Dan McMahan and Curator of Paleontology at the University of Alaska Museum of the North Daniel Odess. It was clear to all that the motivation for collecting these tusks was scientific preservation and not for private sale. The Alaskan authorities were pleased that the issue of improper collecting had been addressed in the geoarchaeology course, which is often an issue overlooked during many courses. Consequently, UT Martin will be able to keep the “Aniak River Mammoth Tusks” on loan from the museum for display.

As for James, who has a bachelor of science degree in history, he planned to teach English in Shenzhen, China, through the summer. Career objectives after that are still being considered. “I don’t have a clear idea on what I’m going to do. Perhaps I’ll try my hand at archaeology – woolly mammoth ivory today, El Dorado tomorrow.” **UTM**



# Not Your Typical Dorm Room

By Bud Grimes

These aren't the dorm rooms that alumni remember from their UT Martin days. Where Austin Peay Hall once stood, the new era of campus apartment-style living began in fall 2005 with the opening of University Village apartments. The \$16.7 million complex completes the Phase I transformation of university housing, with Phase II and a second apartment-style complex already under construction.

For Earl Wright, director of housing, the transition is the most significant he has seen in his 30 years with the university. The 396-bed University Village complex includes two-, three- and four-bedroom units. Apartments

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"We're talking about the same things that these students are accustomed to, and one of our goals was to have an

apartment that met what students were telling us they were looking for," Wright said. The apartments also open to balconies that are popular with students for studying and socializing, he said.

It didn't take long for the apartments to be a hit with current students.

"I like the independent living quality of the village," said Jennifer Kaufman, a sophomore athletic-training major from Franklin, Tenn., who previously lived in McCord Hall. "It's just a whole lot easier to adjust from living at home (to living on your own), because you can do so much more than in a dorm room, like cook for yourself and do your own laundry in your apartment and stuff like that."

Drew Hanks, a freshman animal-science major from Munford, Tenn., also likes the apartment-style amenities. He gives high marks to the combination of social interaction and privacy in the apartment setting, noting that social development is encouraged because "you have to share everything with everybody else."

With demand high for the new housing, the good news is that help is on the way. Phase II of the housing transition is targeted for completion in fall 2008. This phase will be a four-story, three-building complex featuring: apartments that open into a hallway, private bedrooms and split baths, combination living room and dining areas, and utility rooms with washers and dryers. Differing from University Village, these units will not have full kitchens.

Times have changed, and UT Martin housing is changing for the better to meet student expectations. More information about University Village is available on the Web at <http://www.utm.edu/departments/housing/index.php> or by calling the Office of Housing at 731-881-7730. **UTM**

As the result of support from H.J. and Mary Lou Maxedon, of Selmer, the UT Martin Department of Nursing has purchased the *SimMan* and *SimBaby* for the campus clinical skills laboratory. These life-like mannequins offer the instructors the ability to provide simulation education to challenge and test the students' clinical and decision-making skills during realistic patient-care scenarios. *SimMan* and *SimBaby* are realistic and flexible to meet the needs of multi-disciplinary educational requirements such as airway maintenance, care of chest tubes, physiologically correct pulses, blood pressure and pulse sounds, cardiac rhythms, defibrillation, pacing and intravenous training. From left, are: Morgan Sutton, Jamestown, junior nursing student; Jane Walker, Martin, graduate nursing student; Candace Renfroe, Huntingdon, graduate nursing student; Peggy Davis, Paris, UT Martin assistant professor of nursing; Mary Lou and H.J. Maxedon.



## Six Faculty Honored With Awards



UT Martin professors recognized during the Honors Day program for outstanding achievements in scholarship, citizenship, teaching and advising, pictured with Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor, top left, include, front row, Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede; second, Dr. S.K. Airee, the late Dorotha Norton (see page 34) and Dr. Dan Pigg; and third, Dr. Leslie LaChance.

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The recipients are:

- **Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede**, professor of English, and **Dr. S.K. Airee**, professor of chemistry, **Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award**.

The Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award of \$5,000 was established in 1993 by James R. Cunningham,

who attended UT Junior College in the 1930s. It is awarded annually to faculty members who have demonstrated strength in teaching and made a contribution to the teaching profession through scholarly activities, extracurricular achievements and leadership responsibilities.

- **Dr. Dan Pigg**, professor of English, and **Dr. Dan Tracy** (not pictured), assistant professor of management, **University of Tennessee National Alumni Award (UTNAA) Outstanding Teacher Award**.

Each year the UTNAA presents awards of \$2,000 to faculty members on each of the UT campuses who have been selected as outstanding teachers. Students, alumni and faculty nominate outstanding teachers, who then are evaluated on classroom performance, scholarship and service.

- **Dr. Leslie LaChance**, assistant professor of English, **Outstanding Advisor Award**.

The Outstanding Advisor Award of \$500 and a plaque are presented to the faculty member selected for demonstrating a caring attitude toward advisees, the ability to engage in developmental advising and other distinctive characteristics. The recipient also is eligible for the national award competition sponsored by the American College Testing Program and the National Academic Advising Association.

- The late **Dorotha Norton**, professor of communications, **Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award**.

The Coffey Outstanding Teaching award of \$3,000 was established in 1998 by Mai and Charlie Coffey and is awarded annually to a faculty member who demonstrates strength in teaching and contributes to the teaching profession through extracurricular achievements, leadership qualities and scholarly activities.



## Gracian Receives Love Service Award

Angelina Gracian (second from right), a May 2006 UT Martin graduate and native of Ft. Campbell, Ky., received a 2006 Love Community Service Award, April 20, in Nashville. Gracian, who received the award for outstanding community involvement, majored in health and human performance and was a member of the cross-country team. She is joined by (left to right) Dr. John Petersen, president, University of Tennessee System; Danelle Fabianich, UT Martin assistant athletics director for administration; and Chancellor Nick Dunagan.



## Dunagan is Weakley Countian of the Year

Dr. Nick Dunagan was honored as Weakley Countian of the Year during the fifth annual President's Banquet, May 4, at the Boling University Center. Nominations were accepted from across the county and submitted to the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured with Dunagan is Paul Tinkle ('76), last year's recipient. Tinkle made the presentation to the chancellor.

## Students Manage Real Money and Win First Place

By Erin Young, student writer

UT Martin finance students won first prize in the 2005 TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) Investment Challenge, in competition with 24 other schools. TVA provides cash awards to the top-three universities in the Investment Challenge that earn the highest returns for each calendar year. UT Martin had the highest returns, managing a stock portfolio valued at \$690,000 at the end of 2005.

In 2005, UT Martin students earned a 20.22 percent return on their investments. The finance program received a first-prize award of \$15,000 for the students' efforts. The University of Alabama at Huntsville placed second with an annual return of 16.55 percent and the University of Kentucky earned third place with a return of 16.49 percent. The Investment Challenge program as a whole returned 6.5 percent versus 4.9 percent for the S&P 500 for 2005. This makes six out of seven years that the Investment Challenge program has beaten the S&P 500.

TVA's Investment Challenge is a partnership between TVA and 25 universities in its service territory. The program provides a real-world learning experience in portfolio management by giving teams of students hands-on experience managing TVA stock portfolios.

Students actively manage TVA funds by designing long-term investment strategies, placing trades and providing performance reports to TVA. UT Martin students were guided by Dr. Mahmoud Haddad and Dr. Arnold Redman, both professors of finance. The students learn how to manage real money and are held to similar guidelines as TVA's professional money managers.

"Our students last year obviously did a superior job in managing our portfolio, with a current value around \$725,000," said Redman.

Dr. Thomas Payne, UT Martin Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking, added, "The challenge in itself provides excellent hands-on, real-world experience for the students."

The TVA Board created the Investment Challenge Program in 1998 to diversify the management of its Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund and give Tennessee Valley students experience in managing a stock portfolio. Originally, 19 universities received investment funds of \$100,000 apiece, for a total of \$1.9 million. The program has expanded to include 25 universities, and the funds total approximately \$10 million. **UTM**

## Notable Campus Achievements

- ☺ The University of Tennessee at Martin Collegiate FFA Chapter received Tennessee's "Outstanding Collegiate FFA Chapter Award" for the second consecutive year at the FFA Alumni Convention in Montgomery Bell State Park.
- ☺ *The Pacer* was named the best college newspaper in the Southeast during the Southeast Journalism Conference in Atlanta. *The Pacer* topped newspapers from much larger schools throughout the Southeast, including Vanderbilt, the University of Alabama and LSU. The Associated Press judges called *The Pacer* "timely and relevant," particularly liking editorial writing and layout design.
- ☺ In addition, the campus radio station, WUTM, was named third-best campus radio station in the Southeast, also beating out many larger schools among the 60 member institutions in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.
- ☺ Spring semester's enrollment of 6,225 was a 7% increase over last spring's enrollment and was a record for the university.
- ☺ The most recent Enrolled Student Survey showed that UT Martin had the highest student satisfaction level of any four-year institution in Tennessee. **UTM**



The UT Martin Physical Plant won a 2005 Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) Green Star honor award for University and College Grounds. The Green Star Awards program recognizes grounds maintained with a high degree of excellence. From left are Tim Nipp, physical plant director; Tommy Ray, grounds supervisor; Floyd Collins, building and grounds servicer; Mike Davis, projects and grounds coordinator; Terry Little, grounds supervisor; Kenneth Chappell, grounds foreman; Ronnie Travis, Joe Estes and Gary Gallimore, building and grounds servicers.

Review each week's happenings on campus by reading the online version of *The Pacer* at <http://pacer.utm.edu/>. Follow Skyhawk sports on the Web at [www.utmssports.com](http://www.utmssports.com). See recent UT Martin stories in the news at [www.utm.edu/departments/uni-vrel/news\\_clippings/index.php](http://www.utm.edu/departments/uni-vrel/news_clippings/index.php)



In March, **Keith Carver** joined the UT Martin advancement team as assistant vice chancellor for development. For the past seven years, Carver served as director of development for the College of Law at UT Knoxville, where he built an impressive track record. In his position at UT Martin, he is working with campaign planning, major gift solicitation and constituent-based fund raising. Keith is well-respected by his peers in alumni and development across the region and served as president of the Tennessee Advancement Resources Council (TARC), taught in the University of Tennessee Professional Development Program and has been a presenter for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

**Carnicus:  
Forty  
Years  
of UT  
Martin  
Tradition**

This 60-minute documentary film of the university's Carnicus between 1929 and 1969, features photos, interviews and film footage. Three extra features include another hour of photo galleries and original silent film footage. Standard DVD-playable disk is available through the UT Martin Bookstore ([www.utm.bkstore.com](http://www.utm.bkstore.com)). Proceeds fund the UT Martin Alumni Library Endowment.



## Students Like Advantages of UT Martin Dual-Credit Program

Dyer County High School dual-credit students are quick to say what they like about the dual-credit history class offered by UT Martin that earns both high school and college credits. Their reasons for pursuing dual-credit range from becoming accustomed to college life to getting a head start on a college degree.

During the spring semester, there were 49 courses taught in cooperation with 21 area high schools. UT Martin set an all-time record with dual credit/concurrent spring enrollment at 468, besting the previous record of 356 set in fall 2005. And, UT Martin ranked third in Tennessee for dual-credit students receiving lottery funds this year – 337 awards totalling more than \$100,000.

“These students are generally very, very bright,” said Brent Cox, UT Martin instructor of history, who serves as the dual-credit instructor for DCHS. Cox thinks dual-credit courses are valuable, and they are a growing trend.

“Dual-credit ... through UT Martin provides a unique opportunity for students and enhances the curriculum for our school,” said Peggy Dodds, DCHS principal.

The course is delivered to DCHS via interactive television. DCHS partnered with UT Martin on a USDA Rural Utility Services (RUS) grant which provided a \$100,000 “distance learning” room in the high school so the students (and community) could take advantage of UT Martin courses.



Brent Cox, right, UT Martin instructor of history, talks to dual-credit students from Dyer County High School, who are enrolled in his course. As part of the program, the students receive both high school and college credit. From left, are Danielle McBath, Alisha Tolley, Megan Melton, Lyra Thurmond, Erica Whitt, Ashley Sanders, Katlin Sander and Lauren Wood.

Cox said he treats the dual-credit students just like the college students in his classroom at UT Martin. They hear the same lectures, are responsible for covering the same material and meeting all course requirements.

Cheryl Cobb, a DCHS dual-credit teacher and UT Martin alumna, is pleased the students have taken advantage of an opportunity – or have seen the opportunity in having dual-credit courses available. Some of them, she notes, had no idea about the amount of material that is covered and the “seriousness” of the study in college courses. “It’s been wonderful.”

“I registered, of course, for the extra credit, and I’ll have college already under my belt. I’m less intimidated about going to college now,” said Danielle McBath, a junior.

Currently, courses are offered in English composition, algebra, pre-calculus, agriculture, geology, foreign language, history and art. Close coordination between UT Martin and high schools ensures academic quality, student services and faculty support.

Contact the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at 731-425-9277 or 1-888-UTM-GRAD or email [ecce@utm.edu](mailto:ecce@utm.edu) for more information. **UTM**

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Director of Development  
Jeanna Swafford

## Planned giving

is an important part of our fund-raising efforts at UT Martin. Planned or deferred giving is an overall concept referring to making a charitable gift in relation to your estate. It includes several plans such as trusts, gift annuities and retained life estates. Each of these has its own benefits—depending on your intentions—which include reducing estate tax or income tax, establishing lifetime income, or providing income for your heirs. However, the simplest way to remember your favorite charity is through a provision in your will.

There have been published reports that up to 50 percent of the two million Americans who pass away each year do not have valid wills. Those who don't have one may not realize how important it is or think they don't own enough property to need a will. In actuality, the smaller the estate, the more quickly it needs to be settled, as delays can mean increased expenses. If you are married, it is important that each spouse has a will, even when the two are essentially the same. Each document should take into account any special bequests to other family members, such as jewelry or a personal collection.

**For the protection of your family and your assets, make sure you have a will.** Periodically, it's a good idea to run through a little checklist to make sure your last will and testament is ready to go. Here are some questions to ask.

1. **Is my will current?** This is an important question because many people have

a will tucked away someplace that is so outdated, it is practically useless. In fact, an out-of-date will can actually cause more problems for your loved ones than not having a will at all. Tax laws change and the size and extent of your assets may have changed, as well. Updating your will allows you to take advantage of recent tax developments and new techniques in estate planning.

2. **Does my will still represent my needs and wishes?** Your family situation may have changed over the years so that you no longer have dependents at home. Perhaps your estate has grown beyond your earlier estimates. Maybe you've changed your mind about some of your bequests. The more time that passes and the more changes that occur in your life, the more you should consider bringing your will "up to speed."

3. **Is my will still legal and valid? Have you moved to a different state since creating your last will?** The laws may differ, and your old will may be invalid. Perhaps you prepared your own will and missed something of vital importance, like proper signatures. Considering the importance of your last will and testament, it makes good sense to have a reputable attorney review your current will or even draft you a new one.

4. **Where is my will? Is it safe? Where do you keep the original copy of your will? Is it safely tucked away in a fire-proof home safe? Or is it in a file folder or an old shoebox under the bed?** This is a precious document and should be either in a bank safety deposit box or

some other place where it is protected from fire and thievery.

5. **Does my personal representative have all needed information?** After selecting a safe place to store your will, be sure to tell your personal representative where to find it. Imagine the frustration and added grief by being unable to fulfill your wishes in settling your estate. In addition to informing your representative about your will (and maybe even giving them a key or combination to such), you might also provide a list of accounts, assets and funeral instructions.

There is a sixth question you might also consider: **Have I included the University of Tennessee at Martin in my estate plans?** If and when you do update your will—or maybe prepare one for the first time—we hope you will consider adding a bequest to UT Martin. There are innovative, tax-smart ways you can use an estate gift to create a legacy, as well as make a difference for our faculty and students for years to come. If you already made a bequest to the university, please let us know. It will help in our long-range planning as well as ensure your gift will be used as intended.

**We have a good brochure that provides information on wills and basic estate planning.** We will be glad to send you one free of charge. Just contact the Office of Development at 731-881-7620 or email your request to [plannedgiving@utm.edu](mailto:plannedgiving@utm.edu).

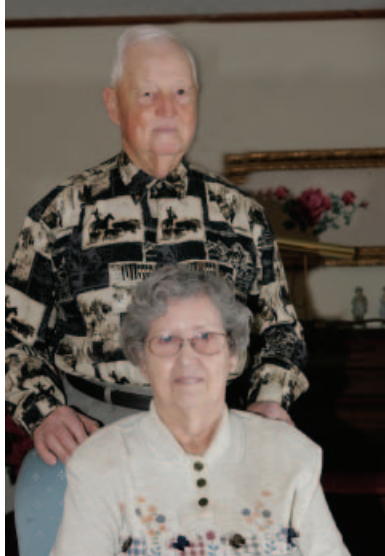
## The Gift That Keeps A Roof Over Your Head

One of the least utilized (and most flexible and simple) planned-giving vehicles for donors to consider is the **retained life estate**. To make such a gift, the donor simply deeds either a personal residence, vacation home or farm to the University of Tennessee while retaining the right to live there as long as they live. The donor receives an income tax deduction based on their age and value of the land and the improvements. The asset is removed from their estate with no impact on the donor's lifestyle.

The value of both the land and the improvements must be determined by obtaining a "qualified appraisal" in accordance with IRS regulations. This appraisal must, by law, be obtained by the donor, and not by the university. The donor remains responsible for property taxes, insurance and maintenance as long as they occupy the premises. If circumstances force the donor to move, the property can be sold with the university joining in the sale with the donor and each sharing in the proceeds based on the donor's age at the time the property is sold.

If the retained life estate might fit your tax and estate planning needs, please contact the Development Office at 731-881-7620 or [plannedgiving@utm.edu](mailto:plannedgiving@utm.edu) for further information.

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## Wootens' Donation of Land Gives Rodeo Team Permanent "Home"

John and Mary Wooten of Dresden have spent the past 20 years contributing to the success of the rodeo program at UT Martin – recently making a gift of property for the rodeo team "home."

"We try to support the college," said Wooten. "Mainly it's been in the name of our son, John Herbert. That's the reason it came about."

Wooten said his late son graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and always liked rodeo. "When he'd come home, he'd go over to Martin and get acquainted with the team."

"Johnny loved the rodeo," Mrs. Wooten added.

At UT Knoxville, the Wootens' son was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, the National Block and Bridle Club and the rodeo team. He also held a national membership in the International Rodeo Association. After graduation in 1976, he eventually became a franchised Chevrolet dealer with Wooten Chevrolet in Dresden.

From the first gift in 1986 in memory of their son that helped construct an agriculture classroom at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex, to the most recent gift of property, the couple thinks the donations are well placed.

In combination with state appropriations, the Wootens' 1986 gift in memory of their son made possible the academic section at the agricultural complex. Included is a 90-person classroom, four offices, agriculture and mechanics bays for welding repair and woodworking, men's and women's locker rooms, and indoor and outdoor equipment wash racks.

A bronze plaque with John Herbert Wooten's likeness is displayed in the complex marking the gift and dedication.

About that same time, the rodeo team qualified for national competition and members approached Wooten, longtime Chevrolet dealer in Dresden, for \$5,000 to help pay expenses to compete. "I told them, 'I'll make a deal with you. Any time you all make the finals, I'll give you \$5,000 to go,' and they haven't missed a year since," he said, admitting that initially, he did not think it would be an annual occurrence.

Later, the Wootens donated a needed bucking machine, a truck and a spreader wagon.

The most recent gift evolved following the Wootens' purchase of a farm about seven years ago. At that time, he leased the property to UT Martin for use by the rodeo team. Last fall, he decided to pursue one of the gift programs that would allow him to go ahead and donate the property and receive a monthly income from it.

"We have accumulated a few things and don't have anyone to leave it to, except our daughter (Linda Sue Highers, of Madison, a graduate of the UT Health Science Center and a hospital director of pharmacy)," Wooten said.

"This is a generous show of support to our campus and to the rodeo team," said Chancellor Nick Dunagan. "The Wootens' support began years ago as a tribute to their son and has spanned more than 20 years. The rodeo team now has a permanent home because of them." **UTM**

## Skyhawk Football Coach Introduces Staff



New Skyhawk head football coach **Jason Simpson** put the finishing touches on his coaching staff early in the spring semester.

The assistant coaches join the Skyhawks from a variety of schools from

the South, including East Central Community College in Mississippi, UT Chattanooga, UT Knoxville, Charleston Southern, Southern Mississippi and Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Simpson, who was hired Dec. 21, will coach the quarterbacks and serve as the offensive coordinator.

**Chris Boone** will serve as the team's defensive coordinator. Before coming to UT Martin, Boone was the defensive coordinator, secondary coach and recruiting coordinator at East Central Community College in Decatur, Miss.

**Ferrell Trimm** will be the special teams coordinator and coach the safeties. Trimm served as a defensive graduate assistant last season at Southern Mississippi.

**Chris Achuff** will coach the Skyhawk defensive line. Last season, Achuff coached the defensive line at Charleston Southern.

**Shep Campbell** will coach the Skyhawk cornerbacks. Campbell comes to the Skyhawks from UT Knoxville where he worked with the Volunteer defensive backs last season.

**Geep Wade**, also an assistant coach at UT Chattanooga with Simpson, will coach the Skyhawk offensive linemen. Wade comes to UT Martin from UT Knoxville, where he was an offensive graduate assistant.

**Kent Laster** will coach wide receivers and serve as the team's recruiting coordinator. Laster and Simpson worked together at Texas State, plus Laster has Ohio Valley Conference coaching experience.

**Will Harriger** will work with the Skyhawk tight ends. Harriger joins the Skyhawks from Midwestern State in Wichita Falls, Texas. **UTM**

Skyhawk football coaching staff includes (top row) Ferrell Trimm, Shep Campbell, Chris Boone, (bottom row) Kent Laster, Chris Achuff, Geep Wade, and Will Harriger.



The UT Martin women's tennis team clinched the Ohio Valley Conference regular season title. The Skyhawk women were seeded No. 1 in the OVC tournament in Nashville where they earned a first-round bye.

## Two Former Coaches, Three Players Elected to Hall of Fame

Former UT Martin head football coach **Don McLeary** and former football player **Johnny Wright** will be inducted into the university's Hall of Fame during the Letterwinners Breakfast and homecoming activities, Oct. 28.

Also being inducted into the Hall of Fame will be former women's basketball player **Zabrina Harris**, former softball player **Janeé Heath** and former wrestling coach **Richard (Bud) Reiselt**.

McLeary served as the head football coach from 1986-96, and is the university's third all-time winningest coach. He led the 1988 team to the Gulf South Conference Championship and the NCAA Division II Quarterfinals.

Wright, from Honea Path, S.C., played football at UT Martin from 1970-74. He was a four-year starter at offensive tackle. He earned All-Gulf South Conference team honors in 1974.

Harris, from Gary, Ind., played from 1996-1999. She was named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference Freshman Team, earned All-OVC two consecutive seasons and was named the 1999 OVC Player of the Year.

Heath, from Mayfield, Ky., played softball for two seasons (1995 and 1996) at UT Martin. She currently holds the school record for highest slugging percentage (.630). She is among the top 10 in UT Martin history in six statistical categories.

Reiselt started the wrestling program at UT Martin in 1969 and coached the team from 1969-1973 and from 1974-75. He coached the wrestling team's first Hall of Fame inductee, Bruce Boggs, who qualified to represent UT Martin in the NCAA Division II National Championship. **UTM**

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## Athletes of the Year Named

Skyhawk senior men's basketball player **Jared Newson** (*top, left*) and senior women's soccer player **Lindsey Tilk** (*bottom, left*) were named athletes of the year recently at the senior banquet sponsored by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Office of Alumni Relations.

Newson was one of 64 college seniors invited to participate in the Portsmouth Invitational Tournament. The 6-5 forward from Belleville, Ill., also earned first-team, All-Ohio Valley Conference honors for the Skyhawks this past season.

He averaged 18.8 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. He finished his three-year tenure at UT Martin with 1,347 points and is the university's third all-time leading scorer.

Tilk, who served as the Skyhawks' co-captain, was named the team's Most Valuable Player this season. The 5-6 defender from Edmond, Okla., started and played in all 19 matches last season. She also scored three goals and had one assist for a total of seven points.

Tilk was a four-year defensive starter for the Skyhawks, and she started and played in 73 consecutive matches without missing a single match in four years. **UTM**



## Skyhawk Football Player Earns Academic All-America Honor

Skyhawk senior football player **Chad McMahan** (*below*) was named to the 2005 *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-America Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors Association.

McMahan, who graduated in May with a degree in biology, is the first UT Martin athlete since 1990 to receive the prestigious academic honor. Only two

other UT Martin athletes, Mary Kate Long (women's basketball) and Dave Clark (rifle), have ever received first-team Academic-All America honors.

McMahan, a defensive back, played in 10 games last season and recorded 71 total tackles and 54 solo tackles.

McMahan was also selected as one of six individuals to receive the Ohio Valley Conference prestigious Scholar-Athlete Award for 2005-06. The award is the highest individual honor that can be earned by OVC student-athletes.

Individuals are selected for the Academic All-America team through voting by CoSIDA, the College Sports Information Directors of America, a 2,000-member organization consisting of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.



## Rodeo Team Shines

The Skyhawk men's rodeo team finished sixth in the nation in the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo. This is the best finish for UT Martin since 1998.

"I am extremely proud of the team," Coach John Luthi said. "We will use this sixth-place finish as momentum for next season."

Jeff Fuehring, a senior from Michigan, finished third in the nation in the bareback riding competition.

Sophomore Ty Atchison finished second in the nation in the saddle bronc. **UTM**



Starting this year, all OVC schools will video-stream all home football, men's and women's basketball games. The premium site will be **ovc-sports.tv**, and the first stream is complimentary.

The first broadcast will be available July 25 for the OVC Football Media Day. To access **ovcsports.tv**, go to **ovcsports.com** for more information.

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To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his or her current institution and be nominated by his or her sports information director. **UTM**

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# Alumni Relations

# The Real Deal



Director of Alumni Relations  
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## A day in the life of a UT Martin Alumni Director...

As I watched the graduates dance across the stage during the May Commencement program, I started to reflect on my very own graduation, what now seems to be an eternity ago. So, join me in this quick little exercise (please do not try this while driving). Close your eyes and try to remember your very first day on campus. Do you recall your first class? What building you lived in or took your first class in? How much the books cost?

Now, fast forward to your last day on this great campus. What was your last class? Who was your favorite teacher? What was your feeling when you walked across the stage and received your diploma? You can open your eyes now, and we will pretend that no one

was laughing at you. I will share with you my thoughts and memories:

**First class:** Biology 110 with Dr. Randy Cates (which was so thought provoking, I took it in spring, too!).

**First Building:** Austin Peay Hall D144 on the left side. My roommate is now a news producer for WPSD-TV in Paducah, Ky.

**How much books cost:** Don't know the exact cost, but it seemed high to me! I think Jerry Carpenter made millions for the university.

**My last class:** Management 340

**My favorite teacher:** Several come to mind, but Dorothea Norton stands out because of the care and compassion she showed when my father passed away.

**My feeling when I walked across the stage:** I did it! Oh no, I did it? What am I going to do now?

We each have our own story and our own memories. I invite you back to campus during **Homecoming 2006** to share your memories with others. Take a minute to visit our Web site and answer our Homecoming 2006 survey that has just two questions:

1. Who was your favorite teacher?
2. What is the one thing you wish you could do at homecoming?

Until next year, take care and keep saying great things about your *alma mater*, the University of Tennessee at Martin!

## Golden Grad Reunion: Aug. 11 and 12, 2006

The University of Tennessee at Martin proudly welcomes the Class of 1956 into the Golden Grads. All members of the Golden Grads are invited back to enjoy this very special reunion. More details will be sent closer to reunion time.



## Outstanding Teacher Nomination

If you would like to nominate a teacher for the UT National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award, please submit the following to the Office of Alumni Relations, 314 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238.

Please include:

1. **Teacher's Name.**
2. **Why he/she should be considered.**

## The Grand Finale and Senior Walk Are Times For “Goodbye and Good Luck”

UT Martin celebrated the accomplishments of its spring and summer graduates at the second Grand Finale Celebration and Senior Walk, hosted in the Quad. More than 408 graduates took the opportunity to say goodbye to classmates, faculty and staff. The event offered door prizes, food and entertainment and was hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations and the Division of Student Affairs.



On their way to graduation practice, graduating students walk through the Quad amidst the cheering of faculty and staff (above and top, right). (Immediate right) UT Martin students on graduation day.



## Thank you, Alumni Council

The Office of Alumni Relations would like to thank the following volunteer alumni leaders for their time and talent in guiding alumni work for UT Martin. A very sincere “thank you” goes to Betsy Brasher ('98) for her work serving as president last year and a big “thank you” to Michael Bobo ('91) for serving as this year's president. Also, congratulations to Ray Pollard ('61) for being selected chair of the past presidents of the UT Martin Alumni Council. If you are interested in serving on the UT Martin Alumni Council, please visit the alumni Web site at [www.utmforever.com](http://www.utmforever.com).

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Please also use this form to update your address if it has changed.

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Would you consider taking an active leadership role in UT Martin alumni activities? Yes  No

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If you know anyone who may be interested in UT Martin and is a high school junior or senior, please give us his or her name and address.

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**Enclose a recent color headshot photo, if possible.**

No low-resolution digital photos, please! Photographs cannot be returned to you. Every effort will be made to use all color headshots submitted. However, space considerations and/or photo quality may prevent us from using submitted photos in some instances.

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 Martin, TN 38238  
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## 1965

**Durwood G. Moore** ('65) is an attorney and general sessions court judge in Dickson, Tenn. He and wife, **Nancye Jo Travis Moore** ('59), who is retired, live in Dickson and have three children: Rusty, 46; Johnny, 42; and Jody, 30. Email: omanodelake@aol.com and nanaroo@aol.com

## 1971

**Larry Burris** ('71) and his wife, **Betty Burris** ('70), own Lake Pointe Advertising and live in Blountville, Tenn. They have two children: LeAnne, 35; and Brantley, 26. Email: lburriss@lakepointeadvertising.com

**Frances Elizabeth (Beth) Garvin** ('71) is a homemaker and does volunteer work. She and husband, Robert, live in Lilburn, Ga. They have three children: Amanda, 22; Robert Jr., 20; and Kathryn, 17. Email: beth\_garvin@bellsouth.net

## 1972

**Ronald O. Bogle** ('72) and wife, Phyllis, live in Cullman, Ala. Email: rpbogle@bellsouth.net

## 1973

**Rickie H. Lowe** ('73) is a certified public accountant with Weatherspoon/Lowe/Wallace, CPA. He and wife, Marilyn, live in Clarksville, Tenn. They have two children: Matthew, 31; and Christina, 18. Email: rick@wlwcpa.net

## 1974

**Gladys Evelyn Marshall McGowan** ('74) is an office manager for Value Acquisition Fund in Memphis, where she and her husband, Otis, live. Email: gladysmcgowan@aol.com

## 1975

**Thomas Robert Griffin** ('75) is a history teacher at Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts. He and wife, Jeanne, live in Hot Springs, Ark. Email: griffin38122@yahoo.com

**Anita Richardson Livengood** ('75) has retired after teaching first grade for 30 years at Linden Elementary School. She and husband, Ricky, live in Linden and have two children: Graig, 29; and Jessica, 23.

**Vic Quinn** ('75) is an insurance agent with Farmers Insurance Group. He and wife, **Cathy**

**Tasha Blakney** ('96) is co-founding member and partner of Eldridge and Blakney, P.C. in Knoxville, Tenn. She serves on the Board of Governors for the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, is a member of the

House of Delegates for the Tennessee Bar Association, is on the board of the Knoxville Barristers and the Tennessee Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, and was recently elected to serve as a member of Tennessee's delegation in the American Bar Association House of Delegates. She was honored as one of three Knoxville attorneys to receive the 2005 Knoxville Bar Association President's Award for service to the bar association and community.



**Ramsey Quinn** ('75), who has retired, have one son, Bryan, 32, and live in Conway, Ark. Email: vquinn@farmersagent.com

**Lizabeth Ann Wyant** ('75) has retired as a registered nurse in intensive care. She is serving on a two-year service church mission trip in Arizona. She also sponsors a nursing and history scholarship at UT Martin in honor of her parents. Email: lizabethwyant@cox.net

## 1976

**Charles I. McCraw** ('76) is regional president of First Tennessee Bank. He and wife, Beverly, live in Germantown, Tenn., and have two children: Elizabeth, 21; and John, 15. Email: cimccraw@aol.com

**Jason (Jay) Bryan Williams** ('76) is in computer software sales with QS/1 Data Systems, where he received a five-year service award as national sales manager in 2005. He and wife, Jenny, live in Franklin, Tenn. They have three children: Bryan, 23; Patty, 20; and Thomas, 17. Email: jwilliams@qs1.com

## 1977

**Kenneth Michael Draffin** ('77) is a national sales agent for Langston. He also started Hearts for Adoption, an educational and support ministry for those in the adoption process. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Germantown, Tenn. They have three children: Lauren, 19; Reed, 16; and Cordine, 8. Email: kdraffin@langstonbag.com

**Paul Leenaarts** ('77) is the manager of global product support for Aviation Tires. His wife, **Winnie Wright Leenaarts** ('73), is a floral design consultant for her own company, Winnie Leenaarts, WIFD. They live in Akron, Ohio, and have one son: Jason, 30. Email: paul\_leenaarts@goodyear.com



Ole Miss head rifle coach **Valerie Boothe** ('96) was named the national coach of the year by the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association.

"I was absolutely stunned," said Boothe, who is the only head coach in Ole Miss rifle history. "It is a great honor to be recognized by your peers. Normally, awards like this go to the national champion. To have your peers honor your work is very special to me."

A native of Livingston, Tenn., Boothe was a collegiate shooter at UT Martin from 1992 to 1996. She won the Tennessee State Smallbore title in 1994 and captured four Tennessee State Air Rifle championships from 1993 to 1996. Boothe also competed in the Junior Olympics on four different occasions.

## 1978

**Myra Bullard Gideon** ('78) is currently working on her master's degree in counseling and is a graduate assistant at Midwestern State University. She and her husband, Mark, live in Iowa Park, Texas, with their two children: Stephanie, 24; and James, 21. Email: mmgideon01@hotmail.com

**Antoinette Cortese Gygi** ('78) is an accountant for Jackson Hewitt. She lives in Huntington, W.Va., and has two children: Donald, 25; and Tammy, 23. Email: tcgygi@aol.com

**Elissa Hart Middleton** ('78) is a counselor for Monroe County Schools and E.E. Pickle Funeral Home. She and her husband, Dean, live in Amory, Miss. They have one child: Deana, 21. Email: deanam@traceroad.net

## 1979

**Vickie Armstrong Ferrell Washburn** ('79) is an assistant credit manager for Acme Brick/Edmonds Materials. She and her husband, Danny, live in Memphis, Tenn. They have three children: David, 32; Eric, 15; and Matthew, 12. Email: vickiewashburn57@wmconnect.com

## 1980

**Randall Houston Brown** ('80) is an executive vice president and chief financial officer for Education Realty Trust, Inc. He is married to **Angela Joy Brown** ('82). They live in Collierville, Tenn., with their two children: Houston, 18; and Natalie, 13. Email: brown57@bellsouth.net

**Frederick L. Lucas** ('80) is a special education teacher at the McDowell Center. He lives in Dyersburg, Tenn. Email: lucasdyer@aol.com

## 1981

**John Summers Spurlock** ('81) is a vice president for Pinnacle One. He is married to **Julie Hughes Spurlock** ('81), who is an elementary school teacher for the Conejo Valley Unified School District. They live in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Email: jss15@hotmail.com

**Scott Anthony Eagen** ('81) is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. He married **Patricia Lyn Eagen** ('81). They live in West Point, N.Y., with their two children: Andrew, 21; and Thomas, 18. Email: scotteagens@aol.com

## 1987

**Monib Abdo** ('87) is a sales manager for Sat Path Middle East, Inc. He has two children: Soraida, 18; and Samah, 15. Email: msabdo@gmail.com

**William Martin Fisher** ('87) is manager of recorded media collections for The Center for Popular Music. He and his wife, Bethanne, live in Nashville, Tenn. Email: nipper@infionline.net

## 1988

**Timothy Ross Davis** ('88) is employed at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Inc. He is married to **Jana Freeland Davis** ('87), who is a homemaker. They have three children: Barrett, 9; Parker, 8; and Grayson, 2. They live in Danville, Va. Email: vavols04@aol.com

**Brian Allen Jones** ('88) is a teacher and coach for Decatur County Riverside High School. He and his wife, Melissa, live in Parsons, Tenn., with their three children: Jeremy, 15; J.E.B., 12; and Brady, 8. Email: jonesb2@k12tn.net

**Jerry McDaniel** ('88) has retired from the military and owns Oma's Antik Haus. He and his wife, Laura, live in Clarksburg, Tenn. They have three children: Brad, 28; Jeremy, 23; and Sue, 22. Email: jmcdaniel@cavalry.com

**Nina Katherine Sublette** ('88) is a lecturer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Global AIDS Program in collaboration with Guyana Ministry of Health. She also works with the Prevention of Maternal-Fetal HIV Transmission in Georgetown and Guyana, South America. Nina resides in Memphis, Tenn. Email: nsublett@utm.edu

## 1989

**Donna Davis** ('89) is the chief financial officer and CPA for Cameron Mitchell Restaurants, LLC. She and her husband, Robert, live in New Albany, Ohio, and have one child: Ashlyn, 1 month. Email: donnadavis@insight.rr.com

**Robert B. Lanigan** ('89) is a sales manager for Future Brands LLC. He resides in Bloomingdale, Ill., and has one child: Sydney, 7. Email: bob.lanigan@futurebrandsllc.com



**John T. Harris** ('63) of Lenior City was presented the 2005 GIS Champion Award by the Tennessee Geographic Information Council at the annual conference earlier this year. The award was given to Harris for dedicated service to the TNGIC. Harris was the principal organizer in 1992 and served as the first president in 1993. Harris retired after a 35-year career with the United States Department of Agriculture in 1997.

## 1990

**Yusuke Aoki** ('90) is a consultant and developer for Mediaware Craftory. He and his wife live in Tokyo, Japan. Email: aoki.yusuke@nifty.ne.jp

**Chris A. Carrigan** ('90) is a police officer for the Raleigh Police Department. He and his wife, Bonita, live in Raleigh, N.C. They have two children: Gunnar, 7; and Cody, 2. Email: chris\_carrigan@bellsouth.net

**Tonia Regina Smith Johnson** ('90) is a counselor for the Shelby County Government Pretrial Services. She lives in Cordova, Tenn., and has one child: Malondria, 11. Email: johnson4764@bellsouth.net

## 1991

**Alfred Lee Bowling** ('91) owns his own business: On Doody, a pet waste removal service. He and his wife, Katherine, live in Cordova, Tenn. Email: lee@ondoodo.com

**Keith Byrd** ('91) is a photographer and editor for RIVR Media. He is married to **Judith Kane Byrd** ('90), who is vice president of project services and public relations for TBC Solutions, Inc. They live in Knoxville with their two children: Spenser, 5; and Parker, 3. Email: tnfanbyrd@yahoo.com

**Mark Allen Greene** ('91) is a forestry supervisor for Gibson Electric Membership Corp. He is married to **Bethany Louise Smith Greene** ('99), who is a

taxpayer services representative for the Tennessee Department of Revenue. They live in Trenton, Tenn., with their three children: Caleb, 10; Jacob, 6; and Josi, 2. Email: magreene@usit.net

**Spencer Alex Haley** ('91) is an oral surgeon in practice with Drs. Cooper, Provence, and Haley P.C. He and his wife, Meg, live in Nashville, Tenn., with their three children: Matthew, 6; Luke, 4; and Mary, 1. Email: maduska@bellsouth.net

**Beverly Hanks Stephens** ('91) is a certified public accountant for Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLLC. She and her husband, Eugene, live in Dyer, Tenn., and have one son: Sean, 16. Email: BStephens@atacpa.net

## 1992

**Marcus Mitchell** ('92) is a banker for MBNA America. He and his wife, Leslie, live in New Castle, Del. They have one child: Christian, 1. Email: marcus.mitchell@mbna.com

## 1993

**Angie Pickens Dorwin** ('93) is a physical therapist at Fort Sanders Medical Center. She and her husband, Patrick, live in Sevierville, Tenn., and have one child: Eli, 20 months. Email: angieandeli@aol.com

**Caryn Capers Hanna** ('93) is a self-employed account manager. She and her husband, Christopher, live in Webster, N.Y. Email: carynac@hotmail.com

**Carol Ratliff Minton** ('93) practices optometry at the Milan Eye Clinic. She and her husband, Adam, have two children: Nathan, 3; and Courtney, 2 months.

**Charles B. Watkins** ('93) is a senior instructor for New Horizons Computer Learning Center. He and his wife, **Civil Miller Watkins** ('94), also own their own business: 3 Jewels and Associates. They live in Memphis, Tenn., with their seven children: Diondria, 18; Adarian, 13; Charles, 11; Solomon, 5; Justice, 4; Emeth, 2; and Chayil, 5 months. Email: cbwatkins@gmail.com

**Melissa Holland Wilson** ('93) is an administrative assistant in water technologies for Buckman Laboratories, Inc. She and her husband, John, live in Millington, Tenn., with their child: Sarah, 7. Email: melissahw42@yahoo.com

## 1994

**Gloria Coffman Brien** ('94) is a registered dietitian at the Regional Hospital of Jackson. Her husband, **Buddy Brien** ('94), is a wildlife law enforcement agent for Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. They live in Milan, Tenn., with their child: Kayla, 1. Email: gbrien@click1.net

**Derrel D. Denton** ('94) is a juvenile probation officer for Montgomery County. He and his wife, Ashley, live in Clarksville, Tenn. They have one child, Destiny. Email: DDDenton@montgomerycountyttn.org

**Julie Sensing Escue** ('94) is a kindergarten teacher at Stuart Burns Elementary School in Dickson County. She and her husband, David, live in Cumberland Furnace, Tenn., with their son: Grant, 2. Email: jescue@dcbe.org

**Michael L. Mohler** ('94) recently earned a doctorate in medicinal chemistry and is now a research scientist and legal liaison for GTx, Inc. The Men's Health Biotech. He is married to **Heather A. Pratt** ('93), who is a veterinarian. They live in Memphis, Tenn. Email: mmohler@gtxinc.com

**Brant Taylor Smith** ('94) is a biology teacher at Clarksville High School in Montgomery County and was a recent recipient of the Green Apple award for the 2005-06 school year. He and his wife, Christina, live in Adams, Tenn., with their two children: Taylor, 3; and Garrett, 17 months. Email: turkeykiller@charter.net

## 1995

**Marion Lisa Fryer** ('95) is a teacher for the Shelby County School System. She lives in Cordova, Tenn., and has one child: Kimel, 18. Email: lifryer@bellsouth.net

**Tiffany Shea Townsend Johnson** ('95) is a high school teacher at South Side High School. She and her husband, Allen, live in Selmer, Tenn., with their two children: Tyler, 6; and William, 18 months. Email: kjohnson65@charter.net

**Tricia C. Satkowski** ('95) is the assistant dean for administration at the College of Nursing at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She lives in Sherwood, Ark., and has one daughter: Jenna, 16 months. Email: tcs1utfan@aol.com

**Mellisa K. Howell Wagner** ('95) is a marketing specialist and proposal writer for Jacobs Sverdrup. She lives in Tullahoma, Tenn. Email: TNYellowDog@bellsouth.net

## 1996

**Jeffery Trey Halterman** ('96) is a special agent for the FBI and is assigned to the Washington Field Office. He lives in Alexandria, Va. Email: t\_halterman@hotmail.com

**Rachel Knight** ('96) is a teacher for Orange County Schools and was awarded Teacher of the Year for 2006. She lives in Orlando, Fla. Email: knightr@ocps.net

## 1997

**Shandra Noel Blackwell** ('97) founded Shea-Noel Interiors, Inc. in 2005 and is the principal designer. She returned to the UT Martin campus in spring semester 2005 to teach the senior-level interior design course *Commercial Interior Design Studio*. Her husband, **Robert Lee Blackwell** ('97), is a developer for Accredo Health. They live in Lakeland, Tenn., and have one child: Trace, 3. Email: shandra@shea-noel.com or robert@idavidson.net



**LaShone Brown** ('97) is a medical social worker for Satellite Health Care and is working toward licensure in counseling.

His wife, **Jennifer Wilson Brown** ('01), is a seventh grade teacher at Rio Calaveras. They live in Modesto, Calif. Email: lashoneb@hotmail.com or himsbrown@hotmail.com

**Tara Opfer Johnson Drennon** ('97) is the owner of Drennon Construction and Consulting, Inc. She and her husband, Roy, live in Fairbanks, Alaska, with their two children: Paige, 10; and Royce, 5. Email: rtdren@gci.net

**Mark Edward Joyner** ('97) is a stockbroker for US Bancorp Investments, Inc. He recently was named one of the 50 most valuable players in the industry in *Bank Investment Consultant Magazine*. Mark and his wife, Kathryn, live in Paducah, Ky., and have one child: Alexandria, 5 months. Email: mark.joyner@usbank.com

**Marla Pinkley Keeley** ('97) is a high school family and consumer sciences teacher. She and her husband, Michael, live in Lakeland, Tenn., and have one child: Abby, 9. Email: mrskeeley@hotmail.com

**Michael B. Roane** ('97) is a farmer and is a partner in Kelley Enterprises, a family farming operation. His wife, Leslie Kelley Roane ('98), is an office manager for Burlison Gin Co., Inc. They live in Burlison, Tenn., with their two children: Jake, 5; and Sophie, 2. Email: lkroane@bellsouth.net

**Ryan Roy** ('97) will complete his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the UT Health Science Center. He will join the Woman's Clinic, PA in Jackson, Tenn. Ryan and his wife, Molly, have one child, Julia Caroline, born Dec. 15, 2005. Email: rroy2002@aol.com

## 1998

**Keisha Brooks** ('98) is an instructor of clinical laboratory sciences at the UT Health Science Center. Email: kbrook13@utmem.edu

**Chad Allen Hailey** ('98) received a human resources certificate and is a human resources manager for UPS. He lives in Antioch, Tenn. Email: chadahailey@netscape.net

**Kristi Long Hazlewood** ('98) is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner for Dr. Daniel D. Sumrok. She and her husband, Jody, live in Martin, Tenn., with their three children: Bretton, 9; Jordan, 7; and Anna, 4. Email: khazlewood3@yahoo.com

**Julie Amanda Johnson** ('98) is a sales representative for Sloan's Motorcycle and ATV Supercenter and lives in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Email: Delfina76@cs.com

**Kent Landers** ('98) was named to the UT Martin chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) Hall of Fame.

The announcement was made March 30 at the university's Communications Career Day 2006, sponsored by the Department of Communications. Landers, a member of the national PRSSA Hall of Fame, is general manager of corporate communications for Delta Air Lines. Before the UT Martin honor, he was awarded his APR (Accredited in Public Relations) certification by the Public Relations Society of America – Georgia Chapter, Feb. 17, during the chapter's monthly meeting in Atlanta.

**Joshua Sykes** ('98) is co-owner of the advertising agency, Blue August LLC. Blue August has opened a second office in Tampa, Fla., and recently won three National Diamond awards for its work in the credit union industry. He and his wife, Tracey, live in Medina, Tenn., and have one child: Sophia, 3. Email: josh@blueaugust.com

## 1999

**Joshua Hammond** ('99) is a business owner and pharmaceutical sales representative for Danofi-Aventis and Harvey's Gym. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Columbia, Tenn., with their two children: Kinsley, 8; and Maddox, 18 months. Email: jandjhammond@yahoo.com

**Richard Graig Livengood** ('99) is a park ranger for O'Leno State Park. He and his wife, Courtney, live in Lake City, Fla.

**Lauren Valle Tomas** ('99) is a homemaker and independent distributor for Premier Designs Jewelry. She and her husband, Joel, live in Brentwood, Tenn., and have one child: Hannah, 6 months. Email: sra\_tomas@yahoo.com

## 2000

**Amanda Rachel Pardue Erwin** ('00) is a UT extension agent. She and her husband, Joe, live in Dyersburg, Tenn., and have one child: Caleigh, 5. Email: arerwin3@hotmail.com

**Sara Maria Houseworth McVay** ('00) is a homemaker. Her husband, **Joel Ray McVay** ('99), is research technician for the U.S. Army. They live in Maryland and have one child: Natalie, 27 months, and are expecting another this summer. Email: sara\_mcvay@verizon.net or joel.mcvay@us.army.mil

**Lea Katherine Bayer Reichow** ('00) is an assistant project manager for Lennar. She and her husband, Jamey, live in Phoenix, Ariz. Email: leareichow@hotmail.com

**Linda Rebeca DeBoard Seitz** ('00) is a president and publicist for Glass Road Public Relations. She and her husband, Charles, live in Nashville, Tenn., and have one child: Anderson, 1. Email: rebeca@glassroadpr.com

## 2001

**Daniel Doss** ('01) is a worship leader for Grace Community Church and was recently featured in *Worship Leader Magazine*. His wife, **Emily Doss** ('01), is a physical education teacher at Kenwood Elementary School. They live in Clarksville, Tenn. Email: info@danieldossmusic.com

**Jaimie Joclyn Hemby** ('01) is an accountant for Block USA. She lives in Sylacauga, Ala., with her three children: Leslie, 4; Kaylee, 2; and Dalton, 5 months. Email: jaimieh@blockusagroup.com

**Rachael Hernandez** ('01) lives in Hermitage, Tenn., and was promoted to marketing manager for Doane Pet Care, the largest manufacturer of private-label pet food in the world. She works with the farm, feed and grocery channels. Email: Rhernandez@doanepetcare.com

**Michael Wayne Reed** ('01) is a structural engineer for K & S Engineering. His wife, **Tammy Renae Pennington Reed** ('98), is an ophthalmic technician for Clarksville Ophthalmology. They live in Clarksville, Tenn. Email: reedmichael@earthlink.net

## AGR Hall Of Fame Welcomes Bob Duck



Dr. Bob Duck's long association with the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity is being honored in a major way. The UT Martin professor emeritus of agronomy will receive the fraternity's highest honor as he is inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame, Aug. 15, at the fraternity's national convention in Breckenridge, Colo.

Founded in 1904 as a social-professional fraternity of agricultural students, Alpha Gamma Rho now has 66 chapters and 60,000 members in 50 states and 54 countries. Duck joins three other inductees this year, bringing the total to only 49 who have been honored with Hall of Fame membership.

Philip Josephson, the national fraternity's executive director, in announcing Duck's selection said, "Bobby has contributed a great deal to the university system, development of agriculture learning and Alpha Gamma Rho.

"Serving as a chapter adviser, and through chapter and national volunteer positions, he has greatly influenced undergraduate and alumni members alike. Bobby stands tall as a brother who is a true gentleman and tremendous example for all to emulate."

Duck was born in 1939 in Reagan, Tenn. In 1966, he became a charter member of UT Martin's Alpha Upsilon Chapter. Duck was one of the "Founding 20" of the chapter's student group that organized the colony for the Alpha Upsilon Chapter.

"This recognition came as quite a surprise, and I appreciate it very much," Duck said. "My years of association with Alpha Gamma Rho have provided opportunities to work with outstanding students and alumni at the local, regional and national levels, and I treasure the experiences."

He received his bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1961, master's degree in agronomy in 1963, and doctorate in agronomy in 1964. His service at UT Martin included the positions of assistant dean for the college of agriculture, assistant professor, associate professor and professor. In 1997, he received the UT National Alumni Association Distinguished Service Professor Award, the first faculty member in the college of agriculture to receive the award.

Duck served as the adviser for Alpha Upsilon Chapter from 1966 to 1971 and from 1987 to 1999. He was a workshop facilitator for five leadership seminars, chairman of the workshop "Rituals and Values" at the 1994 national convention, and workshop facilitator at the 1996 and 1998 national conventions. He also served as a member of the national task forces on the Revision of the Ritual, Liability Insurance and Improvement of Leadership Seminars. Besides his current fraternity honor, he is an AGR Brother of the Century award recipient, and he received the Outstanding Chapter Adviser award in 1990, 1994 and 1998.

He and his wife, Barbara, reside in Martin. Their daughter, Leigh Anne, is a University of Memphis faculty member.

**Bradley Eric Scott** ('01) is the Midwest regional sales manager for Arvin Meritor, Inc. Light Vehicle Aftermarket division. He lives in Dublin, Ohio. Email: bscott25@columbus.rr.com

## 2002

**Blanche Allen** ('02) is a publications coordinator for R.H. Boyd Publishing. Blanche was awarded the Communications Honorable Mention Award and also was recognized in Kentucky with an Honorable Citation. Email: blaralle@hotmail.com

**Kevin Watson Barron** ('02) was awarded District Rotarian of the Year at the Rotary International District 6760 annual conference held in Jackson, Tenn. He is the Jackson Rotary Club's assistant secretary and public relations chair, the district 6760 membership development chair and editor of its newsletter, *The Rotary BLAST!* Kevin was selected from among the nearly 3,700 Rotarians from Middle and West Tennessee. Email: kevin.barron@wth.org.

**Bethany Paschall Coffey** ('02) is the band director for Southern Pulaski Middle School and was recently elected president of Lake Cumberland Music

Educators Association. She and her husband, Aaron, live in Somerset, Ky. Email: bethanycoffey@alltel.net

**Teri Jolanda Tolley Kapp** ('02) is a speech therapist for Henderson County Schools and is finishing her master's degree in speech pathology. She and her husband, C.J., live in Darden, Tenn., and have one child: C.K., 8 months. Email: ck5mom@yahoo.com

**Ginger Lowe Lyle** ('02) is a registered nurse at Gateway Medical Center. Her husband, **Jarrod Lyle** ('99), is a wet lead for Standard Gypsum. They live in Erin, Tenn., and have two children: Caeley, 2; and Colin, 3 months. Email: ginclyle@hotmail.com

**Laura Miller Mobley** ('02) is a homemaker for her family. Her husband, **Michael Andrew Mobley** ('00), is an assistant unit operator for Tennessee Valley Authority. They live in Dickson, Tenn., and have one child: Anna, 1, and are expecting another. Email: tnaग्रgirl@yahoo.com or tnaग्रman@yahoo.com

**Christopher Andrew Wilson** ('02) is an attorney for the Tennessee Court of Appeals. He lives in Jackson, Tenn.

Email: christopherwilson1979@yahoo.com

## 2003

**Rachel Hope Baker** ('03) is tourism director for Hardin County Convention and Visitors Bureau and lives in Savannah, Tenn. Email: rachelhopebaker@hotmail.com

**Bradley Boals** ('03) is a manufacturing engineer for Nordyne, Inc. His wife, **April Laney Boals** ('06), is an administrative assistant at UT Martin. Email: alaney@utm.edu

**Lia Jo Fisher** ('03) is an advertising sales assistant for Food Network and Fine Living Network. She lives in New York, N.Y. Email: liajofisher@yahoo.com

**Michael Joseph Hendricks** ('03) is an assistant golf course superintendent at The Farm and lives in Dalton, Ga. Email: mjhendricks@yahoo.com

**David McElveen** ('03) is the director of business development for CookingSpot.com. His wife, **Tiffany McElveen** ('03), works for News Channel 3. They live in Germantown, Tenn. Email: dave\_mcelveen@bellsouth.net

**Brad Nelson** ('03) is a commercial banker for Bancorp South. He is married to **Julie Nelson** ('03), who is an advertising executive for *The Tennessean*. They live in Thompson Station, Tenn. Email: brad.nelson@bxs.com

**Stephanie Nicole Raines** ('03) lives in Bells, Tenn., and is a graphic

designer for Pictsweet Frozen Foods at their corporate headquarters. She was named 2005 volunteer of the year by the Jackson Road Runners, completed the Nashville Marathon and is owner of a part-time design business. Email: stephanie@rainedesign.com

**Donica Reneé Tate** ('03) is working toward her master's degree in professional counseling. She is a child protective services investigator for the State of Georgia and has one child: Kennedy' Loury, 19 months. Email: donrtate@hotmail.com

**Trent Jim Theriac** ('03) graduated from law school in May 2006. He lives in Jacksonville, Fla. Email: trenttheriac@hotmail.com

## 2004

**Tommy Allmon** ('04) is an assistant department manager for First Citizens Insurance and also serves as a diplomat for the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce. He lives in Dyersburg, Tenn. Email: tommy.allmon@whiteandassociates.net

**Elizabeth Cherié McClain Philipps** ('04) is a second grade teacher for Pamlico County Schools. She and her husband, Jason, live in New Bern, N.C. Email: cherie6737@aol.com

**Melissa Clair French Ridgeway** ('04) is employed by the Henry County School System and is starting to work on her master's degree in school counseling. Her husband, **John Penn Ridgeway** ('03), works for the State of Tennessee. They live in Paris, Tenn., with their two children: Walker, 6; and Jackson, 15 months. Email: clair\_french@yahoo.com or johnpenn\_99@yahoo.com

**Jill Ann White Whittaker** ('04) is an engineer for the U.S. Navy. She and her husband, Blake, live in Virginia Beach, Va. Email: jill.whittaker@navy.mil



The April issue of *Southern Living* featured the David Johnson Chorus. Members of the chorus include Dr. Robert Nanney ('81, '88), chair & assoc. prof., Department of Communications; Lana A. Ferrell ('81), principal secretary, Department of Chemistry; Gail H. Quinton ('79), Gleason school teacher; Keith A. Kemp ('81), a CPA in Dresden; Thomas L. Reavis ('81) of Dresden; Thomas L. Moore, Jr. ('76), Weakley County general sessions judge; Stanley W. Johnson ('73), Department of Children's Services, Dresden; and David A. Johnson ('78).



**Kristin Danette Diviney Burnette** ('05) is a teacher and is married to **James Michael Burnette** ('05). They live in Martin, Tenn., and have one child: Peyton, 18 months. Email: k\_burnette@hotmail.com

**Sarah Daws** ('05) is interrelated special education teacher and assistant softball coach for Mill Creek High School. She lives in Lawrenceville, Ga. Email: sarahmo12@hotmail.com

**Megan Elizabeth Thomas Hatchett** ('05) is a pre-kindergarten teacher for Dyer County Schools. Her husband, **Steven Dwayne Hatchett** ('00), is a lawn specialist for Tru-Green Chem Lawn, but is currently serving in Iraq with the Union City Tennessee National Guard. They live in Dyersburg, Tenn. Email: megan99chio@yahoo.com or saehatchett@yahoo.com

**Kim Newsom** ('05) is a communications specialist for Tennessee Farmers Cooperative's Communications Department. Email: knewsom@ourcoop.com

**Stephanie Harris Scates** ('05) is a school counselor for Fayette Academy. Her husband, **Cory Scates** ('95), is an athletic trainer at Campbell Clinic and is currently serving in Afghanistan with the 196th Field Artillery Brigade. They live in Bartlett, Tenn. Email: sscates@fayetteacademy.com

**Margaret Leigh Kite** is a nurse at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Mo. She and her husband, Randy, have three children: Jake, 13; Ben, 6; and Katie, 1. They are expecting a fourth child in August. Email: nursekite2006@yahoo.com **UTM**



## The Right Call

Jerry Carpenter ('66) makes the right calls when he officiates middle school and high school athletics. Now, the right call was made for him as

the 38-year veteran official was inducted March 18 into the TSSAA Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame began in 1982, with Carpenter joining the largest class of inductees to enter.

Carpenter's TSSAA football resume includes 51 state playoff games, six state finals and 16 bowl games. In basketball, he has officiated district and regional tournaments for 35 years and also worked seven state tournaments and 30 sub-state contests. His TSSAA Hall of Fame induction is not the first honor he's received from the organization. In 1998, he received a Distinguished Service Award, and, in 2000, he received the TSSAA A.F. Bridges Official of the Year Award.

"I was very surprised. I had no idea that it (the hall of fame induction) was going to happen. ..." said Carpenter, who is entering his fifth year as the university's head golf coach. He is also the longtime clock operator for UT Martin home football games. "This is the highest honor that I've ever received in officiating in all my years of working with middle schools and athletic contests for high schools." His induction was made even more special as he shared the day with his parents, Ralph and Irene Carpenter of Newbern, Tenn.; his wife of 40 years, Linda; his son, Scott ('04); and his daughter, Dana.

Linda can claim the lion's share of credit for Carpenter's successful officiating career. The couple was married only a year when Paul Kelley (M.S. '70), retired director of admissions and one-time UT Martin assistant basketball coach, suggested to Linda that Jerry consider officiating. Linda was working at the university, and Kelley was officiating at the time. He decided to give it a try and registered for football and basketball in 1968. Since then, memories and friendships have filled the years.

"The (number of) people that you meet has been unbelievable," he said. "I've made friends from Mountain City to Martin to Chattanooga to Memphis, and I'm talking

about officials, administrators, coaches, fans." He counts 44 officials who are in the TSSAA Hall of Fame, and he's either officiated with 34 of them or joined them in clinics or camps. So, he says with much pride that, "... I've been very fortunate to be a part of a big fraternity, and that's the thing I draw most from officiating."

Sports officials can tell many stories, some of which don't make for the best memories. However, he can't help but smile as he remembers a game involving Sammy Fisher, longtime Lexington (Tenn.) High School basketball coach, whom he describes as "one of the good high school coaches, one of the characters of the game."

Jerry was officiating a regional tournament in Jackson. Coach Fisher's Lexington team was winning the game, and as the game was nearing an end, the other team was fouling. Each foul sent the Lexington team to the line, "and every time we'd call a foul, Coach Fisher was just having a stroke," Jerry recalled.

After the third foul, he went to the coach, asking why he objected to fouls being called on the opposing team. Fisher said to him, "But you don't understand. We can't hit free throws. ... The other team's going down hitting field goals, and they're catching up with us, and we're going to get beat if you don't quit calling fouls."

Carpenter cherishes the memories, and he cares about the officiating profession, so much so that he encourages others to get involved as middle school and high school officials. Some of his "recruits" have enjoyed success at the next level, including Mike Taylor, an officiating protégé who worked the college football championship game two years ago. Other basketball colleagues are now officiating in the National Basketball Association. In the end, it's all about the people and a profession in which he's proud to be involved. "... It's always been a tremendous honor to put on a striped shirt and go out and work the game, and I'm thankful for my long run. ..." he said.

Jerry Carpenter's hall of fame induction is certainly a highlight but not the end of his officiating career. For him, it's first and 10, with the 2006 high school football season just ahead.

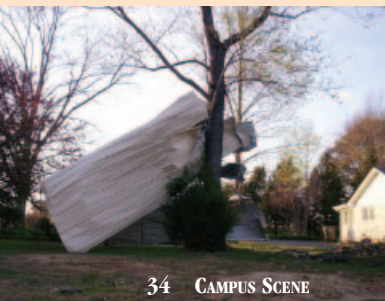


## April Tornadoes Affect UT Martin Family

The UT Martin campus was fortunate to escape physical damage during the April 2 tornadoes that ripped through West Tennessee. However, many of our students, faculty, staff and alumni did receive property damage and in some cases injuries and death:

Student Cassie Sherron's mother, father, and infant nephew were killed. Student Chelsey Elliott's mother was killed. Employee Janice Sims's sister and sister-in-law were killed. Alumna Jodi Fleming Price (BS '02) and her husband, Jeremy Price, a former student, were killed. Alumna Janie King (MS '02), a State Department of Education employee housed in Clement Hall, was killed. There were numerous other injuries and property damage incurred during the storm.

*Photos courtesy of Tim Aiken, taken on his cell phone the day of and after the storms.*



## In Memory

**Sammy H. Edwards**, ('62) died Feb. 18, 2006, at his home in Savannah. He was 66. Edwards graduated from UT Martin, where he was a charter member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Edwards joined the U.S. Marines and was honorably discharged as a corporal in the Marine Reserves. He retired after 34 years with Tennessee River Pulp and Paper Co. For four years after retirement, he worked for the City of Savannah Parks and Recreation. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Janey Covey Edwards, son, Levin, and daughter, Elizabeth, all of Savannah.

**Melinda Rhea Garrett**, ('05) died suddenly at McKenzie Regional Hospital on March 28, 2006, at the age of 23, following a short illness. She attended UT Martin for four years where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. While at UT Martin, she was president of Panhellenic Council, a member of the homecoming court and a member of the Miss UTM royalty. She was also a University Scholar. Garrett was a first-year pharmacy student at the UT Health Science Center in Memphis. Survivors include her parents, Dale and Fay Garrett, sister, Anna Garrett of Nashville, and a grandmother, Rachel Elam of Greenfield.

**Georgia Mae Kelso**, ('35) died at the age of 92, Jan. 28, 2006, at NHC Ft. Sanders. Kelso attended UT Martin in 1935 and lived most of her life in Knoxville as a homemaker. She was active in the Church Street United Methodist Church Sunday school classes and Circle VII of United Methodist Women until her confinement. She was married to the late Charles Edwin Kelso. Kelso is survived by three daughters, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



UT Martin professor of communications, **Dorotha Norton**, died June 23 at Regional Medical Center in Memphis. She was hospitalized June 21 after a fall. Survivors include her husband of 48 years, Robert Marion Norton; a daughter, Robbie Norton Eddings (B.S. '91, M.S. '92); a son, Ron Norton (B.S. '92, '93); and three grandchildren.

Norton, a UT Martin faculty member since 1966, was recognized with the 2006 Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award (See page 19), presented annually to a faculty member who demonstrates strength in teaching and contributes to the

**Ralph Jerry Nowell**, ('60) of South Knoxville, died Dec. 2, 2005, at Parkwest Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was 71. Nowell graduated from Peabody High School in Trenton, Tenn., and attended UT Martin, graduating in 1960. After 31 years as a managing supervisor for BellSouth Miami, Fla., he retired and relocated to Knoxville, Tenn., where he partnered with his brother at East Tennessee Drugs. During his retirement, he enjoyed golfing, fishing and traveling with his wife. Nowell is survived by his mother, Mary Katherine Nowell; wife, Geri Huskey Nowell; son, Ben Frederick Nowell; stepdaughter, Autumn Sayne Robbins; and many other relatives.

**Herman H. Rymer** (UTK '46) died Nov. 4, 2005, in Monroe, La. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran and flew 35 missions with the 351st Bomb Group. He was a retired manager for Prudential Insurance Co. Survivors include his wife, Betty; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Jim Shurley; a grandson, Will Shurley; and several nieces and nephews.

**Melvin Turner**, ('75) died of natural causes in December 2005. He was 52. He wrestled at Two Rivers High School before being recruited to wrestle at UT Martin. Turner wrestled in the 190 lb. weight class from 1971-1974 and, in the wrestling program's last year, went to the NCAA Wrestling Championships in East Stroudsburg, Pa., finishing 2-2. After graduating UT Martin in 1975, he went to law school at Vanderbilt.

**Mary Anne Usry** ('70) died May 2, 2006. She was a teacher at Anderson County Career and Technical Center.

teaching profession through extracurricular achievements, leadership qualities and scholarly activities.

In 2005, she received the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award. Students, alumni and faculty nominate outstanding teachers based on classroom performance, scholarship and service. Also in 2005, Norton was presented with a scholarship endowment established in her name that was initiated by alumni leaders. The scholarship is earmarked for an outstanding communications major who is an excellent public speaker.

Norton was named Speech Educator of the Year in 1992 by the Tennessee Speech Communication Association.

At the time of her death, Norton was teaching two sections of public speaking during the first summer session. Throughout her career, she has taught various communications courses, including voice and diction, a requirement for all communications majors, since the inception of the communications department. She began as an instructor of English.

A graduate of Union University, she received master's degrees from Memphis State University and Murray State University.

# HOMECOMING 2006: THE ELECTRIC EIGHTIES October 27-29



## SCHEDULE

### Friday, Oct. 27, 2006

Rope Pull Championships  
3:30 p.m. Pacer Pond  
Alumni Dinner and Awards Program  
6 p.m. Alumni Gym  
Pyramid and Pep Rally  
8:30 p.m. Football Stadium

### Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006

"Hits of the 80's"

|   |           |                        |
|---|-----------|------------------------|
| Letterwinner's Breakfast and Hall of Fame | 7:30 a.m. | Alumni Gym             |
| Chancellor's Brunch                       | 9:30 a.m. | Chancellor's Residence |

### QUAD CITY 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Quad

**Live Music, Kids' Carnival, Reunion Tents, College Tents, Food, Petting Farm, Pottery Tent, 80's Decade Tent**

|                      |        |                     |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Football Game        | 2 p.m. | Graham Stadium      |
| NPHC Greek Step Show | 7 p.m. | Skyhawk Field House |

### Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006

|                   |            |                     |
|-------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Walk in the Quad  | 10 a.m.    | Quad                |
| Homecoming Brunch | 10:30 a.m. | Skyhawk Dining Room |

Featuring a musical performance from the UT Martin New Pacer Singers and alumni.



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Please indicate functions you will be attending:

- Alumni Dinner and Awards Program**  
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- Letterwinners Breakfast/Hall of Fame**  
number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Chancellor's Brunch**  
number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ (free)
- Football Game** general admission tickets  
number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

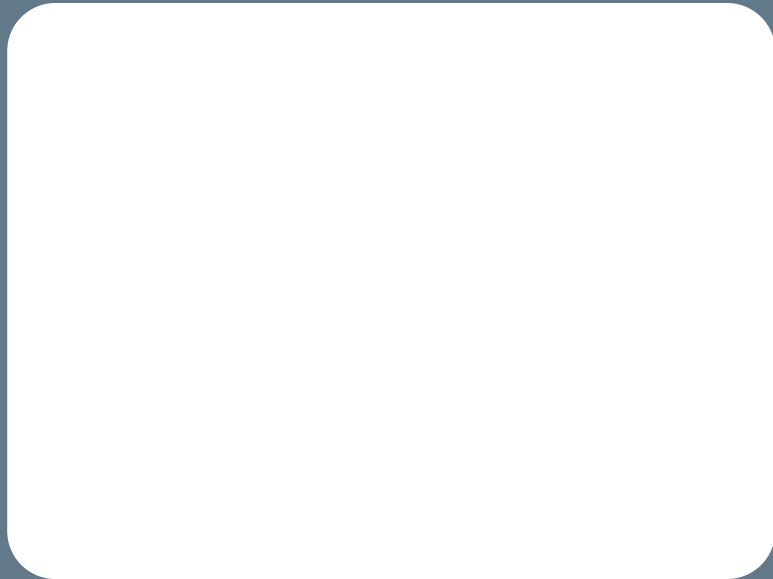
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Rope Pull Brackets  
Up-to-Date Schedule  
Sponsorships

And for the first time ever, enjoy a UT Martin virtual Homecoming, featuring a ride through Quad City with Chancellor Dunagan at noon and other fun things. You can even send an email to visitors at Quad City by sending it to [homecoming@utm.edu](mailto:homecoming@utm.edu). Emails will be printed and posted at the Information Tent throughout the day.