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**Looking Back,
Looking Forward.**



from the Chancellor



When you announce your retirement almost a year in advance, a result is that you experience the ups and downs of knowing that your attendance at specific events will be the last time you participate in them. I experienced these feelings recently at Homecoming and the annual Open House at Christmas. The experience will no doubt come again at the Honors Day program in April and Commencement in May. It is happening now as I write my last column for the Campus Scene. When the summer issue is published, we will have a new chancellor.

Writing this column brings forth a number of emotions. The primary one is an intense feeling of gratitude toward the incredible number of people who love this institution and value the importance of this campus to this region, state and country. We should all celebrate our accomplishments as seen in the lives we change, the hope we provide and the meaningful input we contribute in support of the economic development of our region. To have the privilege of being a part of this for nearly 34 years has been a rewarding way to spend a working career. I sincerely thank our many alumni and friends for joining Cathy and me in this grand experience. You have been wonderful!

It has been such a pleasure to come to you two or three times each year in this column to write about our progress as a university. When I was first asked to do this, I thought it would be a challenge, but reporting about good people doing good work is 99 percent fun.

Perhaps the most important advice I can offer is to stress the importance to our various constituent groups to rally behind the new chancellor and offer him/her the type of support that I received. I have every confidence that the search committee, Dr. Petersen and the Board of Trustees will find, hire and support a great leader. The chancellorship of UT Martin is a choice job, and I anticipate the search will yield many highly qualified candidates.

As an alumnus, and hopefully not being too presumptuous, I would list the following as important qualities

for a new chancellor: 1) to possess a sincere belief in UT Martin's mission to serve an immensely talented group of students and to be a partner in building the type of economic environment that fosters jobs and professional opportunities for their future; 2) to practice the art of listening to the various stakeholders and then be able to effectively communicate the importance of the University of Tennessee at Martin to this part of the state; and 3) to envision where UT Martin needs to be as an institution in 2015 and guide the campus toward that vision while maintaining an active interest and participation in campus life.

A final column would not be complete without a sincere word of thanks and appreciation to Cathy. She has been a tremendous First Lady to UT Martin. I admire and value her many contributions throughout my career at UT Martin and especially the past six years. Our children, Stan, Tracy, Casey, Cody and their spouses have been patient when dad, and sometimes mom, could not attend family functions or proved to be difficult to catch at home. I have been blessed with a wonderful family!

In an earlier draft of this column, I began mentioning names and soon realized that it would take a book, not a column. Such a list would include donors, who have made and continue to make a difference in the quality of academic programs, scholarship opportunities, athletic teams and the beauty of the campus. The opportunity to witness and experience the positive results of their generosity provides a lifetime of rewards.

Then there are the alumni, faculty, staff and students who are daily reminders of what a university community should be. My staff, and, indeed, the entire group of deans, directors and department chairs have carried the day-to-day load and carried it very well. The new chancellor has an outstanding team on board to ensure a smooth transition and to continue the momentum on this campus.

And finally, there are our WestStar graduates who are doing exceptional things for this region. I appreciate so much the friendships and opportunities they have provided.

Thanks to all! Cathy and I look forward to seeing our many friends at events throughout the state. We have been blessed by all of you and appreciate it more than you will ever know. **UTM**

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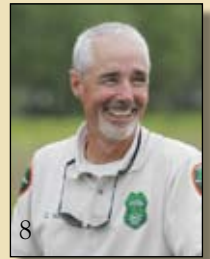
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Dunagans Say *Farewell* to UT Martin

By Bud Grimes

SAYING GOODBYE ISN'T EASY. But, bidding farewell to family can be even tougher. And that's just what the University of Tennessee at Martin is—family—to Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin's eighth chancellor. So, it was only fitting that he announced his retirement plans, Sept. 7, 2006, to his UT Martin family at the university's annual faculty and staff picnic before the season's first home football game. Joining him for the announcement were his wife, Cathy, other family members and Dr. John Petersen, UT president. A search for Dunagan's successor is expected to conclude sometime this spring, and he will say his final farewell at the end of June 2007.

"After a lot of thought and with a great deal of appreciation for the opportunities Cathy and I have had during our 33 years at UT Martin, we want to announce that this will be our final academic year," Dunagan told the crowd, adding, "But I want you to know that this has been the most wonderful honor in my life to be able to serve the great people who make up this campus."

Petersen thanked the Dunagans for their service and wished them well in their retirement years. He expressed special appreciation for their support since he became UT's 23rd president in July 2004. "Nick and Cathy are two of the most unselfish people that I've ever met," he said. Petersen added, "I think the exciting thing is the fact that we are in such good shape at this institution."

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October 1948 – Nick Dunagan is born in Humboldt, Tenn.

Fall 1964 – Enrolled at UTMB (Dr. Paul Meek, chancellor)

Spring 1966 – Met Cathy Porter while serving as vice chair of All-Sing

August 1967 – Married Cathy Porter in Humboldt

1967 – UTMB becomes The University of Tennessee at Martin

May 1968 – The Dunagans graduate from UT Martin (Dr. Archie Dykes, chancellor)

September 1972 – The Dunagans return to Martin, where he practices law with Harold Brundige

September 1973 – Nick Dunagan hired as director of development (Dr. Larry McGehee, chancellor)

1982 – Nick Dunagan named vice chancellor for development and alumni

1985 – Nick Dunagan named interim chancellor

1986 – Nick Dunagan named executive vice chancellor and vice chancellor for development and administration

1999 – Nick Dunagan named interim chancellor

2000 – Nick Dunagan named executive vice chancellor and vice chancellor for student affairs

2000 – Nick Dunagan named interim chancellor



Dunagan, 60, was born in Humboldt to Horace and Sara Dunagan, but the family returned to Martin where his late father attended UT Junior College, thereby beginning his lifelong association with the campus. Years later, the Dunagan family includes many UT Martin alums, including Dunagan's two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews. Also, the Dunagans' three married children and their spouses all graduated from the university. And, even though the university didn't offer the major their fourth child chose, he, too, supported the Dunagan/UT Martin connection by picking up additional courses toward his degree in summer school.

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Several weeks after his retirement announcement, Dunagan reflected on his years at the university. While his announcement surprised many, he sees this as the right time for a change. When he was named chancellor, Dunagan planned to serve in the position for up to five years. Once he retires, he will have served six years, and counting three interim stints as chancellor, he's held the position approximately eight years. “I think when you look at a university, there are always a lot of things that are going on, so you're never going to come to that place where, ‘OK, I can stop here, and there will not be any other projects under way,’” he said.

Significant changes have occurred since he became chancellor in 2001. Especially significant during his administration is enrollment growth. Online degrees and off-campus centers have contributed to greater numbers of students. “When I started, we had the one center in Selmer, and we now have a new location in Jackson with new centers in operation in Parsons and Ripley, so the diversity of our enrollment has greatly changed,” he said, “and I think it's helped us as a university to reach out to West Tennessee in a much more positive way.” In addition to the four centers,

online course offerings have increased from fewer than 10 to 109 in the past five years.


To Dunagan, improved outreach is evident in other ways. The university's Dual-Credit Program, which allows students to take selected courses for both high school and college credit, is now offered in 25 high schools. “And I know our faculty, while they've always been engaged, are even more engaged in our service area, and that's a positive thing for the university.”

With many projects under way, he knows that some will not be completed when he retires. Other initiatives will continue to evolve. A big propo-

nent of globalization, Dunagan was instrumental in establishing the university's Center for Global Studies and International Education. The center provides travel-study and study-abroad opportunities and establishes formal working relationships with universities in other countries. Now, with President Petersen's globalization emphasis in UT's new strategic plan unveiled in August, Dunagan will watch with interest to see how these new relationships further position UT Martin in the international community to benefit students and faculty members.

Another of Dunagan's lasting legacies is the WestStar Leadership Program. As a founder and executive director of the leadership-development program for six years, he sees how WestStar has benefited West Tennessee. Hesitant to name names from the growing WestStar alumni base, he does mention three graduates serving in the Tennessee General Assembly: Mark Norris, Randy Rinks and Delores Gresham. “But I think just as important as those three, we have numerous county mayors, city mayors, aldermen and other civic leaders who have told me that their interest in running for public office and serving their communities was a result of their WestStar experiences,” he said.

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Dunagan also has left his mark on intercollegiate athletics. He was heavily involved when UT Martin joined the Ohio Valley Conference as a full member in 1992. Years later, under his watch as chancellor, athletics facilities have greatly improved, including construction of the Bob Carroll Football Building, soccer field enhancements and new Elam Center seating. "There is no doubt that I join a lot of people who realize that athletics is an important component of students receiving the total collegiate experience," he said of his support for such improvements.

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Still, he acknowledges that success in athletics comes with a price tag, and he sees fans and donors holding the key through increased tickets sales and gifts dedicated to the program. "As I look to the future, and I see what the university is doing budget wise, when I see what fees we are assessing students for the support of athletics, those sources, by any measure, are near the maximum of what we can expect from our budget and from students," he said.

For Dunagan, everything points back to students and those touched by the university. "I think the thing that puts a continual smile on my face is when I see students and alumni and hear them express what the university has meant to their lives and community leaders express what the university has meant to West Tennessee and to Tennessee," he said.

James Orr, Student Government Association president from Bolivar, has seen firsthand Dunagan's focus on students. "Chancellor Dunagan is amazing to work with. He truly cares about the well-being of students. He has an open-door policy and is always willing to speak about student concerns," Orr said. As for his legacy, Orr added, "Chancellor Dunagan will be remembered as a strong, compassionate leader. He is a great man, and I hope to one day impact as many lives as he has impacted."

Another person who daily sees Dunagan's concern for students is his wife, Cathy, who received equal billing from President Petersen at the retirement announcement. She has been a visible partner to Dunagan, sharing his passion for serving students. She's even answered the surprise telephone calls when, without her knowing, he gave out their home number for parents to call if they had concerns. She tells this as a humorous story, but she knows it speaks volumes about her husband.



“I hear countless stories about Nick talking with homesick students, encouraging students to apply themselves to their academic goals and helping with letters of recommendation,” she said. “I think that hearing from folks who say that Nick has had a positive impact on their lives makes both of us feel extremely proud.”

UT Martin’s first family plans to take on no new obligations in the first year following Dunagan’s retirement. However, at the retirement announcement, he promised that Cathy and he would remain in Martin to “be the most dedicated alums that this institution could have.” His 24/7 job will be replaced with travel and time with children and grandchildren. Most will agree that it’s a well-deserved change for two people who have given so many years of their lives to the university.

Future generations will see buildings that were built, programs that began and scholarships that were established under Nick Dunagan’s leadership. When asked how he wanted to be remembered, Dunagan said, “That’s easy. I’d like to be remembered as someone who loved UT Martin, tried to keep its students, faculty and staff uppermost in my mind with every decision I made and strived to make West Tennessee a better place to live and work.” **UTM**

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In October, Dr. John Petersen, president of the UT System, named a 14-member **search advisory committee** who will identify candidates to succeed Dr. Nick Dunagan. The members of the committee are: Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, chair; Dr. Ann Duncan, faculty; Dr. Nell Gullett, faculty; Dr. John Schommer, faculty; James Orr, student; Caroline Tip-pens, student; Youlanda Jones, staff; Lt. Steve Sherfield, staff; Shannon Burgin, administration; Dr. Jim Byford, administration; Dr. Michael Bobo, community/alumnus; Joe Brasher, community/alumnus; Barbara Castleman, trustee; Jerry Jackson, trustee.

- **Fall 2000** – The University of Tennessee began offering online courses
- **April 2001** – Nick Dunagan elected university’s eighth chancellor by UT Board of Trustees
- **Fall 2001** – UT Martin volleyball team wins OVC championship
- **Fall 2001** – UT New College implemented
- **Fall 2001** – Master of Science in Agricultural Operations Management degree implemented
- **January 2002** – Creation of the Center for Global Studies announced
- **Spring 2002** – Accreditation received from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
- **Fall 2002** – UT Martin volleyball team wins OVC championship
- **October 2002** – Moved into the Bob Carroll Football Building
- **Spring 2003** – Re-accreditation received from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- **August 2003** – UT Martin is one of six southeastern colleges and one of 49 nationwide recognized for campus beauty in Kaplan Publishing’s *The Unofficial, Unbiased Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges, 2004*
- **Fall 2003** – Record enrollment of 5,781 students
- **Spring 2004** – Accreditation received from the Council for Accreditation of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- **Summer 2004** – Accreditation received from the Council on Social Work Education
- **Fall 2004** – Record enrollment of 6,064 students
- **August 2004** – UT Martin receives “Best in the Southeast” designation by the *Princeton Review*
- **August 2004** – UT Martin listed in 23rd place in *U.S. News & World Report* among universities in the southeast that grant master’s degrees
- **Spring 2005** – UT Martin women’s tennis team wins OVC championship and plays in the NCAA tournament
- **Spring 2005** – Accreditation received from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, AACSB International
- **Spring 2005** – Initial accreditation received from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
- **Fall 2005** – Record enrollment of 6,484 students
- **Fall 2005** – UT Martin is the fastest-growing public university in Tennessee
- **Fall 2005** – Re-accreditation received from the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology-Engineering Accreditation Commission
- **August 2005** – UT Martin receives “Best in the Southeast” designation by the *Princeton Review*
- **August 2005** – UT Martin tied for 20th place in *U.S. News & World Report* among universities in the southeast that grant master’s degrees
- **October 2005** – Students move into the new apartment-style residences named University Village
- **January 2006** – UT Martin offers first classes in Ripley
- **Spring 2006** – Record enrollment of 6,225 students
- **Spring 2006** – UT Martin women’s tennis team wins OVC championship
- **Spring 2006** – UT Martin rodeo team is ranked #6 in the nation
- **Spring 2006** – Dunagan is named Weakley Countian of the Year by Weakley County Chamber of Commerce
- **Spring 2006** – Dunagan receives Otis L. Floyd Award for Excellence in Administration from the Tennessee College Public Relations Association
- **August 2006** – UT Martin receives “Best in the Southeast” designation by the *Princeton Review*
- **August 2006** – UT Martin tied for 21st place in *U.S. News & World Report* among universities in the southeast that grant master’s degrees
- **Fall 2006** – Record enrollment of 6,893 students
- **Fall 2006** – UT Martin is the fastest-growing public university in Tennessee
- **Fall 2006** – UT Martin football team wins OVC championship
- **Fall 2006** – Accreditation received from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
- **Fall 2006** – New finance major implemented
- **January 2007** – UT Martin offers first classes in Parsons
- **June 2007** – UT Martin will bid farewell to Nick and Cathy Dunagan in their present roles



his early years related to the outdoors. “There’s nothing that I can ever remember that I wanted to do other than going into wildlife,” he said. His career interests brought him in 1969 to UT Martin, where he studied animal science, the closest major available at the time for pursuing his chosen profession.

He met his wife, Carol Fields (UTM ’74, UTK ’75), while at UT Martin, and in 1974 they headed to Knoxville where he pursued fisheries and wildlife management courses to complete his degree; she earned a master’s degree in social work. They now live in Alamo where she’s the Crockett County Middle School librarian. Their sons, Nick (’03) and Drew (’06), are both pursuing graduate degrees in wildlife and natural resources.

Wirwa’s TWRA career began as an enforcement officer. He became a manager in 1993, and today with the help of two technicians, manages the vast expanse of wetlands and other property owned by the state in their assigned areas. An avid waterfowl hunter, Wirwa knows the complexities of managing land for hunting and other recreational purposes, while also maintaining habitat for other non-game bird species. “When I think about Carl, he’s not just about ducks,” said Dr. Eric Pelren, UT Martin associate professor of agriculture and natural resources. Besides duck habitat, Pelren applauds Wirwa for his work with other migratory birds, including shorebird habitat.



Worth Saving for the Next Generation

By Bud Grimes

IN THEIR INSPIRATIONAL MANAGEMENT BOOK *GUNG HO!*, authors Ken Blanchard and Sheldon Bowles discuss “worthwhile work” and its importance for achieving success. One aspect of worthwhile work is “knowing we make the world a better place.”

By this definition, worthwhile work keeps Carl Wirwa (UTK ’75) busy. The 29-year veteran of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is responsible for 21,000 acres of wildlife management areas in Dyer, Gibson and Crockett counties in West Tennessee. From managing duck populations, to improving migratory bird habitat, to serving as a frontline observer for the possible spread of avian influenza, Wirwa’s work is making a difference for the environment, for wildlife and for recreation enthusiasts of all ages.

Wirwa’s chosen profession is almost a calling. Raised near Milan in rural Gibson County, all activities in

The Land is Key

Everything starts with the land. Wirwa begins this spring workday at the Tigrett Wildlife Management Area southeast of Dyersburg. The TWRA commission classifies land as refuges or wildlife management areas. Refuges are closed when waterfowl are present, and no hunting is allowed. Management areas, such as Tigrett and the Bogota Wildlife Management Area to the north, are open to the public for recreation, hunting and fishing. Tigrett includes 7,000 acres under state management since the 1960s. Lush vegetation and 100-year-old Cypress trees that tower above the water distinguish this vast wetland area.

The state began purchasing land in Tigrett, already known for its wildlife and hunting opportunities, in the 1960s. The Army Corps of Engineers originally bought the land as “mitigation” so the Corps could continue channelization of the Forked Deer and Obion rivers. Channelization was meant to drain areas for agricultural purposes and flood control but, instead, caused pooling that created the Tigrett management area. The objectives now are to improve water quality and wildlife habitat on this manmade wetland. To

date, about 13,000 acres of 43,000 acres have been purchased by the Corps in Tigrett and deeded to the state.

Dressed in the traditional light- and dark-green TWRA colors, Wirwa looks the part of someone who said he “never just dreaded going to work.” On any given day, there are access roads to maintain, water levels to adjust, fields to plant — and the state continues to purchase more land. He pulls on hip boots as he prepares to release his boat into the water; minutes later, a hard-to-start motor propels the boat over shallow, cloudy water that covers once prime cropland. Minutes later, the boat takes a left and then a right turn into a narrow water passage, bordered on either side by dense stands of green pond lilies bearing intense yellow flower bulbs that are about to bloom.

“We call this Cypress Tupelo Swamp,” he said, noting that the area is covered with water 12 months of the year, although levels rise and fall with the seasons. The boat picks up speed to cross a small beaver dam that lies just ahead. Boat traffic keeps the path open in some areas; in this location, the path is a ditch dug many years ago to manage water containment.

“What we would like to do here is something that we’re not able to do,” he said. “We would like to pull the water down completely in the summertime. ... And that would really add to the timber component, get the Cypress, (and) get hardwoods growing again. But, because of the channelization and because of some legal aspects, we’re not able to do that. So we deal pretty much with a ponded swamp.”

Another beaver dam lies ahead, this time too large to cross with the boat. So, he kills the motor, grabs a pitchfork-type tool and walks the length of the boat to step out onto the structure. A water snake slithers from just under his feet as he digs away the mass of twigs, but Wirwa barely reacts, grabbing the startled reptile and tossing it out of the way.

“I would like to see our river systems going back, meandering like they originally did,” he said. “It slowed the velocity down, but it followed the natural drop in the elevation. When you go straight, you go over high ground, you go over low ground, and that ditch really doesn’t drain everything, and that’s why we’ve got ponding.

“Now, you would think a guy that manages wetlands wants wet, but that’s not necessarily the case. The key to wetlands is a yearly, and actually monthly, fluctuation of water levels. A true wetland is dry in the summertime. It may have pockets of wet spots, but a true wetland needs to have that drying-out factor to work.”

Although not an optimal wetland, the environmental importance of the area is significant. “If you’ll look

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around at all the vegetation out through there, and you think about chemicals — agricultural chemicals, industrial chemicals — coming through this system, it settles out, and a lot of it is absorbed through the plants and cleaned,” he said. “... By the time it gets to the other end, you’ve got relatively clean water. It works very much like a filter.”

Migratory Birds Find a Home

Once beyond the beaver dam, Wirwa talked about one of his passions: migratory birds. The area is largely undisturbed, which makes it attractive for migratory birds, some populations of which are on the decline.

“One of the things we try to focus on, especially around here, is wading birds: egrets and herons and those sort of birds,” he said, adding, “Of course the more land that we drain, the less habitat (there) is for those wading-type birds.” These birds require permanent water and a plentiful fish supply, both of which are available at Tigrett. Water levels are raised and lowered to create the shore-like habitat they prefer.

The boat veered slowly left into a denser stand of Cypress trees, bringing into view the only eagle nest on the 7,000-acre management area. Wirwa kills the motor, because barely 50 yards ahead, a baby bald eagle, called a fledgling, sits quietly in the huge nest and surveys its surroundings. Neither the boat nor the presence of visitors appear to disturb the bird.

This is a second-year nest, Wirwa said, and the eight-week fledgling will spend the next few weeks flapping its wings, lifting a few feet off the nest and settling back down, gradually gaining the strength needed to fly. He restarts the motor, and the boat circles the tree slowly at a distance to get a better view. Shortly after stopping again, one of the parents flies into view clutching a small mammal in its claws, signaling feeding time for the young eagle.

“This type of area is good for eagle habitat in the fact that it is a fishery,” Wirwa said, explaining that fish is the eagle’s primary food. Besides the awe-inspiring sight



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of these majestic birds, Wirwa said that the presence of the eagle family is positive from an environmental standpoint. "... You know, when they pick (an) area to nest, things are good. You've got seclusion. You've got a habitat. You've got food. You've got the proper trees for them that they like."

A Duck Hunter's Paradise

It's no secret that duck hunting is a main attraction at Tigrett, a resting area for a healthy duck population. The area provides thermal cover for ducks in the winter, protecting them from the cold, wind and elements. Seventeen hunting blinds are available, and an annual draw for the entire waterfowl season is held on the first Saturday in August at the Dyersburg fairgrounds. In August 2005, about 3,000 hunters drew for the 17 Tigrett sites. The hunter drawn first gets the pick of location and hunts the site all season. The good news is that anyone can hunt in Tigrett, but other hunters must be 200 yards from the draw sites.

For the average person, the area offers excellent duck hunting opportunities at an affordable cost, a point of pride for Wirwa. "You know, a man that wants to duck hunt shouldn't be kept from duck hunting just because he can't afford it," he said. He conservatively estimates the annual lease value of one blind at \$10,000, if the blind was privately owned.

While minimal management is needed for duck hunting at Tigrett, he later talked about the management-intensive Bogota unit to the north. Open for the first time in the 2005 hunting season, the area is located on the 10-year flood plain. Low-level terraces were built that create water units, allowing these areas to be flooded with pumps in the fall and drained so that crops and natural wetland vegetation are grown in the spring. Also differing from Tigrett, this innovative hunting area has no duck blinds, creating a back-to-the-basics hunting experience.

The first computer draw for Bogota came in August 2005; 178 hunters were drawn out of the 3,200 hunters who applied. "We (had) a lot of people from East Tennessee and Middle Tennessee apply for this hunt," Wirwa said of Bogota's first year. "And I think the reason is they don't have a lot of duck hunting in East Tennessee, and they don't have a place to hunt in East Tennessee. So they can apply for this hunt, and everything is set up for them. We've got water. We've got ducks. All you have to do is bring your decoys and your shotgun, and you come down and hunt for three days."

His reference to a three-day hunt is another Bogota innovation in that hunting is only permitted Friday through Sunday. The other days are set aside so that the ducks can feed and rest. Hunting success that first season was a duck and a half per hunter per day, which is the state average. "What we're striving for with this type of management is to have a quality hunt," he said, adding that he expects the Bogota average to improve over time.

Looking Ahead

The remainder of the morning brought more discussion about the Tigrett area and what lies ahead. For example, Wirwa speculates that silt could fill the area in roughly 100 years, but to him, this is the natural progression of events. He likens this to the gradual filling of Reelfoot Lake in Northwest Tennessee, which has received significant public attention.

Of more immediate concern is the fear that migratory birds will bring avian influenza into North America and the United States. Shorebirds could be the biggest carriers as they travel from Asia, nest in Alaska and then head south. Although wildlife officials are told of no direct threat to humans, his role will be to watch for unusual bird deaths or behaviors because of illness. He's not the only Wirwa involved in this work as his youngest son, Drew, is pursuing shorebird research as part of his master's degree program. After harvesting shore birds to monitor the birds' diets, U.S. Department of Agriculture officials want to examine them for signs of avian influenza.

Regardless of the challenges or what he does on any given day, Wirwa is especially pleased that his work benefits average people. "As state-owned land, we like to keep the costs down as much as we possibly can for the average person," he said. He also relishes opportunities to make presentations about his work to civic clubs, school groups and anyone who cares about wildlife and the environment.

Even after his many years with the TWRA, Wirwa remains excited about managing the lands under his care for the benefit of future generations. His own sons are well on their way to taking up their father's calling. And, the next duck-hunting season is never too far away. These are just a few reasons why Carl Wirwa's work is more than worthwhile. **UTM**



“Reelfoot Lake struck me as a primeval place, and I thoroughly liked it then, and I thoroughly like it now.”

Professor Donates Reelfoot Lake Collection

By Bud Grimes

WINFRED SMITH MADE HIS MARK AS A UT MARTIN BIOLOGY PROFESSOR. Future generations might better remember him as a Reelfoot Lake scientist and historian. His career-long fascination with the legendary body of water resulted in a detailed personal collection of materials about the lake. Now, that collection is being preserved as a gift to Corbitt Special Collections in the Paul Meek Library.

Richard Saunders, curator and university archivist, describes the Reelfoot Lake material as “collectively irreplaceable” and is pleased that Smith chose UT Martin as the collection’s permanent home. “It makes sense that the largest collection of data regarding the lake would remain in the institution closest to it,” he said. “I am delighted that it is here and feel it will be one of the major collections at our institution.”

Smith, professor emeritus of biology, came to UT Martin in the fall of 1964. He left to attend graduate school in 1969, returned in 1972 with his doctorate from the University of North Dakota and resumed teaching at UT Martin until he retired in 2001. He first saw Reelfoot Lake in 1963 while taking a graduate herpetology course at Tennessee Tech. The appearance, the quiet and the remoteness of the area appealed to him. “It struck me as a primeval place, and I thoroughly liked it then, and I thoroughly like it now,” he said.

Smith said that he seriously began collecting Reelfoot materials and information in the middle 1970s. “I’ve always enjoyed photography, and the first thing I started doing was collecting old photographs showing Reelfoot Lake,” he recalled. Photographs offered a way for him to better understand the lake’s development, but his collection gradually grew to include more than just images.

Beyond photographs, he documented literature about the lake, gathering everything from references to the

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lake, to copies of material, to originals of “papers, stories, books, which in one way or another involve Reelfoot Lake.” A database developed by his wife, Shirley, currently shows 7,383 written references to Reelfoot Lake, including scientific papers, popular literature, and reports from local, state and federal agencies.

Other items include tape-recorded interviews with people at the lake and some videotapes. Newspaper references about the lake date back into the 1800s. “I think of it as a kind of all-inclusive collection,” he said. “I suppose you might describe it as a kind of obsession to collect all of these things. ...”

Unique items include a 1915 booklet written about duck hunting and fishing at Reelfoot Lake. Beyond advice for hunters, the publication describes how the lake appeared and what people were doing then around the lake. The book even describes the lake freezing over in 1912 “and cracking on occasions so loudly that the ice crack could be heard all the way to Hornbeak,” about 15 miles away.

Not yet in the donated portion of the collection are two of his favorites: family photograph albums made in Lake County that include identifications and dates from the late 1800s to about 1930. A lady in Tiptonville, whom he first talked with in the late 1970s, gave the albums to him. He originally borrowed the albums, made photocopies and studied them for about two years. He continued to go back with questions, and on the third visit, she gave him the albums. “It’s really quite a pictorial history,” he said.

Even as he describes the photo albums as favorites, he does so reluctantly. “It’s hard to nail down any particular item (as a favorite) because all of this has sort of grown on me, and it’s hard for me to separate one piece from the other,” he said. “And, my task right now is to sort all of this out and synthesize the information into, I hope, a kind of story which other people will enjoy as well.”

The important task of sorting through the volumes of material also falls to the library, but for Saunders, the outcome will be worth the effort. “When it is complete and processed, the largest gathering of material about Reelfoot Lake will be accessible within an hour’s drive of the lake and lake communities,” he said, estimating that the task of organizing and cataloging the material will take up to two years.

After several decades of researching and collecting, Smith is still very interested in the lake and hasn’t stopped his quest for more Reelfoot material. He searches eBay about once daily, spotting Reelfoot items at least weekly in one form or another. “Vintage photographs are still regularly coming to light in Lake and Obion counties, and I’m absolutely certain

that there are many more out there,” he said.

Besides personal interest, his work has another purpose, the one that actually started the collection. An examination of the material reveals how and why Reelfoot Lake is changing. His ultimate hope

is that the body of work will help point to solutions for environmental problems associated with the lake, noting that humans have interacted with the lake for at least 200 years.

“We’ve affected the lake. The lake’s affected us,” Smith said. “The lake affects what we can do in that area, and to Northwest Tennessee, it’s a huge economic resource, which sometimes I think goes a bit unappreciated. But, it’s still very important.”

Although Smith has been to the lake many, many times, he still goes back to visit. He said that he’s even been known to go to the lake, find an isolated spot, and just sit, especially when he needs inspiration for writing that he continues to pursue. Friends and contacts remain in the lake area, and a camera is never too far away for taking more photographs.

Future researchers and historians already owe a debt of gratitude to Smith for this generous gift. And, if the lake could talk, it would thank him as well. Reelfoot Lake doesn’t have a better friend than Wintfred Smith.

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HISTORY OF REELFOOT LAKE

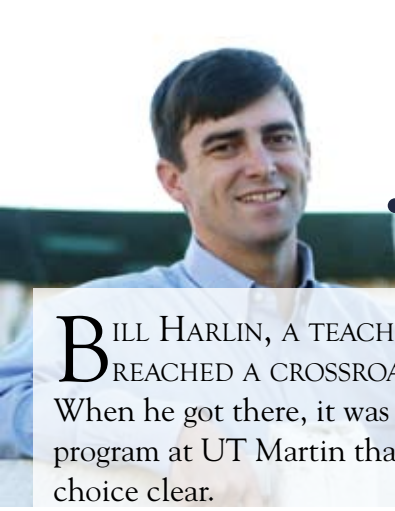
Reelfoot Lake is located in the northwestern part of the Tennessee River valley, approximately five miles wide and twenty miles long. It is irregular in shape and has a maximum depth of twenty-five feet, although in greater portions it is only ten feet deep. This lake is beautiful, although you might call it a swamp. It is extremely alluring and exciting, but it is also very dangerous. In one way or another, it will fascinate you with its beauty and its mystery, and every visit will bring different memories.

The shared stamps of what was once a delta of the lake, and in the shallow parts about the Yonoplia hills, and where there are still some of the old grass marshes, will give you a very good idea of the lake's history.

There are several islands in the lake, from which have been taken many of the best photographs of the lake. Reelfoot Lake is a very beautiful lake, and it is very interesting to see how the lake has changed over the years.

Before the formation of the lake, the area was a delta of the Tennessee River, and the lake was formed by the cutting of the river into two streams of water, which can be easily traced by the old grass marshes, and the fact that the depth of the lake is very shallow.





When two roads diverged, Harlin took the path to New College

By Rita Mitchell

BILL HARLIN, A TEACHER AND COACH, REACHED A CROSSROADS IN HIS LIFE. When he got there, it was the online program at UT Martin that made his choice clear.

He and his wife, Kelly, had always planned for her to be a stay-at-home mom. Following the birth of their second child, he had to rethink his career choice in order to make that a reality.

“On a teaching salary with coaching supplements, it became harder and harder,” said Harlin. “I had gotten to a point where I was not sure if administration was the right choice or if I should restart my career in the business field. After a conversation with my father-in-law (Dr. Joe Johnson, UT president emeritus), he encouraged me to stay in education because I loved it and because I already had established a good foundation in that field.”

With that decision made, Harlin began to look around for an educational program to pursue an administration degree, but all of them were very time-intensive and inflexible. A few months later, Johnson gave him a brochure and told him about an online program offered by UT Martin.

“This program allowed me to keep all of my teaching and coaching positions and maintain family time. Meanwhile, I could develop professionally toward becoming a principal.” To achieve all his goals, he added, “I really would have strained my time at home with my family and my finances if this program had not been available.” He added, “It gave me the prerequisite hours in administration, certification for licensure and preparation for the school leader licensure exam. I started in the fall of 2004, and I finished in the spring of 2006.”

Harlin, who had a bachelor’s degree from the University of Mississippi and a master’s degree in teaching from Belmont University, decided to pursue an add-on endorsement via the UT Martin New College online Educational Administration and Supervision program. On weeknights, he would begin his graduate work about 9 p.m. after spending time with his family. “Depending on the schedule of assignments, I would work three nights during the week for

about two hours. I would block out three to four hours on the weekend to complete my work.”

The best aspect of the program was the internship, he said. “Through the internship, I did a whole range of activities that prepared me so well for my position today,” he added. “Some of the activities included police ride-alongs and spending an entire day at a school outside of my district to shadow another assistant principal. I took part in special education meetings. I worked on school improvement plans. I interviewed the Williamson County budget director and facilities manager.

“The internship process gave me great hands-on experiences, and it also provided me with contacts that have been very helpful in my new role as assistant principal at Brentwood Middle School.”

Harlin said the most challenging aspect of the program was getting used to not seeing and talking to a professor face to face. In fact, he’s never seen the UT Martin campus. “I had to learn how to use technology through Web cams, emails, Internet bulletin

boards and telephones to interact with professors. Truly, the campus for me was the Web site of UT Martin.” He added, “It was a great skill for me to be able to learn how to ask questions, build rapport with other online students and to interact through technology, particularly since that seems to be the trend in all areas of life.”

Harlin has become a walking advertisement for the online program, recommending it to many of his colleagues who are thinking about going into administration. “Most of the administrators that I interned under or worked for were amazed at the experiences that I was getting in this program. No program in this area provided these kinds of educational experiences.”

“The distinction of being one of the first students to complete the online program means more now because I have been hired in one of the top middle schools in the state and in the country and because it has given me confidence to perform my tasks well as an assistant principal. I feel very fortunate to have been able to take part in this great program at UT Martin.” **UTM**

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Dr. Tommy Cates, coordinator of online and university studies, reports:

The master of science in Educational Administration and Supervision continues to be one of the most popular programs for online delivery at UT Martin. School teachers who are busy with their families and careers can improve their chances of moving into administrative positions in the school systems.

Improving resources that can provide educational leadership is a major concern of Gov. Phil Bredesen, and UT Martin’s program meets these needs.

Since the online program was started, 100 percent of the graduates of the program have passed the standardized test required to be certified as a principal or superintendent.

In 2004-05 and 2005-06, this program was the fastest-growing graduate program at UT Martin.

For more information, contact Cates at 731-881-7589.



Food Fiber & Fuel

By Rita Mitchell

UT Martin Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Embraces Biofuels Focus

ALTERNATIVE FUELS – THE TOPIC SPARKS DEBATE ON POLITICAL, SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL LEVELS. As consumers continue to anticipate unstable prices for gasoline, nearly everyone has an opinion about fuel production and consumption and, ultimately, how to rescue the motorist at the pump, curb U.S. dependency on foreign oil and lessen adverse effects on the environment.

While these debates are waged in a variety of arenas, often raising many questions, faculty members at UT Martin are doing what they do best – preparing college graduates who will take their places among those trying to find the answers. Also, as part of university outreach, workshops are being conducted for regional high school educators to help provide a strong background for students who want to pursue post-secondary education or training in a myriad of related fields. And, faculty members are providing technical support at seminars for local and regional officials as multi-million dollar ethanol plants and biodiesel operations become viable economic development projects.

“This is a new frontier, and we’re proud to be part of it,” said Dr. Jim Byford, dean of the UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and a proponent of biofuels, especially ethanol. “We have the capacity to be energy self-sufficient and not adversely affect our food supply.”

Byford pointed to recent announcements of two ethanol plants within 10 miles of UT Martin as examples of how prevalent they have become. A 100-million-gallon plant in Obion County is targeted for completion in summer 2008, and construction of a 55-million-gallon plant is under way in Fulton, Ky. A 60-million-gallon plant is already in production in Loudon County. Byford noted that nationwide, there are 100 plants, with another 40 under construction. He added that a number of other states have plans for plants. Iowa, the no. 1 corn-producing state, has 55 plants planned.

“We can produce corn cheaper than anywhere else in the world. Commercial corn ethanol is here now, and there are enough plants to produce 4.6 billion gallons per year.” Byford added that corn yields continue to increase – U.S. production since the 1930s is up more than 400 percent on 25 percent less land. “Genetically engineered corn varieties, especially suited to make ethanol, are being developed, and ethanol production efficiency is still increasing. Producing ethanol from nonfood materials, such as switchgrass and woody plants, will ultimately yield the most ethanol – on a sustainable basis – but we’re three to five years away from commercial economic feasibility.”

Speaking of his involvement in the Obion County plant, Byford added, “It’s the most exciting thing I’ve done in my career. This is monumental for farmers, economic development and the region. It gives us new life.”

Likewise, Dr. Tim Burcham, UT Martin professor of agricultural engineering, is enthusiastic about biodiesel’s potential as a transportation fuel source. “The technology to produce biodiesel is available today and offers opportunities for Americans to reduce our dependency on foreign oil,” said Burcham.

Biodiesel is a domestic, diesel-engine, renewable fuel derived from natural oils and fats. Soybean oil is the leading feedstock for biodiesel production in the U.S. Other sources include canola oil, corn oil and used cooking oil and fats. Natural oils are converted to biodiesel by a relatively simple chemical conversion called transesterification.

Current U.S. biodiesel production capacity of approximately 350 million gallons per year is expected to double within the next 18 months. There are more plants under construction (68) than currently in operation. If capacity eventually reaches one billion gallons, this would represent almost 2 percent of the total annual diesel consumption in the U.S., which is near 55 billion gallons per year, according to *Crop Insights* (Vol. 16, No. 5, pg. 1).



Dr. Tim Burcham demonstrates biodiesel conversion to students.



Richard Shadden, UT Martin professor of agricultural engineering, displays an engine run on biodiesel fuel.

While Byford and Burcham have focused on different fuel alternatives, both agree that biofuels will be a vital part of agriculture's future and genetics will play an increasing role in tailoring corn, soybeans and other natural products as efficient fuel sources. Also, they agree that educating the public about these sources will be key.

The UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources is poised to support and participate in the expansion of educational efforts that will be needed in alternative fuels and bio-energy. The department offers a program of study in agricultural engineering technology and has faculty with experience in technologies associated with alternative fuels production.

Within this program, attention has been focused on power production, the application of power and the study of power-system designs through instructional efforts and applied research. This foundation is applicable to undergraduate and graduate programs in agriculture and natural resources management. The subject of alternative fuels, particularly biofuels, has been broached in agricultural engineering technology courses since the first fuel crisis occurred in the mid 1970s. Instructional and research efforts regarding the production of methane gas and the utilization of ethanol as a replacement for gasoline have been included in instructional programs in agricultural engineering technology.

In addition to the agricultural engineering technology curriculum, UT Martin's Agriculture and Natural Resources faculty have proposed a broad-based biofuels option in the agricultural science concentration, further demonstrating the department's commitment to providing timely and relevant education for its students. Specifically, the biofuels option will include new courses in agricultural engineering technology and plant science to augment current offerings.

"In the past, agriculture has focused on creating stability in food and fiber," said Burcham. "With future expectations of agriculture and natural resources, the focus will

be food, fiber and fuels. This represents one of the most radical changes in agriculture since land grant universities were established."

Additionally, the UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources recently provided instruction in alternative fuels to students enrolled in the 2006 Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences. The exercise involved students making biodiesel from used cooking oil. The biodiesel fuel was then used to power a single-cylinder, diesel engine in the small-engines laboratory.

"It is evident, as the supply of petroleum-based fuels decreases, that there will be increased demand for knowledge about alternative fuels," said Burcham. "The demand for information will be proportional to the need for these fuels."

Richard Shadden, UT Martin professor of agricultural engineering, who has included waste-to-energy methane production in his courses for years, added, "Educational units, which by their very nature have traditionally dealt with instruction in the area of internal combustion engine power, are well equipped to move forward in the area of alternative fuels. This is even more appropriate if the fuel derivation and power application are related to living (biological) systems."

Looking ahead, the department has proposed the development of the Biofuels Education and Research Facility (BERF), to serve as an improved laboratory for the teaching program in agricultural engineering technology and also to serve as a center for outreach as the public seeks to gain knowledge and understanding of alternative fuels and, in particular, biofuels.

"The mission of land grant universities has always been to provide education, research and development activities to improve the lives of people in their region," said Burcham. "With the anticipated increase in worldwide demand for fuel, it is imperative that researchers in the United States develop technologies that ensure energy independence for future generations of Americans." **UTM**

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UT Unveils **FUTURE** Campaign

The University of Tennessee gathered nearly 3,475 employees Sept. 19 for a first-time ever, six-way simulcast and university-wide celebration. UT President John Petersen gave an overview of the university's strategic plan and unveiled a new image campaign that highlights the university's future, emphasizing the distinct attributes of each operation in the state. UT employs more than 16,000 people who work in all 95 of Tennessee's counties.

Chancellors and administrators led celebrations across the state, and employees at each site viewed the crowds gathered at each location through the simulcast. Celebrations featured pep bands, prize giveaways, mascots and multi-media shows.

Petersen addressed UT employees gathered on the Martin, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis and Tullahoma campuses as well as a group of agriculture, social work and public service employees in Nashville.

"Whether you work in the classroom, an outreach program, or keep our daily operations running—your service makes a difference in the lives of others in some way," Petersen said.

The history-making event culminated two long-term research efforts; one that gauged Tennesseans' perceptions and knowledge of the university; another that measured the strength of UT's internal communication with the goal of enhancing employee engagement.

The effort is closely linked to the university's largest fund-raising campaign in history, now in its initial phase. (See page 25.)

"We've experienced several years of a growing momentum that has resulted in great strides in enrollment, public and private support, research dollars and strengthening of our overall image," Petersen said. "As we proceed with our first comprehensive fund-raising campaign in more than a decade, it's critical that we tell our story, encourage all of our stakeholders to tell it, and reinforce those messages as often as possible."

"I'm really proud of our faculty and staff and their professional efforts that make



University of Tennessee President Emeritus Joe Johnson joins Captain Skyhawk and students during the university-wide brand identity launch celebration.

UT Martin such a great contributor to the overall UT mission," said chancellor Dr. Nick Dunagan. "UT Martin is 'UT' for a large part of West Tennessee. The strategic plan fits well with our campus goals, and we are excited about the goals outlined by President Petersen.

During the celebration, Dunagan added, "As you look at the future of this campus and you look at what John Petersen has laid out – student access, student success, outreach, research, globalization – those things are all important to economic development. Those are all important to our campus. They are important to the region that we serve and they're important to the state. We have a valuable role to play, and we're going to play it well because of the people in this room."

Petersen told employees that the long-term branding campaign would not involve large-scale changes in what most people see, but will provide more prominence to the brand icon created in 1986, which represents the state of Tennessee. The effort will give more consistency and prominence to the brand icon, so that it gains even broader recognition and stronger appeal, Petersen said.

"Higher education is a competitive industry. We compete for students, faculty and staff and must maintain widespread support from our stakeholders — alumni and donors, the General Assembly and the residents of Tennessee," he explained. "Creating, promoting and reinforcing a compelling identity is critical to our competitive advantage and ensures that we influence what people think when they hear or see our name." **UTM**

Campus News Makers



Louis Freeh, former FBI director, was the first speaker in the UT Martin 2006-07 Academic Speaker Series. Following his presentation, *National Security and Civil Liberty: Pros and Cons*, Freeh met with students and signed his book, *My FBI: Bringing Down the Mafia, Investigating Bill Clinton and Fighting the War on Terror*. With Freeh is **Carlton Lewis**, Millington, UT Martin senior information systems major.



Kathryn Bray, right, junior from Maryville, spoke to nationally known personal finance columnist, **Jane Bryant Quinn**, the second of the Academic Speaker Series presentations. With decades of experience as author, columnist and television personality, Quinn has established herself as America's leading voice on personal money management.



Dr. Paul D. Blaylock, of Portland, Ore., and a 1968 UT Martin alumnus, was honored with the naming of the UT Martin Student Government Association president's office in Boling University Center. With Blaylock (left) at the unveiling of the "Paul D. Blaylock Office" is UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan.



TLM Associates, Inc., of Jackson, and the **Henry Earl Thompson family** announced a \$50,000 pledge to the UT Martin Department of Engineering for the Henry Earl Thompson/TLM Associates, Inc., Scholarship Endowment, bringing the total in that endowment to \$100,000. The scholarship endowment benefits West Tennessee students majoring in civil engineering. From left, are Bill Allen, TLM junior partner; Dr. Richard Helgeson, Department of Engineering chair; Dr. Doug Sterrett, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences dean; Dr. Joe Johnson, University of Tennessee president emeritus; Dan Nichols, TLM vice president; Dennis Henderson, TLM president; Chancellor Nick Dunagan; Jerry Hartsfield, TLM vice president; Frank Wagster, TLM vice president; and Randy McKinnon, TLM junior partner.

News Bullets

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- **Dr. John Petersen**, UT president, delivered UT Martin's fall commencement address, Dec. 16. He placed graduates "squarely at the center of the future" as they received degrees and "set out to make the world a better place."
- In January UT Martin's **choral ensembles** and the **clarinet choir** will tour throughout the Southeastern Coastal region of the United States.
- A group of 10 **UT Martin ROTC cadets** placed first in its division during the annual Ranger Challenge competition for the second consecutive year.
- In January UT Martin will host a conference, "**Biofuels: Opportunities for Tennessee Agriculture.**"
- UT Martin was named one of **America's 100 Best College Buys** by Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc. The lists identifies schools providing the highest quality educational environment at the lowest possible cost.

Making Positive Changes: Board Approvals Strengthen Campus

Proposals submitted by UT Martin for higher admissions standards, a new campus recreation center and the establishment of two off-campus centers in Lauderdale and Decatur counties gained approval of the UT Board of Trustees at its November meeting in Knoxville.

The proposal for higher admissions standards, effective fall 2008, calls for revising regular admission requirements to attract and enroll students whose academic preparation, motivation and maturity indicate they can be successful in an academic setting. New requirements will be a 21 ACT score and a 2.5 high school grade-point average or an 18 ACT score and 2.85 high school GPA. Conditional admission requirements for students who do not meet regular requirements will not change and continue to be handled on an individual basis.

"Our intent is to gradually increase the academic rigor and expectations for our students as we also improve our legacy of quality student support services, advising and experiential opportunities for students," said Dr. Tom Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. "Our students will graduate and be well prepared for a career or advanced studies."

In addition, UT Martin proposes to establish two off-campus education centers, one in Ripley (Lauderdale County) by fall 2007 and another in Parsons (Decatur County) by fall 2008. Both counties are among 12 of the 21 counties in West Tennessee listed as "most critical" in the most recent National Educational Needs Index.

UT Martin established an education center in Selmer (McNairy County) in 2001. Since that time, the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer has experienced significant growth on a yearly basis.

In preparation for the establishment of the centers, the Ripley program was staffed and classes were offered beginning in January 2006 on the TTC-Ripley campus to begin building a student base. Likewise, staffing has begun for the Parsons program with initial classes beginning in January 2007.

The board of trustees also approved construction of a 94,600 square-foot campus recreation center at a cost of \$16.5 million. The facility will include four basketball courts/indoor soccer arena, a walking/jogging/running area, a swimming pool, weight room, and cardio-fitness areas, among other amenities.

The new recreation center will be built primarily for students, as student fees will be the primary funding source. Other potential users may include faculty, staff, retirees, alumni and families of UT Martin students and employees, who will pay a fee for use of the facility.

"Student behavior is evolving into a more active state, with students no longer being content to simply be spectators. Today's students want to be involved and actively participate in some form of recreation," said Gina McClure, director of campus recreation. **UTM**



Drs. Winfred Smith and **Andy Sliger**, UT Martin professors emeriti of biological sciences, and the late **Dr. Wes Henson**, professor of biological sciences, recently were honored by **Drs. John and Lily Van Dyck**, of Paris, with the establishment of an endowment for undergraduate research at Reelfoot Lake. Present for the announcement were, from left, Sliger, Smith, Van Dyck and Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor.

Dunagan is Super Skyhawk Fan



Cathy and Nick Dunagan

Chancellor Nick Dunagan doesn't mind telling people he is a St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan or a UT Martin Skyhawk fan. He's attended more games than the average fan or any college student.

When his beloved Cardinals won the

World Series in October, he was thrilled. As the UT Martin football team soared to the top of the Ohio Valley Conference standings and earned some long overdue respect with an eight-game winning streak, Dunagan went from super Skyhawk fan to rabid.

For most students and alumni, all they see is Dunagan the fan. Behind the scenes the UT Martin chancellor has been a vital cog in athletics.

Dunagan agreed to support the fund-raising project that resulted in the Bob Carroll Football Building. "More specifically he agreed to build the building at the football stadium to illustrate his commitment to football," said Phil Dane, director of intercollegiate athletics.

He agreed to allocate a funding plan for a new basketball floor and new basketball seating in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

He also supported an increase in the athletic activity fee to fund gender equity initiatives and the re-establishment of an athletic training program.

"In general, he has supported me by allowing me to direct the athletic program without micro-managing hiring decisions, administrative policies, etc.," Dane said.

Dunagan also has taken an active role in the Ohio Valley Conference for UT Martin.

"Chancellor Dunagan has been a very active part of the board of presidents for the OVC," said Dr. Jon Steinbrecher, Ohio Valley Conference commissioner. "When I am on campus, I always make time to visit with him. He has helped to educate me about the education[all] ... and financial issues in Tennessee higher education. His leadership over the years at the University of Tennessee at Martin is very impressive; I wish him and his wife, Cathy, the very best in their new endeavors. Chancellor Dunagan has long been a great ambassador for UT Martin and the Ohio Valley Conference." **UTM**

Skyhawk Football Team Enjoys First-Ever OVC Championship

UT Martin first-year head football coach Jason Simpson talked about the Ohio Valley Conference championship ever since he was hired back in December 2005.

He backed up all that talk Nov. 18 when he led the nationally ranked Skyhawks to a 42-14 win over host Murray State. The victory gave the Skyhawks a share of their first-ever OVC championship.

With a share of the OVC title, the Skyhawks claimed the automatic qualification to the Division I Football Championship. The Skyhawks, ranked No. 12 in the nation, was one of 16 teams to advance to the championship and play for the national title.

The Skyhawks traveled to nearby Carbondale, Ill., to face No. 10 Southern Illinois in the first round of the championship. The Skyhawks enjoyed a 27-7 lead in the second half, but fell short as the Salukis claimed a 36-30 win in the last minute of play.

"You hate coming out on the losing end in a game that was so tight," Simpson said. "I am so proud of our kids. I am proud of our university. I am proud of administration and our fans. I thought our kids represented us well today and gave us a chance to win at the end."

The Skyhawks finished the season with a 9-3 overall record and a 6-1 OVC worksheet. The 9-3 record is the best since 1988, when the football team posted an 11-2 mark and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II playoffs. **UTM**

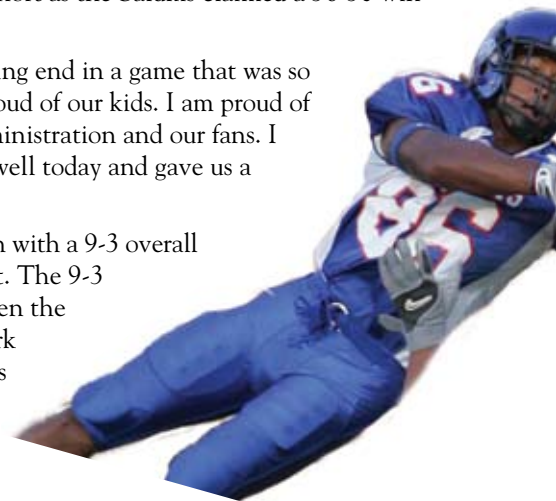
Skyhawk Head Football Coach Piles Up Postseason Honors

UT Martin head football coach Jason Simpson piled up the post season honors after leading the Skyhawks to their first Ohio Valley Conference Championship and the Football Championship Division postseason.

Simpson was named the Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year and was one of 16 finalists for The Sports Network's Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award. The Sports Network established the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award in 1987, and it has been presented annually to the top coach in Division I-AA. The winner is chosen by the division's sports information directors and selected sports writers who cover Division I-AA football.

Simpson was also named the Region 3 American Football Coaches Association's 2006 Coach of the Year. "What makes this award so special is that this is the only coach of the year award voted on exclusively by the coaches themselves," AFCA Executive Director Grant Teaff said. "The winners are selected by the coaches they compete with and against on a daily basis."

The AFCA recognizes five regional Coach of the Year winners in each of the Association's five divisions: I-A, I-AA, Division II, Division III and NAIA. The winners are selected by active members of the association who vote for coaches in their respective regions and divisions. **UTM**



First-year Coach Finds Success on the Soccer Field

The young UT Martin women's soccer team, under the direction of first-year head coach Craig Roberts, moved into territory this season none of them had visited before. The Skyhawks made a return to the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament for the first time since 2003, a time when everyone on the current roster was still in high school.

With Roberts, a native of Kidderminster, England, arriving on campus only four weeks prior to the first match, he inherited a team that lost 11 players and only had four starters from the previous year. The Skyhawks, with a belief in Roberts' new system, found themselves prepared to make their mark not only on the OVC but the national scene as well.

"His knowledge of the game and attention to the details in teaching technical skills were a huge help for us this year," said Skyhawk co-captain Jamie Price. "He treats each match

like a game of chess, preparing us for every possible situation or move the other team may throw at us."

UT Martin's first flash of what lay in waiting came when they claimed the PUMA Skyhawk Invitational title for a second consecutive year. The Skyhawks then made their mark on the national level battling No. 23 Long Beach State to a heartbreaking 1-0 loss in the Northern Arizona High Altitude Invitational. The Skyhawks then marched through the OVC schedule, holding opposing teams scoreless for 677 consecutive minutes during a streak of six straight shutouts. UT Martin concluded its season, dropping a 1-0 match to perennial OVC power Eastern Illinois in the first round of the conference tournament.

UT Martin players found individual success under the direction of Roberts, as well. First-year goalkeeper Cara Sullivan was named to the Soccer Buzz national team of the week, OVC goalkeeper of the week three times

and to the postseason All-OVC New-comer team.

Price was named OVC defensive player of the week along with fellow co-captain Katie Behrens, who was named to the All-OVC First Team. **UTM**



Head soccer coach Craig Roberts

2005-06 Student-Athlete Academic Performance



UT Martin volleyball team

The Skyhawk volleyball team is one of 54 Division I teams to receive the 2005-06 American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award. The award is given to teams with GPAs of 3.30 or higher. The Skyhawk team GPA was 3.41.

Softball is ranked 26th for team grade-point average among Division I schools by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. The team GPA was 3.286.

UT Martin student-athletes had the second highest percentage of its student-athletes to qualify for the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for 2005-06 (36.5 percent). The Honor Roll requires a 3.25 GPA for the academic year and includes OVC sports only. University rodeo and cheerleading athletes are not included.

For fall 2005, 129 of 315 student-athletes made the UT Martin Dean's List (3.20 or higher). Twenty-one had 4.00 averages for the term.

The cumulative GPA for student-athletes for fall 2005 was 2.96, and the UT Martin student GPA was 2.83.

For spring 2006, 116 of 297 student-athletes made the UT Martin Dean's List, and 21 again had 4.00 averages. The cumulative GPA for student-athletes for spring 2006 was 2.92. The overall student body GPA was 2.82. **UTM**



Atkins Named AP All-American

Senior offensive lineman, Alex Atkins (6-2, 310, Memphis, Tenn.), was named to the Associated Press Football Championship Subdivision All-American Team. Atkins, a two-time All-OVC selection, bolstered an offensive line and helped the Skyhawks rank first in the conference in rushing (218.2 ypg) and second in scoring average (24.8 ppg). Atkins was one of six Ohio Valley Conference players named to the AP All-American teams.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Athlete or Coach to be nominated _____

Years of participation at UT Martin _____

Years of attendance and graduation year _____

UT Martin athletic accomplishments _____

Your name and contact number _____

**Please submit by May 1, 2007, to
Joe Lofaro, Sports Information Director, Room 40, Skyhawk
Fieldhouse, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238 or jlofaro@utm.edu**



Len Solomons
Vice Chancellor of
University Advancement

from the office of
**University
Advancement**

“Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone else planted a tree a long time ago.”

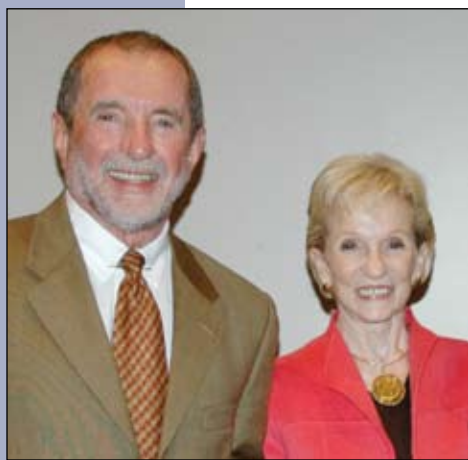
— Warren Buffet

A number of extraordinary benefactors are investing in tomorrow, today. The impact of their philanthropy will change lives and the quality of life in this region for generations to come. These individuals are leading by example, and their inspirational stories provide an incentive for us all to do what we can, while we can, to make a difference in the lives of others.

UT Martin is vitally connected to the economic growth and development of this region; but even those outside of our immediate area are interested and engaged in making the world a better place by helping our students succeed.

One way to broaden the horizons of West Tennessee students is to open up a virtual “window to the world” through travel opportunities, study abroad and scholarships. The following people are building bridges to the future and helping to ensure a better life for countless students whom they may never know or even meet.

Lew and Mary Jo Dougherty have provided a \$3.87 million bequest to establish the UT Martin Lew and Mary Jo Dougherty University Scholars Endowment.



Income from the Dougherty estate and a recent \$100,000 Charitable Remainder Trust one day will be used to provide scholarships for the University Scholars, the most selective and prestigious scholarships offered at UT Martin. Their bequest also will create a Scholars Travel Fund to provide an opportunity for each scholar, during his or her junior year, to study abroad. Not only will this offer a life-changing experience for the individual student, but it also

will make it possible, upon returning to the campus for their senior year, for these students to share personal experiences and motivate other scholars to travel and study abroad.

Both Lew and Mary Jo are avid international travelers and UT graduates. The Doughertys contend that “travel has not only given us great opportunities to understand and appreciate other cultures, but it also has deepened our appreciation for the United States and home.” Lew is a retired dentist and a commander in the United States Navy (retired). He served as the UT National Alumni Association president, the National chair for Annual Giving and as chair of the UT Martin Development Committee on two occasions.

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Mary Jo has served as chair of the UTNAA Women’s Council and as a member of the UTNAA Board of Governor’s Executive Committee. She was a longtime member of the UT Martin Arts Council Board and is a charter member of the UT Alliance of Women Philanthropists. The Doughertys are Honorary University Scholars and received the UT Knoxville Chancellor’s Citation for Extraordinary Service to the University in 1987, as well as the UT Martin Chancellor’s Award for University Service in 2004. It was the first time that either of these awards had been made to a couple.

John and Delores Sorey provided \$3.25 million to establish The John and Delores Sorey LEAD Endowment. John and Delores Sorey currently have committed \$50,000 to fund annual travel awards for students in the LEAD Academy and have designated a planned and deferred



gift to further endow this comprehensive undergraduate leadership development experience.

John Sorey earned his master's degree in business administration from UT Nashville and also attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business. He is a past chair of the UT Development Council and the UT Martin Development Committee. John served in the U.S. Army as a highly decorated infantry first lieutenant during Vietnam. He and his wife, Delores, have two children, John F. Sorey IV and Scarlett S. Ferguson.

John has an extensive management background, owning and consulting with more than 100 companies, and currently is president/owner of Management Support Systems, Inc., in Naples, Fla. While he was president of Spectrum Acquisitions, Inc. in Selmer, he also established a scholarship fund for McNairy County students to attend the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer. Recently, he was elected to the Naples City Council and served as chair of the Naples Planning Advisory Board. Delores Sorey was president and is still very active with the Naples Art Association, has served on a number of non-profit boards and currently serves as board member of the United Arts Council.

“Leaders are made, not born. Leadership is a product of learning and developing certain traits and is amplified by experiences.”

Sorey is a firm believer in leadership development. “Leaders are made, not born. Leadership is a product of learning and developing certain traits and is amplified by experiences.” The LEAD Academy makes those experiences and opportunities available, and with the Soreys’ commitment, will continue to produce future generations of world-class leaders.

Charles and Bettye Moore provided \$5.6 million to establish the Charles and Bettye Moore Scholarship Endowment for UT Knoxville and UT Martin students. Charles and Bettye Moore were born and reared in the Northwest Tennessee community of Sharon. They attended high school together and early on established a good-natured competition for top grades and honors. Charles attended UT Martin and earned his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Both Bettye and Charles are motorcycle enthusiasts and international travelers. They have been known to jump on their



Harleys for a cross-country ride or head off on an African safari when they aren't doing volunteer work for the University of Tennessee. Charles serves on the UT Development Council, and Bettye is a member of the UT Martin Development Committee.

Charles and Bettye are both now retired after careers with Boeing, where Charles was a senior specialist with the Apollo Programs and Bettye was the administrative aid for senior management at a number of Boeing locations and at corporate headquarters. Charles also served as vice president of corporate engineering at Ethyl/Albemarle and as executive vice president/chief operating officer with Stone and Webster.

Although they now live in Baton Rouge, La., they have a strong desire to help students from the Sharon and Sidonia area, especially those with financial need and academic merit, to attend the UT campus of their choice. They have established a current scholarship endowment and made provisions in their estate plans to continue to assist West Tennessee students for generations to come. “We've had exciting careers and enjoyed opportunities that would not have been possible without an education such as that provided by UT. We're happy to support UT and share our good fortune with deserving young people from our area, with the goal of providing them with an education that will, in turn, lead to exciting careers and unlimited opportunities.”

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These alumni, friends and benefactors are busy planting seeds that will bear fruit for years to come...and their unselfish commitment is a gift and an example worth celebrating! **UTM**

For more information on planned and deferred gifts such as bequests, trusts, gifts of insurance, appreciated stock or real estate, contact the Office of Development at 731-881-7620 or email your request to plannedgiving@utm.edu.

While many of us may not be able to make these kinds of transformational gifts, even modest gifts can have a big impact in the life of a student, academic department or faculty member.

As the university makes plans for a major fund-raising initiative, the Campaign for Tennessee, UT Martin is asking all faculty and staff to participate in a Family Campaign, January 2007–March 2007. Often, the ones who know the university the best support it the most. They know that UT Martin is helping to educate the next generation of leadership and realize the important role that the university plays in the FUTURE of Tennessee.

We're not just producing better students, together we're building a stronger Tennessee!



Charley Deal
Director of
Alumni Relations

The Real Deal

“UT MARTIN HAS GOT IT GOING ON!” This is just one of the many comments I heard during Homecoming 2007 activities. When Bill Rhodes accepted his UT Martin Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, he said “This university plays such an important role. It’s up to us as alumni to help get that message out.” Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president, called the atmosphere on campus “infectious,” “a place where people love being, working and going to school.”

What does this mean? One year ago, I challenged you to give back financially. You responded and, as a result, **UT Martin was the only school in the UT system to enjoy an increase in the percentage of alumni giving.** Are we where we want to be? No, not by a long shot! But we are making progress and will continue to give you good reasons to give back to your *alma mater*. Here are a few questions to consider:

1. Is it important to you that UT Martin is ranked one of the best schools in the southeast?
2. Is it important to you that our students travel abroad and truly experience lifelong learning?
3. Is it important to you that academic programs offer state-of-the-art training to today’s students so they can compete in the global economy?

Is there a gift too small? NO. I often tell folks to give an amount that makes them feel good. Ten dollars a year or \$100 a day, it all goes to help students, faculty and this university achieve more and provide you, our alumni, reason to keep dusting off your diploma each year. It is your choice. Support your *alma mater* and send a message to people around the world that this place, our university, does matter to you!



Dr. Bill Ahlschwede, above right, UT Martin instructor of English, explains the grain pattern in a sassafras bowl to **Tom Johnson**, international programs instructor. The bowl is one of a group Ahlschwede turned from parts of the UT Martin historic campus sassafras tree damaged by Hurricane Katrina a year ago. The tree was removed. Observers saw the shape of the tree in the grain pattern.

Award Recipients Note UT Martin’s

Editor’s Note: Ms. Sara Dunagan Sowell died after this story was written. Her legacy of support for UT Martin is noted on page 31.

Four awards were presented at the annual alumni banquet during homecoming at UT Martin to people who had varied associations with the university but shared similar ideas about the impact the institution had on their lives.

Buddy Mitchell, Outstanding Alumnus Award recipient; **Bill Rhodes**, Outstanding Young Alumnus Award recipient; and **Bettye Giles**, Chancellor’s Award for University Service recipient, accepted their awards from Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, and Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president. **Nancy Biggs** accepted a Chancellor’s Service Award on behalf of her mother, **Sara Dunagan Sowell**, who could not attend the ceremony.

Accepting his award, Rhodes, of Memphis, AutoZone president and CEO, said he was recruited to play golf at UT Martin by coach Grover Page. “It’s a great honor for me to be here tonight,” said Rhodes. “The education that I received at this university was incredible. I am so proud of that education.” Rhodes thanked Page and others at the university “for what they have done for me and my family.” He added, “This university plays such an important role. It’s up to us as alumni to help get that message out.”

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Mitchell, of Knoxville, UT Institute for Agriculture associate vice president for agricultural development and government relations, said, “I can’t imagine this campus did more for anyone more than me.” He cited Dr. Bob Duck, professor emeritus of agronomy, as having a “profound influence” on him. “Four years here changed my life dramatically. That cherished college education is more important in today’s knowledge-

Sara Dunagan Sowell

Buddy Mitchell



Impact on Individuals, Region

based, technology-based life.” He urged other alumni present to “support this very special place. It’s building an outstanding workforce.”

Biggs, of Greenfield, said UT Martin always had a presence in the lives of her parents, Sara and Horace Dunagan, brother, Nick, sister, Anita, and her life. On trips from their home in Caruthersville, Mo., to Jackson, they would always drive through Martin to see places her parents lived and frequented when he was a student after WWII. “All three of us chose UT Martin. I think parents are the best college recruiters.”

Sara Dunagan funded the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking to honor her late husband’s 38-year banking career. She established two University Scholars endowments, donated to the new Agricultural Teaching Complex and established three charitable trusts, one for each of her children, that will benefit academic programs, among other contributions.

That legacy of choosing UT Martin led a total of 30 of her family members to graduate from the university.

Giles, of Martin, a retired physical education professor and director of women’s athletics, recounted moments from a career at UT Martin that spanned 42 years. Twelve years later, she is still going to an office on campus to work on various projects—giving her a total of 54 years of association with the institution.

“I have enjoyed every minute of it,” she said. “I don’t remember dreading to go to work.” Noting it wasn’t all “peaches” and that there were some challenges, she added, “somehow those challenges inspired me. I’ve enjoyed what everybody (recipients) has said about UT Martin. It certainly is an honor and I appreciate it so much.” **UTM**

Bettye Giles

Bill Rhodes



Let us know what you’re up to!

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

Full Name (include maiden name, if applicable): _____

Years Attended: _____ through _____ School /College of: _____

Degree(s): _____ Major: _____

Home Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Business Name or Employer: _____

Business Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Would you like your Email address published in *Campus Scene*? Yes No

Full Name of spouse: _____

Did your spouse attend UT Martin? Yes No

Years Attended: _____ through _____ School /College of: _____

Degree(s): _____ Major: _____

Occupation: _____ Business Name of Employer: _____

Business Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Spouse’s Email Address: _____

Names and Ages of Children: _____

Additional News (honors, promotions, etc.): _____

List your current hobbies: _____

Would you consider taking an active leadership role in UT Martin alumni activities?

Yes No

Would you like this information published in *Campus Scene*? Yes No

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.

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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 University of Tennessee at Martin
 Martin, TN 38238
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1951

Connie Pat Freeman Mauney, ('51) is a professor emeritus at Emporia State University and lives in Brentwood with her husband, W.M. She is a member of honorary societies, including Pi Lambda Theta, Delta Kappa Gamma and Phi Kappa Phi. She also participates in the Rotary Club and the American Society for Public Administration. She was involved in research projects that focused on government and required international travel. She and her husband have two children: Mark L., 47; and Karen Mauney Voce, 44. Email: mauneyco@comcast.net or mactoo@comcast.net.

1955

Billy B. Foster, ('55), is a retired electrical maintenance supervisor and lives in Greenville, N.C., with his wife, Annie. They have two children: Jeff, 45; and Allison, 40. Email: billfos-ter3@cos.net.

1956

Nora Frances Smith Abernathy, ('56), lives in Buchanan, Tenn., and is a retired computer consultant. She has worked with Fortune 500 companies in aerospace and owns Abernathy Business Consultants. She plays the organ for her church and is a certified Reach to Recover volunteer and a 3½ year cancer survivor.

Charlie S. Cox Sr., ('56), and his wife, Edith, live in Massachusetts with their four children: Elizabeth, Charles Jr., Lori-Anne and Julianna. Charlie is a stockbroker for UBS and also enjoys traveling. Email: charles.cox2@ubs.com.

Find more Alumni news at:
www.utmforever.com

1960



A.B. Coleman, ('60), lives in Flintstone, Ga., with his wife, Rose Marie. He is a retired contractor. He and his wife have three children: Terri Lyn Hixson, 42; A.B. III, 40; and Dr. Christopher Alan Coleman, 38. Email: abcolema@tva.gov.

1963

D. Michael "Mike" Moss, ('63), lives in Cordova with his wife, **Carolyn Enoch Moss**, ('63). Mike is retired from Shelby County Schools, where he was listed among Who's Who Among American High School Teachers, and now works for Moss Rental Properties. He is currently serving as president of the Memphis/Shelby County Chapter of the University of Tennessee. He and his wife have two children: Amanda, 35; and Dana, 33. Email: michaelmoss@bellsouth.net.

1968

Marshall A. Conner, ('68) works as a senior buyer for Ametek-Advanced Measurement Technology in Oak Ridge. He lives in Knoxville with his wife, Vickie. He was the first African American to be commissioned as 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army through the UT Martin ROTC program. He and his wife have three children: Tana Bly, 35; Tracy McGhee Jackson, 33; and Crystal Conner Jackson, 31. Email: dsigrn100@aol.com.

1969

Cathy Caldwell Bailey, ('69), and her husband, Charles, live in Paris and have a son: Cliff, 30. They are both retired teachers, and Cathy teaches adult education part-time at the Carroll County Adult Learning Center in Huntingdon.

Maxcell Fred Culpepper, ('69), and his wife, Linda, live in Sewanee. Maxcell is a retired postmaster. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2003, and after repeating basic training and receiving special permission, he re-entered in 2005 and is currently in Kuwait. He and his wife have three children: Lyndia Crawford, Tim Culpepper and Jason Bruno. Email: max.culpepper@us.army.mil.

1971



Larry A. Walker, ('71), and his wife, Vernalissi, live in Hohenwald, where he works as an attendance supervisor for the Lewis County Board of Education. He and his wife have two children: Arviejohn, 11; and Altonjohn, 8. Email: walker145@localnet.com.

1972

Rachel Watson Mayfield Parker, ('72), lives in Sparta with her husband, Dennis. She is a registered nurse at the White County Hospital. They have three children: Rhonda, 35; Ruthanne, 30; and Stephanie, 17. Email: parkit@blomand.net.

1973

David H. Burkett, ('73) is a consultant and lives in Alpharetta, Ga., with his wife, Christine. They have one child, Anna Burkett Comer, 31. Email: dave_burkett@jeffersonwells.com.

Lynn Paulsell Dalbey, ('73), lives in Yuma, Ariz., with her husband, **Eugene "Gene" B. Dalbey**, ('73). Lynn is employed as an administrative assistant for the city of Yuma, and Gene teaches at two different schools. They have three children: John, 39; Alison, 36; and Suzanne, 30. Email: lynn.dalbey@ci.yuma.az.us.

Dana Robert Witten, ('73), and his wife, Tania, live in Pembroke Pines, Fla. He is a teacher and coach at North Miami Beach Senior High School. He has been selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers and also is a certified athletic trainer, with 20 years of coaching experience in tennis and football. He and his wife have two children: Dallas Jean, 26; and Heather Renee, 22. Email: ohlaman@bellsouth.net and gusy8@bellsouth.net.

James W. Hoppers Jr., ('73), and his wife, Melanie, live in Milan. James is a physician at the Jackson Clinic. He is active in Christian foreign missions and the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. He and his wife have five children: Jimmy, 25; Brian, 20; Katie, 10; Patrick, 6; and Sara, 2. Email: jhoppers@click1.net.

1974

David Warmbrod, ('74), and his wife, **Debbie McKenzie Warmbrod**, ('75), live in Jackson and have two children: Johnathan, 13; and Jeanette, 22. Both are employed by Jackson-Madison Co. School System, where he is a teacher and pitching coach, and she is a special education assistant. David retired from the Tennessee National Guard after completing 34 years as an E8 master sergeant. Email: davidewarmbrod@aol.com and warmbrod-debbie@yahoo.com.

1975

Col. Eddie Cole, ('75), lives in Fayetteville, Ga., with his wife, Maritza. He is employed by the U.S. Army at Fort McPherson, where he is a member of the Army 10-mile running team. They have two children: Michael, 29; and Tracie, 25. Email: Eddie.Cole@forscom.army.mil.

Warner C. Hassell, ('75), and his wife, **Marilyn Hill Hassell**, ('75), live in Antioch. Warner is a court administrator for Metro General Sessions Court of Davidson County, and, in July 2006, he was elected

to serve a three-year term on the National Association for Court Management board of directors. Marilyn is a kindergarten teacher at Christ the King School. They have two children: Rebecca, 23; and Meredith, 18. Email: wchassell@yahoo.com.

Drew Malcomb, (75), lives in Washington, D.C., and is the chief of public affairs for Minerals Management Service, an agency within the U.S. Department of the Interior. He served as a public affairs officer in the U.S. Navy until retiring as a commander in 1998. He was selected as press officer for the U.S. Department of Energy from 2000-06. Email: drew.malcomb@verizon.net.

1977

Paulus "Paul" Leenaarts, ('77), and his wife, **Winnie Wright Leenaarts**, ('73), live in Akron, Ohio, where he is a manager of global product support for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., and she is a floral design consultant and flower shop manager. They have one child: Jason, 30. Paul is a member of the Society of Aerospace Engineers, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, American Society for Quality and the Netherlands, Ohio, Chamber of Commerce. Email: pauluspetrus@aol.com.

1978

Diego Daponte, ('78), lives in Power Springs, Ga., and works as a senior research engineer for Propex. She lives with her son, Nick, 14. Email: ddaponte@bellsouth.net.

1979

Phyllis Nance Richmond, ('79), is an import manager for Komatsu in Ripley. She received her master's of business administration in 2003 and recently became a licensed customs broker. She and her husband, Vonda, live in Gates with their daughter: Phyllicia, 16.

Debby Garrett Dorough, ('79), lives in Pensacola, Fla., and works as a technology coordinator for Escambia County Schools. She was selected as Teacher of the Year for the ninth time in her career and was nominated for Disney Teacher Awards. She has two children: Lyssajane Hame, 22; and Angela Fuller, 24. Email: dorough_d@popmail.firn.edu.

Michael Allen Green, ('79), and his wife, Susan, live in Gallatin, where he is the vice president of Prime Mortgage Brokers, Inc./Main Street Commercial Money Source Corp. They have two children: Candice, 24; and Chassen, 21. Email: mgreene@primemort.com and sgreene@primemort.com.

Rev. Linda J. Jones, ('79), lives in Louisville, Ky., where she is the associate regional minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky. She received her master of divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary (LTS). She has been recognized as Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and Outstanding Disciples student and received the George V. Moore award for outstanding field placement. She also served as the LTS alumni president. Email: linda@ccinky.net.

1980

Vicki Shepherd Snyder, ('80), lives in Paris, where she was elected as the first female judge in Henry County. She also was elected as the judge for the general sessions juvenile and probate court. She has three children: Justin, 20; Meredith, 24; and Kari, 28. Her hobbies include golf, gardening and reading. Email: vsspd@hotmail.com.

Tullio L. Ospina, ('80), lives with his wife, Luz Marina, in Medellin, Colombia, South America. He is a cattle rancher at Apartadeo Aereo. He and his wife have three children: Anamaria and Tulio Fernando, 17; and Juan Jose, 3. Email: tulioospina@yahoo.com.

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Family Campaign Begins

In January, UT Martin kicked off the **Family Campaign**, an important part of the upcoming system-wide "Campaign for Tennessee." The Family Campaign is an opportunity for all members of the UT Martin family—clerical and administrative staff, faculty and retirees—to give back to the university.

Family Campaign Chairs are interim vice chancellor for student affairs, **Jerald Ogg**, faculty; director of alumni relations, **Charley Deal**, staff; and professor emeritus, **Bettye Giles**, retirees. Each academic and administrative department is led by an area captain, who will ask his or her department's faculty and staff to join in supporting UT Martin. Their goal is to encourage all members of the campus family to contribute. All gifts and pledges will count toward the Family Campaign and will help the university achieve its goal of having the highest percentage of giving of any UT campus.

As members of the campus community, faculty, staff and retirees are keenly aware of the university's needs. Contributions are a concrete way to express belief in the value of the institution. Internal support for The Campaign for Tennessee will create the momentum for its overall success as prospective donors look at the levels of family giving when deciding to support an institution.

"Whether our work involves teaching or the maintenance of our grounds and facilities, providing clerical support or administering policies, this is our opportunity to be part of the growth and development of our students," Chancellor Nick Dunagan said.



Family Campaign chairs are (from left) Charley Deal, Bettye Giles and Dr. Jerald Ogg.



Jason Rushing ('04) is the director of the new UT Martin Parsons Center. UT Martin plans to offer courses in Parsons beginning in spring 2007 and hopes to relocate all operations into a full-service facility by fall 2008.

During his time at UT Martin, he had the opportunity to work as a UT Martin chancellor's staff assistant and worked with many faculty and administrative staff. Also, he is director of the Jim Ayers Alumni Scholarship Fund and is a resident of Parsons.

Email: jrushing@utm.edu.

Visit www.utm.edu/ecce for information about Extended Campus and Continuing Education.

The directors at the other center locations are:

Bethany Worley, UT Martin Jackson Center & Dual-Credit (bworley@utm.edu); Deidra Beene, UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer (dbeene@utm.edu); Youlanda Jones, UT Martin Ripley Center (jones@utm.edu).

1981

Freddie Lewis Hudson, ('81) is a retired Army lieutenant colonel and lives in Alexandria, Va. He is a defense contractor for Homeland Air Security. He also was a lead analyst for the joint staff to the Interagency for Homeland Air Security. He has one child: Freddie L. Hudson III, 18. Email: fredhud@comcast.net.

1982

Dr. David Bryant Russell, ('82), and his wife, **Marilyn Denise Fryman Russell**, ('72), live in Union City, where David is part of the United Methodist clergy at the Union City First United Methodist Church. He was appointed senior pastor at the church in June 2006. Marilyn is a homemaker. David received his doctorate of ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in May 2005. He and his wife have three children: **Jennifer Marie Russell Head**, ('97); **Jessica Michelle Russell White**, ('97); and **Rebecca Ruth Russell**, ('03). Email: pastor@fumcuc.org.

1983

Randy A. Thetford, ('83), works in Union City as a financial adviser and planner and lives in Rives with his wife, Anita J. Thetford. Randy is a certified public accountant and is currently working toward his certified financial planner designation. He and his wife have two children: Allison Thetford, 18, a UT Martin first-year student; and Ashley Thetford, 14. Email: randthet@bellsouth.net.

Timothy (Tim) Garner Haney, ('83), and his wife, **Cyndia (Cindy) Elizabeth Alexander Haney**, ('82), live in Trenton. Tim is a high school principal at Peabody High School, where he served 15 years as the head football coach. Cindy is a teacher assistant at Trenton Elementary School. They have two children: Elizabeth, 12; and Gunner, 18 months.

1984

J. Kris Lowry, ('84), works at Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., a Birmingham-based law firm. He was selected by his peers to be included in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Carey Lorenzo Bond, ('84), and his wife, **Angela Fouse Bond**, ('83), live in Midlothian, Va. Carey is an administrative manager for Nationwide Insurance, and Angela is employed in technical sales for waste management. Carey recently completed a one-year tour in Iraq under Operation Iraqi Freedom as a senior adviser. He is a major in the 80th Division (reserve) and helped to advise the Iraqi command and assist the Iraqi Engineer School. Email: cbocash@aol.com.

Roger Shock, ('84), lives in Little Rock, Ark., with his wife, Jan. He is a United Methodist minister. He and his wife have five children: Addison, 18; Taylor, 15; Carson, 15; Kennedy, 11; and Camden, 7. Email: roger-shock@yahoo.com.

Darrell D. Hensley, ('84), lives in Knoxville with his wife, **Greta Simpson Hensley**, ('82, '84). Darrell received master's degrees in entomology and plant pathology and his doctorate in plant sciences at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. They have two children: Kaitlin, 14; and Samuel, 5. Email: dhensley@utk.edu and Ghensley@ortn.edu.

Matthew J. Pumo, ('85), works in Mobile, Ala., as a general manager for WALA Fox 10 and WBPG WB 55 at LIN Television. He has two children: Brooke, 9; and Joey, 7. Email: mjp0008@aol.com.

Carol Freiermuth Hoops, ('85), is a clinical pharmacist in Cleveland at Bradley Memorial Hospital. She and her husband, Michael, have two children: Samuel, 12; and Madeline, 8. Email: Carol_Hoops@CHS.net.

Stan H. Hardaway, ('85), is president of Hardaway Construction Corp., where he also serves as a general contractor. He is a board member of Belmont University, Forward Sumner, Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce and Associated Builders and Contractors of Middle Tennessee, and he is a deacon at First Baptist Church of Hendersonville. He

and his wife, Tammy, have two children: Blake, 15; and Brett, 13. Email: shardaway@hardaway.net.

Terry D. Davis, ('85), lives in Pleasant View and works as a compliance officer and vice president of Suntrust Investment Services, Inc. in Nashville. He has two children: Megan, 18; and Kaitlin, 15. Email: terry.davis@suntrust.com.

1986

A. Jason Fleming, ('86), and his wife, Sheila, live in Stanton. Jason returned to the USDA to work as an information technology specialist after serving a one-year tour in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In Afghanistan, he trained the Afghan National Army. Currently, he is a major in the Tennessee Army National Guard, having served for 17 years. He and his wife have one child: Garrison Cole, 12. Email: jason.fleming@tn.usda.gov.

1988



Linda Buggs, ('88), is a principal in Bolivar. She received the Teacher Of The Year award in 1999 and Community Leader of the Year in 2005. She enjoys reading, basketball, music and walking.

Dr. Brian K. Clardy, ('88), is an assistant professor of history at Murray State University and recently was named coordinator of the Religious Studies Program. He teaches world civilization, American politics and survey of world religions. Last summer, Brian traveled to Salzburg, Vienna and Prague, Czech Republic, to celebrate

the 250th Birthday of classical composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Brian serves on the Murray Civic Music Association Board of Trustees and also is a licensed preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Email: brian.clardy@murraystate.edu.

1989



Howard "Bud" George, ('89), and his wife, **LeAnn George**, ('89), live in Murfreesboro, where he is the general manager of Bob Parks Realty, and she is a homemaker. They have three children: Annalee, 4; Logan, 9; and Blake, 12. Email: bud@bobparks.com and leann@budgeorge.com.

John "Kenneth" Cooper, ('89), and his wife, **Tanza Perry Cooper**, ('88), live in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, with their child: John, 10. Kenneth is employed in human resource management by the U.S. Army, and Tanza owns an event planning and gift basket business. Email: tancooper@hawaii.rr.com or jcoop06@hawaii.rr.com.

Delinda Peete Mitchell, ('89), lives in Cordova and works in Memphis as a corrections deputy for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. Email: delinda.mitchell@shelby-sheriff.org.

Emanuel McNeil, ('89, '99), and his wife, Tracy, live in Richmond, Va. Emanuel is a teacher at Highland Springs High School and a coach for Virginia State University. Email: emanuelmcneil@hotmail.com.

1990

Judith Kane Byrd, ('90), and her husband, **David Keith**, ('91), live in Knoxville with their two children: Spenser, 6; and Parker, 4. Judith is the vice president and owner of TBC

Solutions, Inc., and David is a video specialist for RIVR Media. Email: jbyrd@tbc-solutions.com or tnfanbyrd@yahoo.com.

Thomas Raphael Desmond, ('90), is a major in the U.S. Army and serves as the executive officer for the 230th Finance Battalion in Baghdad, Iraq. He lives in Harker Heights, Texas, with his wife, Marquette LeChel Raphael, ('90). They have three children: Danielle, 18; Gabreille, 15; and Isaiah, 10. Email: desmond.raphael@us.army.mil.

1991

Jeffrey L. Cavaness, (BS '79; MS '91), lives in Middleton with his wife, Jane, where he works as a guidance counselor for Hardeman County Schools. In 2004, he published his first book, *Hog Hollow*. He is working on his second book, *Can You Smell the Honeysuckle?* He has one child: Adam, 7. Email: cavanessj@k12tn.net.

1992

Marti Binkley Loftis, ('92), lives in Murfreesboro with her husband, Jason. She is a State Farm Insurance agent and has two children: B.J. Oliver, 19; and Lily, 3 months. Email: marti.loftis.I013@statefarm.com.

Gina Bunch Dollar, ('92), and her husband, Scott, live in Waynesboro. Gina is a teacher at Waynesboro Elementary. They have one child: Ben, 8. Email: dollargc89@yahoo.com.

1993

Caryn Capers Hanna, ('93), lives with her husband, Christopher, in Webster, N.Y. They both work in Rochester, where they opened a new office for two different businesses: Atomic Design, a design and marketing agency; and Trade Show Models, a model staffing agency. Email: carynac@hotmail.com.

Rogetta Prueitt, ('93), lives in Springfield, Mo., and works as an executive director for Make-A-Wish Foundation of Missouri. Email: rogetk@yahoo.com.

1994



Chantée D. Kirk, ('94), lives in West Palm Beach, Fla., where she is an academic adviser and educator for Palm Beach Atlantic University. She assists first-year students in making the transition from high school to the university. She is a member of NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and the National Orientation Directors Association, as well as the West Palm Beach Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., serving as chair of the International Awareness and Involvement Committee.

Judy Lynne Morgan Stevenson, ('94), is a home-based business owner and pastor's wife and lives in Cunningham with her husband, Lee. She is employed by Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. She and her husband have three children: John Morgan, 9; Jordan Levi, 6; and Katie Sierra, 4. Email: judypremierdesigns@hotmail.com or mtzionlee@peoplepc.com.

Denise Michelle Roberson Hooper, ('94), and her husband, Thomas, live in Hermitage. Denise is a school counselor at Mt. Juliet Middle School and an independent beauty consultant and team leader for Mary Kay Cosmetics. They have three children: Ashton Allen, 7; Grant Garrison, 4; and Lily Nicole, 1. Email: mkdenise14@yahoo.com.

J. Todd Lewis, ('94), and **Rachel Labeth Lewis**, ('95), live in Virginia Beach, Va. Todd is a U.S. Navy Health Care Administrator in the U.S. Marine Corps, and Rachel is a nurse for Chesapeake General Hospital. They have four children: AJ, 11; Alexandra, 8; Ted, 5; and Toni, 3. Email: toddnrachel@cox.net.

Becky Baker Cate, ('94), and her husband, Tom, live in Paris. Becky is a teacher at Parish Elementary School, and she received the Plus Endowment Grant and Employee of the Year Award in 2003. She and her husband have three children: Ashton, 10; Addi, 9; and Ansley, 5. Email: catebecky@aol.com.

1995

Dawn Goodman McGrath, ('95), and **Tom McGrath**, ('96), live in Fayetteville, N.C. Dawn is a clinical case manager for Cardinal Clinic Behavioral Family Healthcare, and Tom is a major in the U.S. Army and is in the Army Psychological Operations School. They have two children: Catie, 5; and Ryan, 2. Email: DawnHugo@aol.com or Airdefense@yahoo.com.

Bradley Michael Bishop, ('95), and **Elizabeth (Libby) Nave Bishop**, ('97), live in Tucson, Ariz. Bradley is a pharmacy director for U.S. Public Health Service/Indian Health Service. He was recently selected as Junior Pharmacist of the Year for the Indian Health Service and promoted early to commander in the U.S. Public Health Service. Elizabeth is an occupational therapist. They have a child: Samuel, 1. Email: bradley@bishopfam.us or libot@bishopfam.us.

Allen Dodd, ('95, '97), lives in Waverly with his wife, Kendal. He is a teacher in Hickman County. They have two children: Taylor Austin, 4; and Ashlee Nicole, 3. Email: dodda@hickman.k12tn.net.

1996

Shawna R. Gazaway, ('96), lives in Clayton, Mo., and works as a district manager for Mueller Industries, Inc. Email: shawnarenaegaz@yahoo.com.

Stacy L. Watkins, ('96), lives in Bartlett and works in Memphis as a nurse at LeBonheur Children's Medical Center, where she also is the clinical educator for the emergency department. In 2003, she was nominated for the Emergency Nurse of the Year by the Memphis chapter of the Emergency Nurses Association. In 2005, she was a delegate to the general assembly for the yearly international convention of the Emergency Nurses Association. Email: slwatk@earthlink.net.

Richardson Brooks Keel, ('96), and his wife, **Ashley Tate Keel**, ('97), live in Medina, where she is a homemaker. Richardson is a construction foreman for General Dynamics in Brentwood. They have three children: Grace Elizabeth, 6; Margaret Ellen, 3; and Mary Ann, 3 months. Email: brooks-keel@hotmail.com.

Sonya Sweat Manfred, ('96), lives in Gallatin with her husband, Terry. She is a program manager for MADD Tennessee. She and her husband have one child: Mykal, 5. Email: manfred@maddtn.org.

Barry Wright, ('96), lives in Corbin, Ky., where he is the operations manager for the Corbin High School Media Department. Email: 2bwright@earthlink.net.

Brent Wayne Styles, ('96, '03), lives in Pikeville, N.C., with his wife, **Mandy King Styles**, ('96). He recently was promoted to northeast cotton testing manager for Monsanto, and Mandy is a homemaker. They have one daughter: Chloe Anne; 5 months. Email: bmstyles@bellsouth.net.

1997

Natasha Dawn Watkins Van Bibber, ('97), lives in Huntsville, Ala., with her husband, Grant Allen, and their daughter: Nora Claire, 2 months. She works in Madison, Ala., as a pharmacist for Publix Pharmacy. Email: tashav@knology.net.

Shad Adams, ('97), and his wife, **Trisha J. Bastin Adams**, ('98), live in Franklin. Shad works for Nashville Citysearch in online advertising. Email: shad_adams@hotmail.com or trishadams@hotmail.com.

Ryan Allen Roy, ('97), and his wife, Molly, live in Jackson, where Ryan works as an OB/GYN physician at the Women's Clinic, having just completed his residency at UT Health Science Center. They have a child: Julia Roy, 10 months. Email: ryanroy@jaxnet.net or mollyroy@jaxnet.net.

1998

Kevin Todd Jones, ('98), lives in Brentwood with his wife, Susan. He is a certified public accountant for Byrd Proctor and is a member of the Nashville Area Junior Chamber of Commerce. He also officiates high school football games. Email: ktod-djones@hotmail.com.

Diane Saunders, ('98), lives in Dresden and is a Weakley County TenderCare Outreach worker. She had one son, Joseph Michael, who passed away in July 2002. Diane's hobbies include reading, music and needlework. Email: d_saunders@frontiernet.net.

Benjamin I. Nelson, ('98), lives in Metropolis, Ill., with his wife, Zachara. He is an operations manager for Bestway Systems/BDR Services. They have one child: Kiara Nelson, 7. Email: bnjmnlns@yahoo.com.

Georgette "Venay" McKinney, ('98), lives in Cordova and is a medical social worker at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. Email: Venay1973@yahoo.com.

Janet Pilcher Cagley, ('98), lives in Fullerton, Calif., with her husband, David. She is the adjunct English as a Second Language professor for North Orange County Community College District. They have one daughter: Lauren, 21 months. Email: janetplchr@earthlink.net.

Anthony Gilley, ('98), and **Rebecca Delk Gilley**, ('00), live in Thompsons Station, where he works in corporate accounts for Becton Dickinson, and she is a homemaker. They have one son: Jack Delk, 6 months. Email: anthony_gilley@bd.com and rebeccadgilley@hotmail.com.

Shon Johnson, ('98), and his wife, Carrie, live in Memphis. He is a lawyer for McLeary, Domico & Kyle, PLLC. Email: truegent38@hotmail.com.

Rodgers Harris, ('98), and his wife, LaTonya, live in Macon, Ga. Rodgers is a teacher and coach for Bibb County Schools. He and his wife have a child: Markala, 8. Email: rharris.BrookdaleEL@bibb.k12.ga.us.

Stacy Smith Cavin, ('98), lives in Chicago, Ill., with her husband, **Kevin Brian Cavin**, ('99). Kevin is a financial analyst for FNT Financial, having completed his MBA in 2001 at the University of Memphis, and Stacy is an account executive for LexisNexis and a licensed lawyer in Tennessee and Illinois. Email: stacyjd@yahoo.com or kevincavin@yahoo.com.

David T. Stroud, ('98), lives in Matsuyama, Ehime, Japan. He is a teacher at Shinonome School, worked for Suntory rugby team as a translator from 2003-06 and was a Microsoft Cup Finalist in Tokyo, Japan, during the 2005-06 season. Email: totnamstroud@hotmail.com.

Humberto R. Hernandez, ('98), lives in Martin with his wife, **Jennie Lynne Coleman**, ('97). He is a realtor for RE/MAX 1 Source Realty, and she works as a massage therapist at Hicks Chiropractic. They have one child: Grace Anne, 3. Email: hrh_nyc@yahoo.com or jcolemantherapist@yahoo.com.

1999

Jarrett Cox, ('99), and his wife, **Melissa S. Cottrell Cox**, ('00), live in Hendersonville. Jarrett is an IT project manager for Emdeon Business Services

in Nashville, and Melissa is a special education teacher for T.W. Hunter Middle School. They have a child: Carson Neil, 4 months. Email: jarrettcx@yahoo.com or melissacox01@yahoo.com.

William Donald Dunn, ('99), and his wife, **Amy Karine Dunn**, ('00), live in Memphis. William works as a pharmacist for the UT/St. Francis Family Medicine Center, and Amy is a medical technologist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Email: wdun@utmeme.edu.

Brent Robinson, ('99, '03), and his wife, **Christina Lynn Robinson**, ('02), live in Cordova. Brent is employed in insurance sales for Liberty Mutual Insurance Group, and Christina works for Bartlett Pediatric Dentistry doing marketing and administrative work. Email: bretrobi@yahoo.com and chrlose@yahoo.com.

2000

Leigh Ann Kowalsky ('00), lives in Dallas, Texas, where she is a sales representative with SHSNA Pharmaceuticals, specializing in rare metabolic conditions for pediatrics. She has won several sales awards.

Trena Louise Duncan Graves, ('00), lives in Clifton with her husband, James. She is a kindergarten teacher for Wayne County and was honored as 2005-06 Teacher of the Year at Frank Hughes School. She also received her master's in educational science. Email: trenaduncan@hotmail.com.

Joseph G. Beaudoin, ('02), and his wife, Amy, live in Monticello, Ky. Joseph works as a program tech for FSA. He is employed by the USDA in Clinton Co. Email: joseph_beaudoin@yahoo.com.

Andrew Ferris, ('00), is a golf course superintendent in DeSoto, Ill., where he lives with his wife, **Courtney King Ferris**, ('99). Courtney is a teacher. They have three children: Abby, 5; Evan, 16 months; and Emily, 6 months. Email: aferris15@verizon.net and courtkferris@verizon.net.

Glenda Kay Smith Hubbard, ('00), and her husband, Edward, live in Morrilton, Ark. Glenda is an alcohol and drug abuse counselor, and she was recognized by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy for work on the River Valley Meth Project. They have two children: Carrie Leigh, 24; and Cherity Leigh, 22. Email: glenda.hubbard@arkansas.gov.



Nelda Rachels, ('00), above, and her daughter, Jennifer Rachels Dix, signed copies of *Muscadine Lines: A Southern Anthology*, Sept. 22, in the UT Martin Bookstore.

2001

Martha Tucker Shepherd, ('01), and her husband, Matt, live in Jackson, where she practices family medicine at the UT Family Practice Clinic. She recently completed five years of active duty service in the U.S. Navy and provided care to the U.S. Marines in Iraq at Camp Fallujah in 2005. She received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Email: mshephe5@utm.edu.



Dana Ellen-Crowley Drake, ('01), above, lives in Jackson with her husband, Justin. She is a mortgage specialist for First Mortgage Group and received her MBA in December 2005 from Union University. Email: dana_crowley@yahoo.com.

Patrick Ritter, ('01), is controller of ADS Security. He is responsible for all accounting functions at the company and its 13 offices in Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky and Georgia. He has more than five years of account-

ing and financial experience, having worked as a staff accountant for a major sign manufacturing company in Nashville.

Rebekah Dianne Smith, ('02), lives in Bon Secour, Ala., and works as an animal caretaker and assistant manager for Parkers Kountry Kennel in Foley. Email: cuttincwgrl@yahoo.com.

Sara Oberhelman Youngerman, ('01), lives in Lexington with her husband, **Casey Youngerman**, ('00). Sara is a clinical research director at Toyos Clinic, and Casey is a full-time farmer on Youngerman Farm in Lexington and shows horses. Email: farmguy0512@hotmail.com or sarayoungerman1@hotmail.com.

Robert Wilson Brown II, ('01), and his wife, **Tracey Brooks Brown**, ('99), live in Nashville, where Robert works as a photojournalist for Fox 17 news, and Stacy is employed as an accountant with Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Email: tt642@hotmail.com.

Heather DeLyne Campbell Martin, ('01), lives with her husband, Bradley, in Goodlettsville. Heather is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Primrose School of Hendersonville. Email: hsoyars@hotmail.com or bradm9222@aol.com.

David Roe, ('01), lives in Olympia, Wash., and works for T.Y. Lin International in the Signature Bridge design group. Email: droe@tylin.com.

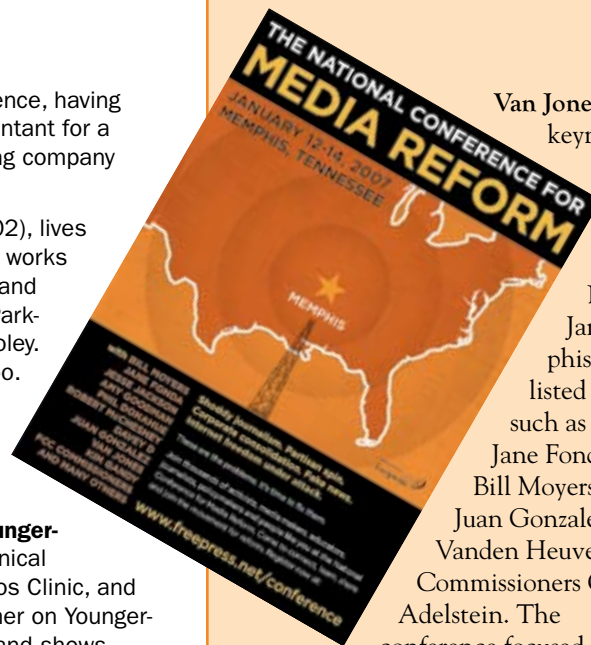
Melissa Jane Jones Milligan, ('02), and her husband, James, live in Newbern. Melissa is a lab technician for Huish Detergents. They have four children: Brian, 18; Blake, 16; Preston, 5; and Stephen, 3 months. Email: meljane4@lycos.com.

Teri (Tolley) Kapp, ('01), and her husband, C.J., live in Darden. Teri is a speech therapist and a graduate nominee for 2006 from Tennessee State University's speech pathology department. Her husband serves in the military and has recently toured overseas. They have a child: Clifford John Kapp V., 10 months. Email: ck5mom@yahoo.com.

John Stephenson, ('01), and his wife, **Marsha Ingram Stephenson**, ('04), live in Smyrna. John works for Volunteer Express in Nashville. They have a child: Madelein Reese, 2 months.

Van Jones, ('90) was a keynote speaker for the 2007 National Conference for Media Reform held in January in Memphis, Tenn. Van was listed with speakers such as Amy Goodman, Jane Fonda, Jesse Jackson, Bill Moyers, Phil Donahue, Juan Gonzalez, Katrina Vanden Heuvel and FCC Commissioners Copps and Adelstein. The conference focused

on broadening the movement for media reform and presenting ideas and strategies for creating better media in the country. For more information, visit www.freepress.net.



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Kenneth Martin Tohn, ('01), and his wife, **Davy Katheryne (Katie) Tohn**, ('02), live in Jeffersonville, Ind. Kenneth works in management for Penske Truck Leasing, and Davy is a teacher for Greater Clark County Schools. Email: kenneth.tohn@penske.com.

2002

Jeffrey Scott Rogers, ('02), lives in Dyersburg with his wife, Erica. He is a project engineer for Nucor Steel in Blytheville, Ark. Email: rogersjeffrey@bellsouth.net.

2003

Gregg L. Ward, ('03), lives in Dickson with his wife, Jackie, and works as a pharmacist. He and his wife have one child: Ashlee Meghan, 18. Email: ashleeacres@earthlink.net.

Sarah Elizabeth Moske, ('03), and her husband, Joseph, live in Memphis, where she is a kindergarten teacher. Her hobbies are traveling, entertaining, shopping and cooking. Email: strawberrysh@hotmail.com.

UT MARTIN WELCOME BACK



Members of the Class of 1956 were honored Aug. 11-12, 2006, as UT Martin Golden Grads. Each year, the university's Office of Alumni Relations invites the 50-year reunion class back to campus. Class members receive a special 50-year pin and medallion and participate in activities hosted by Chancellor Nick Dunagan and his wife, Cathy. Pictured (left to right) are: **Bob Parkins**, of Milan; **Barbara Miles Shannon**, of Cary, N.C.; **Billy Stafford**, of Dyersburg; **Dr. Phil Watkins**, of Martin; **June Walker Jr.**, of Somerville; **Robin Ellis**, of Humboldt; **Henry Farrar Jr.**, of Newbern; **Charmaine Robinson Lee**, of Jackson; and **Carl Grimes**, of Waverly.

Kyle Ellis, (BS, '02; MS, '03), is a senior academic counselor for the athletics department at the University of Mississippi, where he is currently pursuing his doctorate in higher education administration. Email: kyleelli@olemiss.edu.

Matt Payne, ('03), and his wife, **Meg Landrum Payne**, ('03), live in Collierville, where he works as a salesman for Central Wood-Work, Inc., and she is a special education teacher for Shrine School in Memphis. Meg received her master's degree in comprehensive education K-12 in 2006 from the University of Memphis. Email: mattpayne81@hotmail.com or megpayne81@hotmail.com.

Jon Edwin Travis, ('03), is a farmer for Travis Family Farm in Dresden. He obtained his master of science in agricultural economics from UT Knoxville. Email: jonetrav@hotmail.com.

Stacy Jenee Cooper Emery, ('03), lives in Tiptonville with her two children: Joseph W. Emery, Jr., 9; and James R. Emery,

5. She works in Union City for the Department of Human Services and attends graduate school. Email: stjenee73@yahoo.com.

Torrey S. Grimes, ('03), and his wife, **Kristy D. Carroll**, ('03), live in Antioch. Torrey is an investigative auditor for the State of Tennessee, and he is currently attending the Nashville School of Law. Kristy is a performance auditor for the State of Tennessee. Email: tcam93@yahoo.com or kristydcarrroll@bellsouth.net.

Julie Goodwin, ('03), lives in Murfreesboro and works for Pfizer as a pharmaceutical sales representative. She received her master's in food, nutrition and culinary sciences from Clemson University in August 2006. Email: julie_goodwin@hotmail.com.

Marcie Stevens Autry, ('03), and her husband, **Jamie Keith Autry**, ('00), live in Cedar Grove. Marcie is the owner of Loop De Lou Stationery in Jackson, and Jamie is an athletic field

installer for Athletic Fields of Tennessee. Email: marcieautry@hotmail.com.

Donald F. Winningham III, ('03), works for Maynard Cooper and Gale, P.C. as an associate in the firm's litigation group. He recently received his law degree from Washington and Lee School of Law.

2004

Ginger Pinson King, ('04), lives in McKenzie with her husband, Matt King. She is a commercial credit analyst for First State Bank in Jackson. Email: gking@first-state.net.

Christopher R. Burgin, ('04), lives in Edmond, Okla., with his wife, Natalie Dawn, and is a production assistant for Cox Communications Production Services Group in Oklahoma City. Email: crburgin@hotmail.com.

Gregory Allen Eudaley, ('04), lives in Murfreesboro and works as a job recruiter for Aerotek in Nashville. Email: viper5533@yahoo.com.

Esther Joy Plank, ('04), lives in Humboldt and is an ABA therapist for children with autism. She graduated from the University of Memphis in December with a master's in general psychology.

Justin Brad Norsworthy, ('04), and his wife, **Callye Jane Norsworthy**, ('04), live in Union City, where Justin works as an IT support specialist for CBK, and he participated in the 2005-06 Obion County Leadership class. Callye is a client services director for Agape House. Email: bradnorsworthy@utalum.org.

Jacqueline Nicole Mitchell Akins, ('04), and **James B. Atkins**, ('03), live in Ashland City. Jacqueline is an extension agent for UT Extension in Cheatham County. James is a graduate student at the University of Memphis. Email: Nikktoria20@yahoo.com.

Jeni Curlin, ('04), works as a medical administrative assistant in Nashville. Email: jeni_curlin@yahoo.com.

2005



Brad S. Buttrey, ('05), and his wife, **Emalee Bumpus Buttrey**, ('03), currently live in Westmoreland, Kan., where both are graduate research assistants at Kansas State University. He is pursuing a master's degree in reproductive physiology, and she is working toward her doctorate, having graduated from Texas A&M with a master's degree in beef cattle nutrition in May 2006. Email: bbuttrey@ksu.edu and emalee@ksu.edu.

Justin Cheek, ('05), and his wife, **Megan Lamb Cheek**, ('04), live in Troy. Justin is a teacher and coach at Hillcrest Elementary School, and Megan works for IFCO Systems.

Karlena Fay Montgomery, ('05), lives in Spring, Texas, and works in Houston as a geotechnical engineer for Fugro. Email: kmontgomery@fugro.com.

Annora Tracy, ('05), lives in Martin with her husband, **Dr. Daniel Tracy**, UT Martin professor. She also is employed by UT Martin as a secretary and enjoys UT Martin sports. They have three children: Christy Hamilton, 21; Sandy Hamilton, 20; and Missy Tracy, 15. Email: freshmom@hotmail.com or dtracy@utm.edu.

Anita Felicia ReShanda Robertson, ('05), lives in Whiteville and works as a teacher at Middleton Elementary School in Middleton. She has a child: Kylene, 5. Email: anitaaka1908@yahoo.com.

Andre T. Williams, ('05), works as an actor and in promotions for ClearChannel/AM570 in Burbank, Calif. Email: drewilli@hotmail.com.

Kara Nicole Smith, ('05), lives with her husband, **Robert Jason Smith**, ('06), in Tampa,

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Fla. Jason is in the U.S. Army, and Kara is a special education teacher. Email: infantry-wife1217@yahoo.com.

Cynthia Luttrell, ('05), is an accountant for the Carlyle Group and lives in Birmingham, Ala. Email: cyndlutt@gmail.com.

Edna Marlowe Black, ('05), and her husband, Rick, live in Martin. Edna works as a case manager for Carey Counseling in Union City. They have three children: Jeffery Box, 9; Eli, 7; and Knox, 6 months. Email: Tinkerbelle@citlink.net.

Brooke Sykes Villarreal, ('05), lives in Waikiki, Hawaii, with her husband, Rodolfo. She is a registered nurse and works at Straub Clinic and Hospital. Email: grits_girl100@hotmail.com.

2006

Lakisha Nicole Harris, ('06), lives in Dyer and is a teacher for Lil Angels Preschool. Email: macc_coco@yahoo.com.

Candace Nicole Renfroe Todd, ('06), lives in Huntingdon with her husband, Corey, and works for Jackson-Madison County General Hospital as a registered nurse. Email: candace_renfroe@yahoo.com.

Erica Taylor Pritchard, ('06), lives in Wildersville and works for the Decatur County Bank in audits and compliance.

Margaret Leigh Kite, ('06), lives in Columbia, Mo., with her husband, Randy, and is employed by Boone Hospital Center as a registered nurse. They have four children: Jake, 13; Ben, 6; Katie, 14 months; and a 3-month-old son.

Bradley Lynn Tanner, ('06), and **Shaylon Sontine Tanner**, ('98), live in Kenton. Shaylon is a nurse for West Tennessee Health Care in Jackson. They have a child: Madalynne Shay, 5. Email: bradley_lynn_tanner@hotmail.com.

Karen Renee Houser, (MBA '00) died suddenly at age 40, July 6, at Baptist Hospital West in Knoxville. Houser was very active in small animal rescue and helped to organize SBRET (Small Breed Rescue of East Tennessee). She was an employee of the Department of Energy in Oak Ridge. She is survived by her mother, Margaret Houser, of Knoxville; brother, Kris Houser, of Rutledge; and special aunt, Irene Smith, of Knoxville.

Lou Ellen Jamison, ('70) a resident of South Fulton, died Oct. 25 at her residence. She was 79. Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry and Connie Jamison, of Fulton, and Steve Jamison of South Fulton; one sister, Betty Cagle, of Hickman; a grandson, Johnny Jamison, of Fulton; and one great-grandchild. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and Murray State University in education. She was a retired school teacher for the Fulton County School District, where she taught at Cayce Elementary School. She was a 24-year cancer survivor, former antique collector and dealer and was a member of the Fulton County Retired Teachers Association.

Annie Sue King, ('47, MS '72) died on June 19 in a car accident. King was born in Jackson and lived in Henderson and Dresden with her husband, the late Lloyd A. King, who was a UT Martin professor. She graduated from UT Martin in 1945 with a degree in secondary education. Later, she received two master's degrees from UT Martin. King was a member of Tennessee Retired Teachers, Order of Easter Star and First Baptist Church in Martin. She taught and was a librarian at Martin High School and Westview High School for more than 35 years. She is survived by her son, Lloyd, his wife and their three grandchildren: Lloyd

Brandon King, Todd David King and Taylor Ann King.

Mary Beth Davidson, longtime UT Martin director of publications, died July 14, 2006, at her home in Martin following a long illness. She was a graduate of Dyer High School in Dyer, and Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College). She was UT Martin's director of publications from 1973 until her retirement in 1997. During this time, she was editor of *The Campus Scene* alumni magazine.

Sara Z. Dunagan Sowell, 81, died Dec. 18, 2006, in her Jackson, Tenn., home after a brief illness. Born and raised in Yorkville, Tenn., she was married to Horace Dunagan Jr. (deceased since 1987) for 41 years and spent most of her adult life in Caruthersville, Mo. She is survived by her husband of one year, J.E. Sowell; son, Nick Dunagan (Cathy Dunagan), of Martin; and daughters Nancy Biggs (Mike Biggs), of Greenfield, and Anita Roy (Robert Roy), of Jackson. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Stan Dunagan (Stephanie), Brad Biggs (Betsy), Tracy VanderMeeden (Brett), Jake Biggs (Jennifer), Ryan Roy (Molly), Casey Dunagan, Cody Dunagan (Glenna), Adam Roy (Melanija), David Biggs (Lindsay) and Sara Nan Roy. She leaves eight great grandchildren and her brother, Bob Zarecor, of Yorkville. During her lifetime, she established UT Martin's Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and supported the University Scholars Scholarship program and other UT Martin projects. She received the Chancellor's Service Award during Homecoming 2006. Memorials can be sent to the UT Martin Office of Development or the charity of the donor's choice.

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