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Chancellor's Corner



Dr. Thomas Rakes
UT Martin Chancellor

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Fall 2007 semester has been a mixture of positive and, in some instances, firsts for UT Martin. These milestones range from a fall headcount enrollment of 7,173 students that is an all-time high to an all-time high in annual giving for our campus. Faculty accomplishments include a mixture of important grants, publication and national- or regional-level awards. UT Martin student groups in agriculture, business, chemistry and military science received national or regional recognition for outstanding achievements. We continue to make strides toward building capacity throughout the community and the region.

In addition to hosting several nationally prominent speakers as part of our Academic Speaker Series, Gov. Phil Bredesen was on campus Nov. 6 and met with business, education and political leaders as part of a roundtable discussion related to economic development in the region. Sen. Roy Herron and Rep. Mark Maddox, as well as Commissioners Matt Kisber and Regan Flynn, also participated in the discussions. I was particularly pleased that Gov. Bredesen spent more than an hour talking with several dozen UT Martin students to gain their perspective and respond to questions about matters ranging from jobs in Tennessee to his view of improving education in the state.

The UT Martin Ripley Center officially opened in September and was heralded by local officials as an educational and economic development beacon for the area. President

John Petersen attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony and noted the importance of UT Martin and its extended campuses to West Tennessee. Closely following was the announcement in September that UT Martin Parsons Center began fall classes with higher-than-expected enrollment numbers. The noticeable growth was attributed to scholarship support through an agreement between the Ayers Foundation and UT Martin. Jim Ayers, the City of Parsons, Decatur County and the local community joined in fund raising efforts to provide a new facility, expected to open in 2009.

This semester, we celebrated Don Chapman, the Skyhawk's premiere running back, becoming the top rusher and scorer in Skyhawk history. The campus also received national attention when junior transfer, Lester Hudson, achieved a quadruple double, which was the first such feat in Division I basketball history.

Construction and renovation projects in excess of \$70 million are on track, including phase two of University Village, renovation of the business building and planning for expansion of the fine arts building and a new recreation center.

Searches for a vice chancellor for academic affairs and vice chancellor for student affairs are under way. We anticipate a series of candidate interviews during February and March of 2008 and having individuals in place by July 1.

The spring semester holds potential for continuation of numerous academic- and leadership-focused happenings, including bringing more nationally prominent speakers to campus, hosting the 40-year reunion of our acclaimed Rodeo in April, opening our Alumni Center and an Animal Diagnostic Facility. I encourage you to watch for events you find interesting, and join us.

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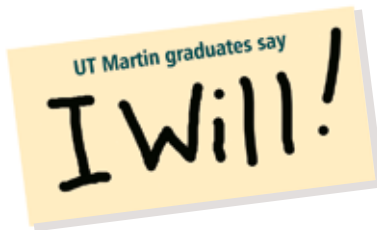
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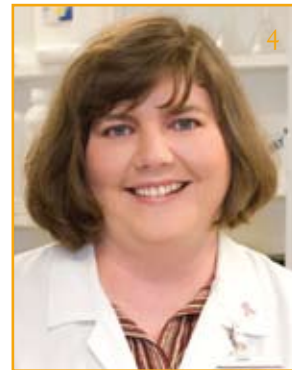


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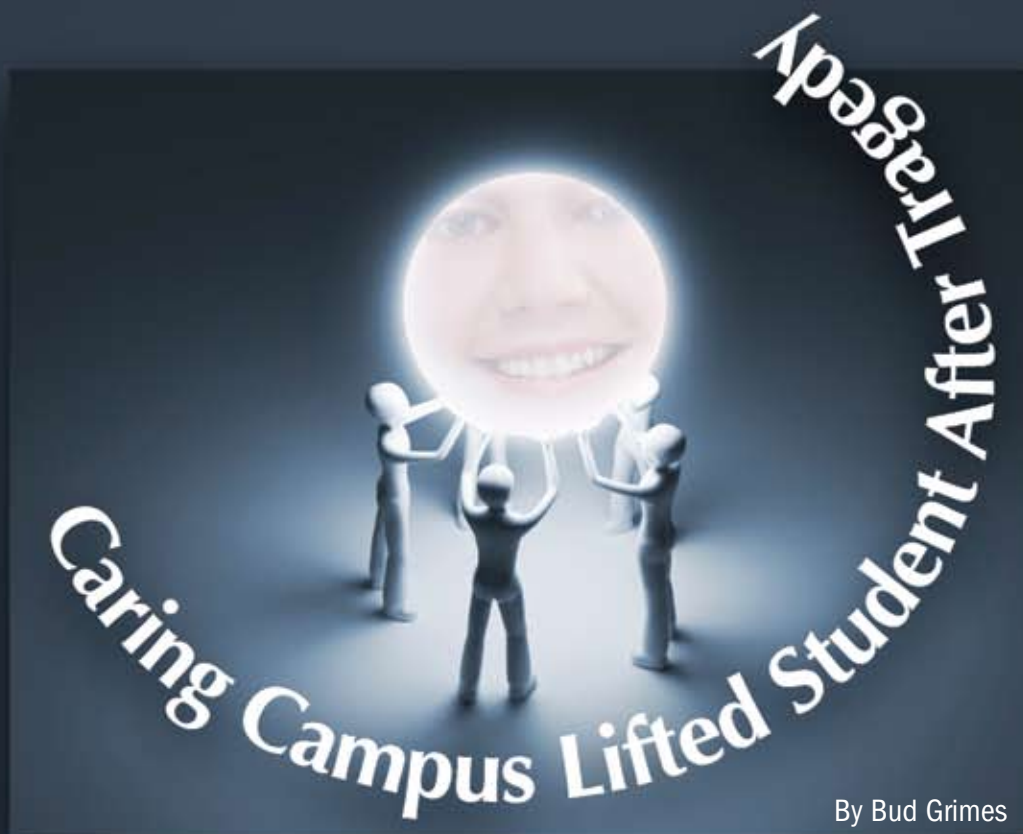
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DR. TERESA HARMAN BELL ('92) HAS A WONDERFUL FAMILY AND A SUCCESSFUL CAREER AS A PHARMACIST FOR THE SCHNUCKS SUPERMARKET CHAIN IN MEMPHIS. But, her real story is one of survival and inspiration. While a UT Martin student, Bell was involved in a serious traffic accident that almost cost her everything. Today, memories of the life-changing accident remain, but instead of dwelling on what might have been, she remembers those who reached out to her during difficult times.

Bell, 35, was raised in Tipton County and attended Thrifhaven Baptist School, a private school in Memphis. She was influenced to enter the health-care profession by her aunt, Annie Sue Clift, a former UT Martin nursing faculty member who was also involved in the fateful accident. "I've always been very close to her, and from the time I was little, I thought I wanted to be a nurse or be in the medical profession," Bell said.

Her aunt influenced Bell in another way by introducing her to UT Martin when she was a toddler. "She used to bring me up to the nursing department and let her nursing students do some kind of developmental test on me. I was their test subject," she said. Bell later participated in the university's Pacesetters Summer Honors Program in 1989 between her junior and senior years in high school. The Pacesetter experience acquainted her with Drs. Ernie Blythe and Bill Zachry, who then led the university's Honors Programs. She eventually earned a University Scholars award to attend UT Martin starting in fall 1990.

The University Scholars Program was a highlight of Bell's UT Martin experience.

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"It (Honors Programs) was unlike any of my other classroom experiences," she recalled. "It was small-group sessions that tried to expand our horizons and our thinking about various things. We studied and discussed ethical issues, political hot topics, the civil rights movement and the environment." Additionally, Bell was involved in the university's award-winning Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS), in the Baptist Student Union and was active in Martin First Baptist Church.

Adding to an eventful first year in college, Bell came in contact for the first time in early 1991 with Bub and Mary Cole, who impacted her life and the lives of many other University Scholars. Bell and three fellow scholars were asked to speak to the UT Martin Development Committee on behalf of Honors Programs. Meanwhile, Houston Gordon ('68), a Covington attorney, UT trustee and member of the development committee, had invited the Coles to attend the meeting. Cole, owner of the well-known Cole's Do It Best Center in Millington, heard the presentations and was particularly impressed with Bell.

"Well, she just made me think that you could almost see a halo around her head," Cole said. "And, on the way home, I told my wife, ... 'We're giving Uncle Sam a good bit of money in taxes, not knowing where in the world it's going. ... Here, we could help someone, and we would know where it was going.'" Cole soon met with then-Chancellor Margaret Perry ('61) and surprised everyone by funding four University Scholars awards.

"I don't remember anything specific about what I said that day," Bell said. "I remember telling them about my experiences in the Honors Program and how much it meant to me personally. At the time, I had no idea that what I said was of any significance at all. Mr. and Mrs. Cole have touched countless people through the funding of the Cole Scholarship." Bell did not learn about the scholarships until later, when the Coles' generosity made a difference in her own life.

Bell was well on her way to earning a spot in pharmacy school when life took a tragic turn. In July 1991, she and her family went on a vacation to Virginia Beach, Va. Her brother, Tim, was attending Memphis State, and she had just completed the first term of summer school, ready to begin the second term following the trip. Her aunt had served as a camp nurse for Girls in Action and was teaching summer courses. Also on the trip were her mother and father, Bob and Ruby Harman. They decided to return to Tennessee by driving all night. Somewhere between Crossville and Cookeville, they stopped the van to buy gas. When they resumed the trip, her brother was driving, her dad was in the front passenger seat, and her mother decided to lie in the floor in front of the first

row of seats in the back. Bell and her aunt sat in the seat behind her mom but did not wear their seat belts. A short time later, the wreck occurred.

"I remember waking up from the noise and vibrations from the ridges on the side of the interstate," Bell recalled. "My brother hit the brakes, the right-front tire blew out, and the van went into a roll. I don't remember the impact or any of the events at the accident scene." Investigating officers later said that the van rolled at least three times, once end-over-end. The crash ejected her aunt, her mother and Bell.

Cliff's neck was broken, leaving her paralyzed. The roof of the van collapsed on her brother, causing severe brain and spinal cord damage. Her father received some scrapes and was the only passenger to avoid hospitalization. Her mother, the first ejected, avoided broken bones but received major injuries by skidding on broken glass and asphalt. Bell suffered multiple injuries, including a completely broken femur and a severely injured kneecap that was broken into six pieces. Miraculously, she avoided head and spinal injuries. "My father said when he found me my toes were sticking up under my armpit, and that's not something you can (physically) do," she said, trying to add some humor to a difficult memory.

Her aunt and brother were the most severely injured, so they were airlifted from the accident site to Knoxville. Bell and her mother were taken by ambulance to Cookeville Regional Medical Center and then driven by ambulance from Cookeville to Knoxville. "So we all ended up at UT Medical Center in Knoxville," Bell said. "We could not have received better care there. They were absolutely wonderful to us."

Her aunt battled pneumonia and other complications from her injuries, while her brother's head injuries resulted in a deep coma that lasted for weeks. Even though his brain swelling eventually eased, he remained unresponsive, and doctors advised the family to prepare for long-term care. "My aunt improved. I think a large part of her holding on was because I think she was fighting for the sake of my brother," she said. "She felt if she let go that he would blame himself, and at that time we didn't know how he was going to recover, but ..." she paused, collected her thoughts and added, "It was just a fight for life for both of them."

Bell was discharged from the hospital in just under three weeks following several surgeries. She remained at the hospital, alternating visits with her aunt and brother. In the midst of this, the beginning of fall semester was fast approaching. "I wanted to go back to school, but more than anything, I wanted to be with my family," she recalled. Bell was in a wheelchair, had a cast on her arm and required assistance, but she reasoned that by going back to school, her

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parents had one less person under their care.

A decision was made to move her aunt to a Memphis rehabilitation center, so her mother came back to West Tennessee with Clift. Meanwhile, her father stayed with her brother, who remained in a deep coma in Knoxville. Bell returned home to stay with friends until school started. About the time that fall semester started, her brother began making improvements. Over a period of weeks, he gradually came out of the coma.

Returning to Martin was tough for Bell, made even more difficult in that Bell and Clift had rented a house together, so her aunt’s absence made the adjustment even harder. Adding to the challenge was Bell having to use a wheelchair the first few weeks of school before graduating to a walker, so she

couldn’t drive or walk. To her amazement, an entire community seemed to step in and help.

Faculty members, Ernie Blythe (now deceased) and Bill Zachry, along with friends from church, took her class schedule and literally took charge.

“There were just an overwhelming number of friends who said, ‘I can take her to class at this time, and I can pick her up at the end of class and take her to this one, and I can take her back home.’” Nancy Claybrook, a friend from church, volunteered to drive Bell to Memphis when she needed to see an orthopedic physician for follow-up. “It seemed like everyone I knew gave me their phone number and said, ‘If you need a ride, just give me a call, and I’ll come pick you up.’”

Bell also went to and from physical therapy to build strength and range of motion in her severely broken leg, use of which wasn’t fully restored until after another surgery in December of that year.

“I would not have been able to come back to school. I would not have been able to make it to my classes, physical therapy and make it back home again if it had not been for this army of people who were willing to help me,” said Bell, who is still deeply moved by the outpouring of assistance.

Bill Zachry, now associate chair of the University of Memphis psychology department, gives Bell credit for persevering. “Teresa was a fighter. She was not going to let the accident defeat her,” he said. “Even before it (the accident) happened, she stood out as a person with strong faith, poise and maturity. Whenever you spent time with Teresa you came away impressed with her personal strength combined with kindness and great depth of character.”

Aiding her recovery was some unexpected news that

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Bub Cole

Photo at right: (left to right) Bub and Mary Cole and Houston Gordon at the naming of the Bub and Mary Cole Honors Seminar Room in 2006.

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resulted from her earlier encounter with the Coles – she was the first recipient of their scholarship. “It wasn’t until I decided to come back (to UT Martin following the accident) that they told me about it (the scholarship), and I was just blown away that the Lord had worked that out, because I was already going through so many emotional upheavals at the time that I couldn’t explain it, couldn’t believe it,” Bell said. Besides receiving the scholarship, Bell also received notes and other encouragement from the Coles throughout the 1991-92 school year.

“It’d (have) been so easy for her, in my opinion, to have thrown up her hands and said, ‘Well, this is it,’” said Cole, who is still touched by Bell’s story. “But she fought it, and she fought it. She (overcame) everything, and I admired her back then, and I admire her today.”

With the help of the Coles and many friends and family, Bell completed her work at UT Martin and was accepted early to the UT Heath Science Center College of Pharmacy. She graduated with a doctorate in 1996 and worked at the VA Medical Center in Memphis until 1998. She then joined Seessels (now Schnucks) as a pharmacy manager and has been with the company ever since. She and her husband, Duane, a sheriff’s deputy in Cross County, Ark., have four children, including twins.

Much like Bell, the rest of her family members were never the same after the accident. Her aunt has lived with Bell’s parents since leaving the rehabilitation center. Although Clift has limited use of her arms, she is confined to bed and has never returned to UT Martin, where she had taught from 1973 until the wreck. Her brother, who still has problems with vision and balance, also lives at home and works for his dad. Before the wreck, her dad was in the car-repair and

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parts business; but, after the accident, he could no longer face the idea of repairing cars, so he began a boat-repair business, Highway 14 Marine, where her brother answers phones and customer questions.

Bell marvels at how her family has adapted but holds special admiration for her aunt, a former missionary. “It always amazed me that she spent her lifetime helping other people. She was a nurse taking care of other people. She was a missionary ministering to other people. Then this accident happened, and suddenly, she was in a position where she couldn’t do anything for others, much less do basic things for herself,” Bell said, adding, “She continues to be a blessing. People come to visit her and think that they’re going to come and cheer her up. But when they leave, they find that she has cheered them up. She is just an amazing person.”

Bell’s own approach to life has changed since that night in 1991. “We have to hug the people around us, appreciate them, because we don’t know when in one minute, one hour, something could dramatically happen and change our lives forever or ... take the lives of our loved ones.” Also, she says not to pass up doing something for someone in need, no matter how small the act of kindness. “There are not enough thanks in the world that I can give to the people who did a million little things for us.”

She also has a special place in her heart for Bub and Mary Cole. “After I found out about the Cole Scholarship, I felt it was my responsibility to uphold my end of this. They had put their confidence and their faith in me, and I felt like quitting was not an option.”

“The Campus that Cares” was once a marketing theme for UT Martin. However, these words are much more than a slogan for Teresa Bell, who experienced firsthand what happens when a university campus and community step forward to help a friend. **UTM**

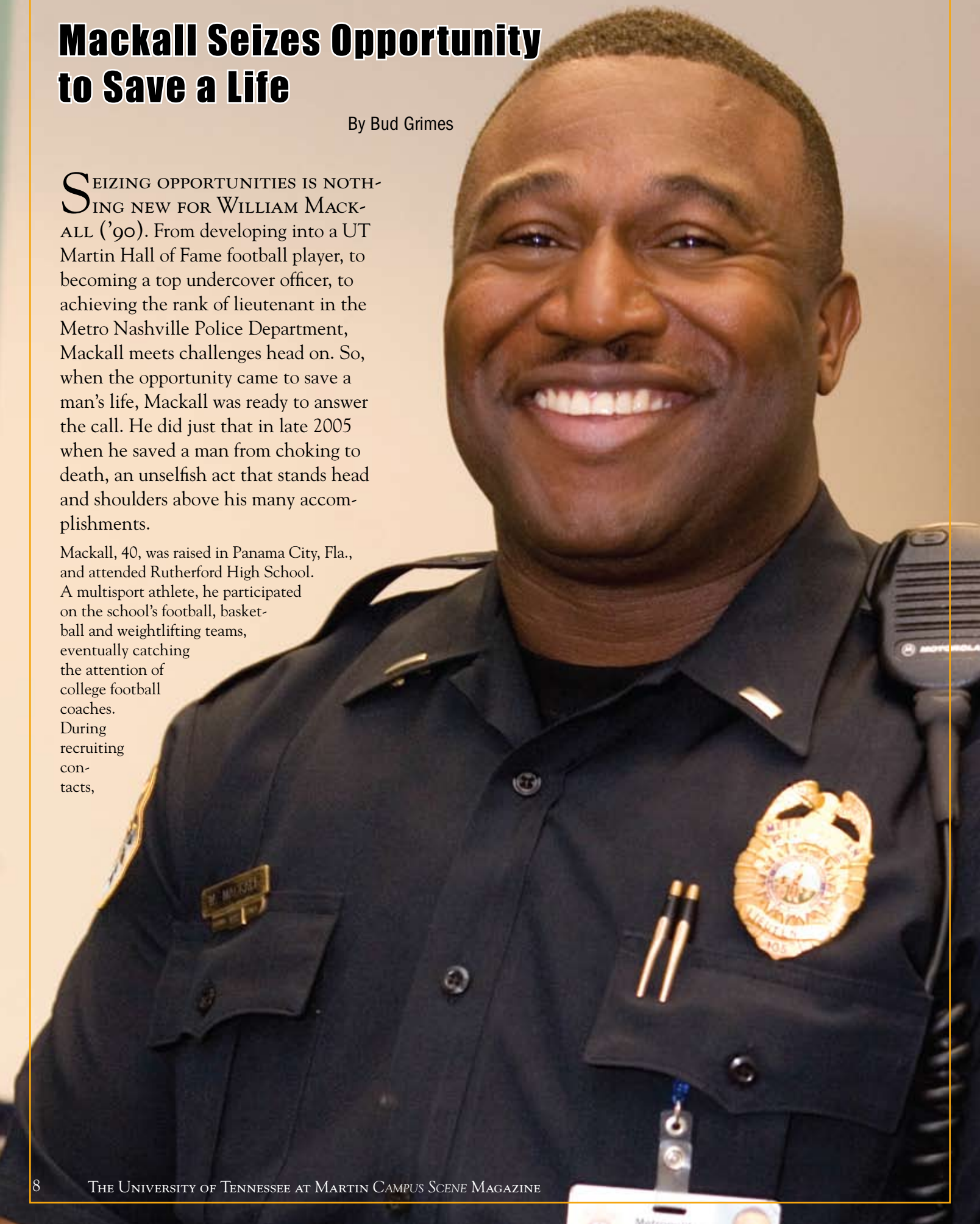


Mackall Seizes Opportunity to Save a Life

By Bud Grimes

SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES IS NOTHING NEW FOR WILLIAM MACKALL ('90). From developing into a UT Martin Hall of Fame football player, to becoming a top undercover officer, to achieving the rank of lieutenant in the Metro Nashville Police Department, Mackall meets challenges head on. So, when the opportunity came to save a man's life, Mackall was ready to answer the call. He did just that in late 2005 when he saved a man from choking to death, an unselfish act that stands head and shoulders above his many accomplishments.

Mackall, 40, was raised in Panama City, Fla., and attended Rutherford High School. A multisport athlete, he participated on the school's football, basketball and weightlifting teams, eventually catching the attention of college football coaches. During recruiting contacts,



he remembers his mother, Lucille, sitting to the side and nodding her head in approval each time an opportunity was offered. Mackall was never sure if she understood everything discussed, but one thing was certain – she didn't want him to pass up opportunities.

Mackall was recruited to UT Martin by Larry Shanks ('68, '73), former UT Martin football player, assistant coach, and, like Mackall, a UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame member. Shanks described Mackall as a person "God-gifted with talent" who "had his priorities right."

"He was just a super person," Shanks said of Mackall. "He came from a very disciplined home." Recalling his first recruiting visit to Martin, Mackall said, "Yeah, it was an eye-opener to go, and of course in Florida, it'll snow every now and then, but I remember going up to UT Martin for my visit, and there was snow everywhere. I'd never seen anything like it in my life."

He chose to attend UT Martin, but his football career at Martin almost ended before it began. He arrived on campus weighing 154 pounds, and before the season started, the coaches decided to red-shirt him so that he would have a year to grow. He was playing running back at the time, and on the verge of quitting the team, he remembers calling his mother and telling her, "I'm better than those other guys. ... They're not going to give me a chance because of my size." However, some key injuries soon provided an opportunity for him to earn a uniform, and he went from there to become a record-breaking player. Beyond the practices, the games and his role in a Gulf South Conference Tri-Championship in 1988, he remembers a group of hard-working players and coaches who cared about each other beyond the football field. "I know if anytime I had any personal problem, the coaches were there for me," he said.

A turning point in his career happened his senior year when he began returning punts, which he did at the urging of UT Martin Assistant Coach Jerry Reese ('87, '88), now senior vice president and general manager of the New York Giants. He said that return-

ing punts was something he'd never do, but Reese saw this as an opportunity for Mackall to catch the National Football League's attention. "And so ever since that day we had that conversation in practice, he put me back there (to receive punts), and I tried it out and I liked it," he remembered.

The opportunity to return punts paid off when Mackall was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts in the ninth round following his senior year. Suddenly, he was surrounded by players whom he idolized, including running back and Pro Football Hall of Fame member, Eric Dickerson. "All my life, I said that I was going to

make it to the NFL and play, and once I got there, it was eye opening," he said. "It was kind of overwhelming to be around all these guys that I've watched on TV day in and day out." Disappointingly, Mackall was released from the Colts at the final cut, but went on play one year with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League. Nagging hamstring injuries forced his release from the team the following year, and needing a job, Mackall decided to use his criminal justice degree by pursuing his

other passion: law enforcement.

"Well, I've always been interested in law enforcement," he said. "I've always wanted to be an undercover police officer and work in the narcotics division. That's something I was always intrigued with." Dr. Richard Chesteen, professor of political science, is not surprised at Mackall's career choice. "William was a determined person who wanted to make his mark," Chesteen recalled about his former student, who also earned a minor in political science. "I am not surprised that he is in law enforcement and has been very successful in it. Like many of our scholarship athletes, he used sports for his benefit and as a doorway to a productive career."

Mackall's first opportunity in law enforcement came with the Martin Police Department, where he worked for two years until he landed a position in 1992 with the Metro Nashville Police Department, where he's been ever since. Mackall was a patrol officer his first

Stepping Up



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two years before becoming a narcotics investigator. “So for seven years, I was a narcotics investigator where I went out in the streets of Nashville and purchased narcotics from street-level drug dealers,” he said. He eventually was promoted to sergeant over that unit in 2001, a position he held for three years. The following two years he became the supervisor



over the long-term narcotics group, which brought him in contact with major drug trafficking. In 2005, the Tennessee Narcotics Officers Association presented his unit with the Narcotics Unit of the Year Award that recognized several accomplishments, including the seizure of 2,900 pounds of marijuana.

Although his undercover police work achieved

positive results, Mackall and his family pay an ongoing personal price for his success: the possibility of retribution from those whom he arrested never goes away. When eating in a restaurant, he makes sure that he never sits with his back to the door. Similar precautions follow him when driving as he's always prepared to take evasive action. He has a son who lives with him, and he's explained to him what to do in a threatening situation. “We average arresting a thousand people a year, buying narcotics from them and doing search warrants,” he said. “And those guys normally get a lot of time in jail for stuff like that.”

A promotion to lieutenant in 2006 raised his supervisory responsibility to new levels. Where he formerly supervised nine officers as a sergeant, he now supervises six sergeants and 37 officers in the department's North Precinct, Nashville's largest in terms of area. “We're trying to make the neighborhoods better,” he said of his new role. “We're trying to work hand-in-hand with the people in the community.” His promotion, and the promotion of another African-American officer, made them the first African-American officers promoted to lieutenant since 1998. “All my life I've been working hard to be on top,” he said, adding, “God, He's been blessing me, so I can't complain about anything.”

While in the midst of a busy career, Mackall encoun-

tered the life-saving opportunity that he will never forget. Late in 2005 while still working undercover, he was traveling one day in an unmarked police car with his windows down when he suddenly heard a young woman yelling. The woman, someone he recognized through her previous position with metro government, was parked off the street in a van, and she was beating an elderly man on the back with her hand.

Mackall pulled out of a parking lot onto the street, and while watching through his rearview mirror, he saw the man collapse. Realizing the man was in trouble, he stopped his car, ran to the man, saw that the man was choking and started applying the Heimlich maneuver. The man then turned blue, and the situation worsened as he went limp. Although Mackall maintains a high level of physical fitness, including expertise in the martial arts, the strain made it harder to perform the life-saving procedure.

“Another young lady stopped after I did, and I asked them (the two women) to help me hold him up while I ... applied the Heimlich maneuver,” he said. “And, slowly the food just started coming back out of his mouth.” The man soon regained consciousness and started breathing before medical help arrived. Mackall learned that the woman with him was the man's caretaker and had stopped at a restaurant to get the man a sandwich. The man became choked on the sandwich but was fortunate – had Mackall not been traveling with his windows down and heard the woman calling out, he would not have responded. Mackall was so touched by the incident that he compares saving the man's life to the feeling he had at the births of his two children. Beyond his personal satisfaction, his heroics were honored when he received the police department's Lifesaving Award in 2006.

The 15-year police department veteran doesn't have time to rest on his laurels. Outside of his police work, Mackall sees more opportunities for service as he prepares to become an active mentor for troubled youth. “They still have a fighting chance if they turn around now,” he says of these young people. His message to them is, “Don't let what you've done in the past hold you back.”

Mackall's family knows little about the honors he has accumulated. “A lot of the stuff that I've accomplished probably would be a surprise to them. ...” he said as he laughed. And, if he told them, he would not take credit for his achievements. He added, “I thank God for giving me the strength and the courage to do the things I do. Without Him, none of the things I accomplished in my life would have been possible. He deserves the credit, not me.”

If his mother does learn of his accomplishments, she will probably still nod her head, just as she did when William was being recruited to play football. This time around, these would be nods of approval. Her son has honored her by seizing those opportunities.

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All in a Day's Work

By Rita Mitchell

PURSUING A CAREER IN NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CONJURES UP THOUGHTS OF WORKING IN SERENE SETTINGS, PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, BEING A FRIEND TO WILDLIFE AND TEACHING YOUNG AND OLD TO APPRECIATE THE OUTDOORS.

Jereme Odom ('98) earned a degree in natural resources management and has been a Tennessee wildlife officer since 1999. While in school, he supplemented his classroom education as vice president of the UT Martin student chapter of the Wildlife Society and has maintained memberships in other professional societies. As a TWRA officer, he enforces state hunting, fishing and boating laws, manages state-owned land and conducts numerous youth outreach programs. He also developed the concept for what became a \$3 million state shooting complex – a facility he now oversees after raising more than \$900,000 toward its completion. Finally, he has claimed his share of honors, including TWRA state and regional officer of the year designations and the 2006 TWRA Distinguished Service Award.

“No day is typical in Montgomery County,” he said. “As a wildlife officer, you can head out to check hunters or boaters and end up working with injured wildlife or talking with area youth or farmers. It is a great and fulfilling job.”

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“No day is typical in Montgomery County.”

Odom at the dam where the accident occurred.



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It is on those aspects of his career that Odom prefers to focus. Still, an event May 25, 2006, was an abrupt reminder that tranquil outdoor settings sometimes belie the hazards and perils of nature. And, while he does not want it to be a defining moment of his career, his life was threatened, and it is a time he will not likely forget. He helped save the life of a Montgomery County Rescue Squad member.

“I was just doing my job and trying to help,” said Odom. “I have lots of other things that I want to be known for . . . not a tragedy at the muddy river.”

Early in the day, May 25, major storms and rain swept through the area and caused the level of the Red River in Clarksville to rise. When bad weather cleared, and it turned pretty again, two boys went to swim at the Old Mill on the west fork of the river.

“I had gone fishing that evening because it was so nice, but the water was muddy and up,” said Odom.

Odom’s involvement in the day’s events began at 6 p.m. It was a call from the Montgomery County Rescue Squad to assist in the recovery of the two youths presumed drowned at the mill. Also on the scene were emergency services personnel, Clarksville police officers and Odom’s partner, Dale Grandstaff.

“At first when I got the call, I was thinking that I’d get there, and they would find the boys were at home or there never would have been any boys (in danger). We get a lot of calls that come up with nothing,” he said.

From information gathered at the scene, officials speculated the boys had jumped from a tree into the river, were swept downstream over the dam and caught in the boils that continuously toss and churn the water making it difficult to stay afloat.

The rescue squad had asked Odom and Grandstaff to put in a boat and travel upstream to look for the youths just in case they got out of the boils and were downstream. Navigating around a swollen river bend, Odom and Grandstaff saw numerous emergency lights and one rescue boat near the dam. Just then, they saw the rescue boat pulled into the dam by suction of the boils. Both occupants, Joe Snow and Dustin Hass, dive team members, were overboard and being pulled into the boils. Their boat lodged in the dam.

“I got onto the bow of our boat as Dale motored to them,” said Odom. They reached Hass first, rescued him and then attempted to reach Snow, who was trapped in the boils and being pulled down.

He would only surface every now and then, and Odom had touched him once, but Snow was pulled out of his hands and went down. The boils then sucked the boat carrying Odom and Grandstaff in their churning waters and into the dam.

“I tried to push off the dam, but the water coming over the dam was deep.” At that point, the boat overturned and trapped Odom underneath it. When he pulled the cord on his inflatable life jacket, it at first forced him to the surface, but then began dragging him under again. “When I finally made it to the surface, I was totally out of breath.” Odom said he got a glimpse of his partner holding onto their boat that was wedged against the dam “before the rigging from the rescue squad boat wrapped around my neck. I had a life jacket pulling me back (into the boils), I was cold and tired, and my air supply was cut off somewhat.”

Grandstaff, who was not injured, was able to pull Odom closer to him, remove the rope, and they made it to shore. About the same time, the rescue boat that remained lodged in the dam stopped the flow of water enough freeing Snow from the boils. Other rescuers were able to grab him, start cardiopulmonary resuscitation and get a pulse. He was airlifted to a hospital. Storms prevented Odom from being airlifted, and he was transferred by ambulance to a medical facility. He was treated and released after several hours, but Snow died several days later.

“Working for TWRA, I go on many calls with boating accidents, and some involve death and injury, but this was the first time that other rescuers and I have been involved in being rescued and the loss of a rescuer,” said Odom. “If I was put in the same situation . . . I would do the same thing. I would hope that if I was in trouble, other rescuers would come to my aid, as they did that night, and as Dale and I did for Joe. As officers and rescuers, you are there to help and save lives and, from time to time, give the greatest thing, your life as Joe did.”

Odom was the focus of much media attention after the ordeal, and people still mention it from time to time. Family and friends of those involved also have expressed their gratitude for his and other rescuers’ efforts that day.

His family remained a little scared and emotional for a while. Odom and his wife, Sarah, have three daughters, McKenzie, 7, Ryelee, 3, and Savannah, 1. “It was the first time something like this had happened in the area to this level, so it was a reality check.” **UTM**

“If I was put in the same situation . . . I would do the same thing.”



A Succession of Rewarding Experiences

UNLIKE THE LEMONY SNICKET BOOKS, “A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS,” A BOOK ABOUT TOM HYDE’S LIFE COULD BE TITLED “A SUCCESSION OF REWARDING EXPERIENCES.”

From writing and sending letters to foreign countries as a youngster, to taking advantage of numerous opportunities to travel and study abroad, to landing in a career that has immersed him in international issues, it seems Hyde has always been in the right place at the right time.

The 1986 UT Martin alum, longtime owner of a Management Recruiters International franchise, MRJapanese in Murfreesboro, is making sure that future UT Martin students have some of the same travel-study opportunities he had with a gift to UT Martin’s international education studies program.

Hyde is quick to credit UT Martin travel-study trips with many of life’s good fortunes, including meeting his wife, Yukari, having the opportunity to rear their three children to be culturally aware and providing the basis for an interesting and diverse career. He’s

also maintained lifelong friendships as a result of his travels.

“When I was about 10 years old, something clicked, and I had a huge interest in what I called ‘things international,’” said Hyde. “I actually wrote to 100 countries around the world asking for information and to trade an attached \$1 bill for their local currency. I was getting letters for months.” He also received books and posters that he displayed all over his bedroom in Greenfield, Tenn. “The fire was lit.” He added, “My parents never ventured very far from our area, but they were very supportive of my interest in travel.”

Hyde followed his letter-writing campaign by reading and studying different countries. This interest and preparation led him to Spain, Israel, Taiwan, Japan and Hong Kong on travel-study trips – some which

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Hyde with Hirosaki University classmates.



Hyde with Hirosaki University classmates.



Hyde with his Japanese host family.



John Eisterhold, Vicky Peterson, and Hyde at Hirosaki.

lasted a full year. Each time, fate, or what Hyde dubs “eerily nice” coincidences, occurred.

Hyde began Spanish – the only foreign language option – as a Greenfield High School freshman. During that year, he met Edmundo Robaina, a Cuban immigrant and UT Martin professor of Spanish. Robaina frequented the Martin grocery store Hyde’s father managed, and Hyde, who helped out in the store, got to know Robaina and his family. Robaina arranged and accompanied students on travel-study trips to Spain, and at the end of Hyde’s freshman year, he was off on a summer trip to study in Spain with the professor.

Having a local university with its culturally diverse faculty and programs continued to intrigue Hyde, who thinks that during the late 1970s and early 1980s, UT Martin was “a pioneer in the whole U.S./Japan relationship development.” UT Martin’s relationship with Japan’s largest private institution, Nihon University, spurred Nihon to bring one of its engineering schools—faculty and students—to campus. “That’s just amazing. It was so far-sighted at that point and so innovative.”

By chance, Hyde helped the UT Martin director of the Nihon engineering program, Eiji Tamai, and his wife, one day while they were shopping in the grocery store. That meeting led Hyde to become the Tamais’ conversation partner. “We literally began a lifelong friendship because of that. I was just 16 years old. Last month, we had dinner in Tokyo.”

As Hyde prepared to leave Greenfield to attend UT Martin, the next part of his international connection began. Hyde’s father, Charles, and the late Dr. John Eisterhold, UT Martin dean of international admissions, were friends. When Eisterhold needed a host family for a Japanese student, Junya Kudo, so he could attend Greenfield High School, the Hydys offered their home. “We had five kids anyway. We were used to having people at the house constantly,” said Hyde.

“They (the Tamais) really got me excited about Asia. Then Junya followed. It looked like Japan was in my future,” he added. Apparently it was.

UT Martin was a sister university to Hirosaki University in Japan, a relationship that continues today. Hyde applied, was selected as an exchange student along with Vicky Peterson, and the two of them spent a year studying in Japan under the wing of Dr. Kiyomi Nishimura. “Neither one of us had had any Japanese. I learned how to use chopsticks on the trip over. I knew a few phrases, but basically, I knew how to say ‘I’m hungry’ and ‘where’s the bathroom?’ I figured everything else would take care of itself.”

While living with the Otsuki family, Hyde took advantage of every possible opportunity to learn the language and culture outside the Hirosaki classrooms. “I didn’t want to sleep without knowing that I had done everything that was available for me to do that day. It took me about six months to get comfortable (speaking Japanese).” His skills were put to the test when then-UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Charles Smith visited Hirosaki. “I think I did a reasonable job interpreting for him,” he said.

“I credit that experience in Hirosaki with basically providing a direction for the rest of my professional career. Had it not been an enjoyable period of time, I don’t think I would have been focused on Japan like I am now.”

Hyde returned to UT Martin the next fall as a sophomore and “. . . I got back and, within a couple of months, I’d already decided to leave again.” As his luck would have it, the Republic of China was offering scholarships via the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. “I applied and received a scholarship to study Mandarin in Taipei . . . the following August.”

Sandwiched between the end of his sophomore year and his junior year planned in Taiwan, Dr. Milton Simmons, UT Martin professor of psychology, invited Hyde to travel to Israel during the summer to study archaeology. “We spent the summer in Israel digging. And the same thing that I had done in Japan, I did in Israel – started learning the language, exploring – trying again to do everything that I could while the sun was up.

“I came home from Israel, washed my clothes and left for Taipei,” he said. “By

that time, I was comfortable learning foreign languages. I started Mandarin in September and, by December, I was speaking.” He also immediately fell into the same routine of learning everything he could about his host country. “Again, it was an amazing experience.”

Hyde returned home for two years to finish his degree at UT Martin, but still traveled periodically as an interpreter. “It was kind of an interesting time for a 22-year-old,” he said, remembering asking his marketing professor for an excused absence for a week while he flew to Taipei “for a consulting gig to work as an interpreter.” He added, “I was so completely hooked on the whole international thing at that time. I knew I was headed back to Asia.”

Hyde chose a two-year graduate program at International Christian University in Tokyo. “I actually had planned to take it easy for two years (in graduate school), slow down the pace, do some reading, writing and researching.

“I arrived in Tokyo, the most expensive city in the world, in 1986 with tuition paid, but only \$600 in my pocket. I applied for work everywhere I could.” He found employment teaching English conversation through a UT Martin contact, Toshiharu Ninokata. Again, by chance, his future wife, Yukari, a currency dealer, was a student in the class.

About two months into his first year of graduate school, Hyde was notified that he had received a Rotary Foundation Fellowship in Hong Kong. He had applied for the fellowship via videotape while in Tokyo, but had selected a couple of locations in Japan for study. Even though Hong Kong was a surprise, Hyde embraced the idea, but had to figure out a way to get there. He packed the two-year ICU program into one year.

“I’d come home from work and start studying. When the birds would start chirping, I would get ready for class and then sleep on the train from my apartment to school. I had some very generous professors who passed me,” he said, adding that they knew what he was trying to accomplish.

Hyde received a leave of absence from ICU and went to Hong Kong. He fell into his routine, refreshing his Mandarin, learning Cantonese and researching his thesis. “I studied, studied some more and got married along the way.” He then returned to ICU, graduated and decided he didn’t want to study for a long time.

Apparently, being driven to take full advantage of opportunities carried into his professional career. All in all, he studied 10 languages and regularly uses Spanish, Japanese, Chinese and English in his work. For several years, as a small-business owner, he made monthly roundtrips to Asia. Those trips and other business ventures kept him away from home about 25 days of each month.

At the time, the couple had a daughter, Erika, and a son, Alan. When Jim was born, Hyde decided to purchase the MRI franchise and reduce business travel. All three children were born in Japan and spoke Japanese, exclusively, as youngsters. “We knew regardless of what we did or didn’t do, they would learn English on their own. But if we didn’t put an extra amount of effort into teaching them Japanese, they wouldn’t pick it up as easily,”

he said. All three also have attended Japanese Saturday School to stay connected to that heritage.

Erika is a Vanderbilt University political science major. She also is studying Chinese politics and has a Chinese roommate. Alan and Jim are high school students, studying Spanish.

“We’re living in a world now that your competition, from a business perspective, is not down the street; it’s on another continent. I’ve tried to raise my kids to learn multiple languages, see the world, make their own decisions.”

That’s what the gift to UT Martin for travel-study is all about. “There are so many people who helped me along the way. This is just a really small gesture to help students. I can’t step away from any part of the life that I have now without acknowledging the huge part UT Martin has played in what I’ve done.”

The Tom and Yukari Hyde Global Scholars Program sets aside up to 10 annual scholarships for students participating in an international Travel-Study Program through the Center for Global Studies and International Education. The scholarships focus mainly on Asia, with a preference given to those students who want to study in Japan.

To the students who take advantage of the Hyde gift, he issues this challenge, “If you’re blessed, give back.” For alumni who have not yet considered a similar gift, he points to the frequent thank-you letters he and Yukari receive. “That’s an amazing letter to receive ... to inspire and be able to help the next generation of UT Martin students see the world.” **UTM**



Above: Chiezo Otsuki, current UT Martin student Brittany Scott, Hyde, Shigeko Otsuki, and UT Martin student Ashley Nichols during Hyde’s recent visit to Japan. The Otsukis were Hyde’s primary host family during his time in Hiroasaki.

Hyde with Yoko and Eiji Tamai of Nihon University.

UT Martin's \$118 Million Boost to Region's Economy is Value Added to Education Mission

It is hard to dispute the value of the product: a four-year college degree. Each year, hundreds of UT Martin graduates prove that by maximizing the benefits of a college education. In fact, approximately 95 percent of UT Martin graduates find jobs or are accepted to graduate schools within six months of graduation.

And, while educating students is the primary mission, there is a value-added aspect that extends UT Martin's benefits beyond the campus borders or Martin city limits.

UT Martin generated \$118 million in income in the region during the 2005-06 fiscal year, according to a study by a UT Martin professor. Of that amount, approximately 75.6 percent, or \$89,359,790, was generated in Weakley and Obion counties.

Dr. Parker Cashdollar, professor of economics, recently updated studies he has released at intervals since 1985, that examine economic impact of three categories – university specific-, student- and visitor-spending in the region.

“The economic impact study provides a concise measure of the short-term impact of UT Martin that benefits more than those with direct ties to the university such as students, employees and contractors,” said Cashdollar. “Persons and businesses in the region with no direct ties to UT Martin can see the impact, especially through the multiplier impact, that benefits the overall economy of the region.”

As part of the study, expenditure categories were multiplied by personal income factors (the same as those used in previous studies) to determine the local income impact. Personal income factors show the percentage of the expenditure that becomes local income, and the PIF ranged from 1.0 (100 percent) for payroll to only .04 (4 percent) for supplies purchased by the university. Multiplying each category of spending by the appropriate PIF yielded the direct



Parker Cashdollar stands in University Plaza, home of many local businesses.

contribution to income of that category of expenditures. Then an income multiplier of 1.9 was used to estimate the total impact in the region of the given expenditure category. The multiplier takes into account the fact that a dollar spent locally generates additional income by turning over in additional transactions.

“There were no major surprises,” said Cashdollar of the outcomes. “UT Martin payroll continues to be the major contributor to income impact for several reasons. Virtually all of the payroll goes to UT Martin employees living in the region. Payroll is the largest single component of spending. And, unlike the other components of spending that have personal income factors that are less than 1.0, each one dollar of payroll spending immediately creates a full one dollar of income in the region.”

The \$118 million local income total included expenditures in all three categories. All total amounts include the multiplier effect. The \$48,413,664 payroll, in the UT Martin specific-expenditures category, was the greatest contributor to income, generating a total of \$91,985,962 in the region.

UT Martin off-campus student expenditures had the greatest impact in rent with an expenditure of \$4,657,957 and generating a total income impact of \$7,080,095. This was followed by grocery spending of \$8,124,167 that generated a total income impact of \$1,234,873. Restaurant spending was \$7,771,661, generating an income impact of \$3,543,877.

UT Martin off-campus visitor expenditures for the time period was \$2,824,565, which generated an income impact of \$1,073,334. Most visitor off-campus spending was on food, vehicle expenses and lodging.

During a period from 2000 to 2006, state appropriations decreased from 57 percent to 48 percent as a percentage of the overall UT Martin budget. Tuition and fees increased from 39.4 percent of the UT Martin budget in 2001 to 47.6 percent of the UT Martin budget in 2006. Grants and scholarships over this same period rose from \$10.3 million to \$21.2 million or by \$10.9 million, a 106 percent increase, which offset tuition increases for many students. Grants and scholarships as a percentage of tuition and fees increased from 56 percent in 2001 to 73 percent in 2006. Grants and scholarships, boosted by lottery scholarships which began in fall 2004, reached \$6.3 million in 2005-06 and comprised 30 percent of total grants and scholarships.

“We recognize the level of involvement UT Martin has in our region, and we are proud to participate as a meaningful partner with a significant impact upon our stakeholders,” said Dr. Thomas Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. “We also realize the importance of growth and economic development as a necessary linkage that serves to improve the quality of life for us all,” he added.

Did You Know?

UT Martin is the safest campus in Tennessee among four-year public institutions based on 2006 crime statistics released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

UT Martin Enjoys Regional and National Rankings

UT Martin has again earned the designation as one of the “Best in the Southeast” in *The Princeton Review* for 2008. One student noted that UT Martin, “is big enough to get the full college experience, yet small enough to get one-on-one attention from your teachers.” Another said that the school “offers a lot of additional help, when needed, to allow its students to excel.”

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UT Martin continued its top-tier ranking for southern, master’s level public universities in the 2008 edition of “America’s Best Colleges” compiled by *U.S. News & World Report*.

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UT Martin is listed among America’s 100 Best College Buys, a listing compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc. “UT Martin is among a very select group of colleges and universities across the country – both large and small, public and private – that offer students an academically superior educational environment yet charge the lowest possible cost,” said Lewis Lindsey Jr., IRE president. “UT Martin provides an exceptional opportunity to the residents of Tennessee and to students from across the United States. High quality and low cost will continue to draw the best and brightest students from near and far,” Lindsey added.



UT Martin Sets Four All-Time Enrollment Records

UT Martin set four all-time enrollment records, based on final fall 2007 enrollment figures.

A total of 7,173 students were enrolled for the fall semester, an increase from 6,893 recorded for fall 2006.

The fall 2007 total included all-time record fall enrollments for undergraduates, dual-credit/concurrent students, total full-time equivalent and undergraduate full-time equivalent students. Public higher education funding is based on fall semester full-time equivalency.

“We’re pleased to experience another significant increase in student enrollment, which I believe is one indicator of the perceived value of a UT Martin education,” said Dr. Tom Rakes, university chancellor. “Our faculty and staff work together to offer high-quality educational programs within an accessible, supportive learning environment.”

Based on final figures, this fall’s enrollment at UT Martin was a 4.1 percent increase over fall 2006.

“Enrollment is one indicator of success, but we’re equally proud of the growing success of our graduates, numerous accredited programs and a noticeable increase in applied research and outreach initiatives involving both faculty and students,” Rakes added.

The record enrollment also reflected 1,277 freshmen, the second-largest freshman class on the UT Martin campus. Fall enrollment indicates that first-time freshmen have an average 3.37 high school grade-point-average, up from 3.34 in 2006, and an average ACT score of 22.07, up from 21.82 in 2006.



Pictured at the Sept. 6 ribbon-cutting officially opening the new University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center are, from left, UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Thomas Rakes, UT President Dr. John Petersen, Ripley Mayor Jon Pavletic and UT Martin Ripley Center Director Youlanda Jones.



Ripley Center is Educational, Economic Development Beacon

Community residents and elected officials joined University of Tennessee leadership and others to officially open the new UT Martin Ripley Center in September. The ceremony drew an overflow crowd to the 21,000 square-foot newly renovated and technologically advanced facility that culminated several years of collaborative planning and work.

"It is a locally based initiative through UT Martin, but it's all part of a much greater university picture," said UT Martin Chancellor, Dr. Thomas Rakes. "Your children, neighbors, friends and maybe even some of you may want to take part in the collegiate experience through UT Martin. You'll be participating with a top-tier master's southern institution, one of the best in the Southeast, that's right here at home. That makes a real difference.

"The primary service area is right around us," he added. "It includes not only Lauderdale, but Dyer, Tipton, Haywood and Crockett counties. There will be some students from other areas, as well, so this really is a regional effort."

Rakes thanked local officials whose leadership led to initial classes beginning early 2006 at the Tennessee Technology Center. He also commended former Chancellor Nick Dunagan for his guidance of the Ripley Center project that gained approval of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees and the Tennessee Higher Education Com-

mission in fall 2006. Rakes pointed to community businesses, donors and partners he said were critical to the center's governance and continued success.

He praised the center's higher education committee, as well. The group symbolized the overall community involvement in making the center a reality. The committee was involved from planning and construction of the facility all the way to raising funds for scholarships so that high school students can take dual-credit classes. Students can earn as many as 15 hours of college credit while they are completing a high school diploma.

Noting the importance of the facility to area residents, the community and the state, Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, of Ripley, who was instrumental in securing state funding for the center, said, "I hope it will be a beacon. You can get a four-year degree right here in this building. That's unbelievable. It's going to make us a better community and make our children better citizens." Fitzhugh tied the success of the center to hopes for overall economic development resurgence for the area.

"We're proud to be in your community and join in the celebration," said Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president. "One of the most significant things that our Martin campus does is the fact that the outreach sites ... are the most extensive spread of any university that we have within the UT system." Petersen noted that UT touts "the state is our campus." He added, "Hav-

ing a UT campus here in the community is enormously important for us."

Speaking about the University of Tennessee, he said, "This institution is about student access, student success, research, economic development, outreach and globalization." Noting the importance of UT Martin and its satellite campuses to West Tennessee, he added that residents look to the university as a source to help with economic development and to improve the quality of life in the area.

Petersen thanked Fitzhugh and others adding, "The future is bright for all of us as we continue to develop the opportunities for our young people in this part of the state."

Ripley Mayor Jon Pavletic, one of several local officials who pursued the center's concept through the ribbon-cutting, said, "This college will have far-reaching effects." Pavletic praised other local residents for their support and involvement in the center.

"Now is a time for excitement," said Youlanda Jones, center director. "I want to thank the students, and to thank the community for caring enough to make a difference, and I guarantee we will make a difference."

Those attending were invited to tour the wireless facility, a former Wal-Mart building, which includes eight master classrooms, a technology transfer facility, science laboratory, library resource center, bookstore, conference room, administrative offices and other amenities.

UT Martin Parsons Center

Businessman and philanthropist James “Jim” Ayers is helping bring UT Martin to Decatur County. A longtime supporter of higher education, Ayers, through the Ayers Foundation, has recently committed \$1 million to support the establishment of the UT Martin Center in Parsons.

The Parsons Center is the newest of UT Martin’s four extended-campus sites. The center is the result of a unique partnership among UT Martin administrators, Decatur County officials, the City of Parsons and Mr. Ayers. In addition to Ayers’ generous gift, the City of Parsons and Decatur County have committed an additional \$500,000 each to support the initiative.

“I have a great deal of concern for people who play by the rules and don’t get dealt a fair hand.”

Jim Ayers

A fund-raising campaign has been launched to support and equip the facility, which will contain more than 19,000 square feet of academic and administrative support space. The center is scheduled to officially open spring 2009. Classes are currently being offered at Riverside High School in Parsons.

Ayers has an extensive track record of assisting high school students in West Tennessee. The Ayers Foundation Scholarship Program (AFSP) was established in 1999 through the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee with the first scholarships being awarded in the fall of 2000. The program is open to all Decatur County students in good academic standing who apply to the Ayers Foundation Guidance Program.

Ayers got the idea for the program when he saw a news story about a man in Austin, Texas, who owned a manufacturing company and wanted to give back to local students for higher education. “Some of my schoolmates didn’t have the encouragement I had,” Ayers said. “Whether you call it blessed or lucky, I have been fortunate enough to have ‘good fortune.’ Today, the chance of that happening for someone without an education is markedly less. I have a great deal of concern

for people who play by the rules and don’t get dealt a fair hand,” he said.

Students who want to attend the UT Martin Parsons Center will have additional incentives, thanks to the generosity of Jim Ayers and the Ayers Foundation, as they can take part in a new scholarship. These scholarships are designed to benefit students from two groups: traditional college students who are current high school graduates of the class of 2007 and non-traditional adult students who have been out of high school for at least three years and may or may not have completed college course work.

For any traditional-age student who wants to attend the UT Martin Parsons Center

and take a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester, a scholarship in the amount of \$500 per semester will be provided, regardless of family income or academic standing. The traditional student scholarships will be given above and in addition to any assistance already provided to Decatur County students by the Ayers Foundation Scholarship Program.

Additionally, any current recipient of an Ayers Foundation Scholarship who graduated from high school in 2006 will be eligible for this new traditional-learner scholarship if they desire to begin classes at the Parsons Center. Likewise, students graduating in 2007 from a high school in any county adjacent to Decatur will be eligible for this traditional-learner scholarship to attend the Parsons Center. These counties include: Perry, Wayne, Hardin, Henderson, Carroll and Benton. Students graduating from high school in any of these counties will be eligible for \$500 per semester, regardless of academic standing or family income, provided they take the minimum required course load.

Scholarship assistance will also be available for adult students who have been out of



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high school for at least three years and desire to take classes at the UT Martin Parsons Center. For these students, the Ayers Foundation will provide 50 percent of the tuition cost, UT Martin will provide 25 percent, and the student will provide 25 percent plus the costs of any textbook(s) needed for the classes. For this program, students will be required to take at least one class per semester and may take classes in the summer. Additionally, students participating in this program will have two opportunities for reimbursement of their initial 25 percent cost—once upon completion of 59.9 credit hours and again upon completion of a bachelor’s degree. These scholarships will be available for adult students in Decatur and the adjacent counties of Perry, Wayne, Hardin, Henderson, Carroll and Benton.

Ayers is passionate about investing in our communities, and his vision of extending education has made a positive difference in the lives of many young people in West Tennessee.

Jason Rushing, director of the UT Martin Parsons Center, knows first-hand of the impact of Ayers’ support of education. Rushing, a former Ayers Scholar and 2004 UT Martin graduate, said, “I was one of the first (students) to benefit from Jim Ayers’ dream of making postsecondary education a reality for those in Decatur County,” Rushing said. “Looking back, I can honestly say that, at that time, I had absolutely no idea how this program would affect my life and the lives of so many others.”

Hall of Fame Inductions

He coached football at UT Martin just three years, but George MacIntyre's influence earned him a permanent place in the university's history. It also brought 30 of his former players back to Martin, 30 years later, to celebrate his induction into the UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame.

Nearly 200 guests attended the 24th annual Hall of Fame Induction held Oct. 13 in the Alumni Gym. At seven, it was the largest class of inductees since 1989.

Dennis Suiter ('70), a pioneer in women's basketball officiating and standout athlete Jody Fuller ('02, baseball), Michael Hart ('96, basketball), Chris Pierce ('90, golf), the late Jim Willing ('85, tennis) and Dana Witten ('72, football) were honored with hall of fame inductions alongside MacIntyre.

Willing, a native of Winchester, Mass., died at the age of 41 in a scuba diving accident in 2002. He played tennis for UT Martin from 1982 to 1985 and is the school's all-time career singles winner with a 92-32 record. Willing won Gulf South Conference singles titles four consecutive years, the first person ever to do so, and helped UT Martin advance to the NCAA Division II national championships his senior year.

"UT Martin gave Jim a new family of friends and a stage for competition," said his father, Bob, who accepted the award on behalf of his son. Willing's widow, Kelly; mother, Sally; and sisters, Debbie and Patsy, also attended the ceremony.



The 2007 UT Martin Hall of Fame inductees include (from left) Coach George MacIntyre, Dennis Suiter, Dana Witten, Michael Hart, Jody Fuller and Chris Pierce.

MacIntyre, who coached at UT Martin from 1975 to 1977, led the Pacer football team to an 18-14 record and back-to-back winning seasons in 1976 and 1977. He later coached at Vanderbilt, where he was named the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year in 1982.

It wasn't necessarily MacIntyre's gains on the gridiron that brought 30 UT Martin football alumni back to Martin, however, said Donny Sherman ('79).

"The reason people are here—they've come from Texas, they've come from Florida, they've come from South Carolina, they've come from Georgia—is because of the difference that George MacIntyre, as a coach, made in their lives."

Sherman, who played for "Coach Mac" and later coached with him at Vanderbilt, introduced MacIntyre at the ceremony.

MacIntyre's son, Matt, accepted the honor for his father, who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of multiple sclerosis in 1998 and was unable to take the stage himself.

Speaking to the players, Matt said, "You are the reason why he loved what he did and why he was good at it. He never once talks about 'I did this or that.' He talks about what the players did."

MacIntyre, seated next to his wife, Betty, smiled and nodded from his table near the stage.

Matt also said, "He would tell you this. What you've become today, successful in your life, is what makes him happy. Not that you threw 15 touchdowns or made a bunch of great tackles—he was glad you did it—but what you're doing today is what makes him proudest."

Plans for Athletics Facilities Improvements

As soon as the votes were tallied for the increase in the student activity fee in April, UT Martin director of intercollegiate athletics, Phil Dane, began visualizing his field of dreams. He pictured lighting and permanent bleachers for the baseball and softball fields. He imagined soccer fields with lights, and a new free-standing facility at the end of Pat Head Summit Drive that would include locker rooms and offices for the baseball and softball teams, as well as public restrooms and a concession stand.

Dane's dreams were even bigger. Thanks to a separate gift of roughly \$110,000 from Ms. Kathleen Elam, football's Hardy M. Graham Stadium received new seating and brick under-pinning before the first home game last fall. In addition, gifts from several Skyhawk Club donors will cover a significant portion of the

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\$750,000 cost for the installation of a new artificial turf surface on H.K. Grantham Field. The artificial turf purchasing process has begun, and the project is scheduled to be complete by Aug. 1, 2008.

Additional gifts from Ms. Elam of \$30,000 will pay for improvements to the men's basketball locker room, renovations to UT Martin's Hall of Fame display in the Elam Center and the men's and women's basketball hospitality room. Gift proposals have also been submitted for new scoreboards for the baseball and softball fields.

The increase in the student activity fee is now turning Dane's other ideas into done-deals, too. The fee increase will fund lighting projects for baseball, softball and soccer. The lighting for all three fields will cost approximately \$500,000 and must get state legislative approval as well as approval from the State Building Commission (SBC). Dane said the next opportunity for new construction projects to be approved will be this summer, with construction beginning during the 2008-09 academic year.

"After the SBC has approved the projects, a designer must be appointed. It's conceivable that all the lighting projects could be bid and installed by spring 2009," Dane said.

The fee increase will also pay for a new building near the baseball and softball fields that will contain locker rooms and offices for the two teams. Baseball and softball locker rooms and offices are currently located in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse, approximately one-quarter of a mile from the playing fields. The new structure will also have space for a concession stand and public restrooms to serve both fields.

The timeframe and approvals for the new building are the same as for the lighting. "I would not expect the building to be occupied before fall 2009," Dane said.

Softball and baseball bleachers will also be replaced with new permanent seating with money from the activity fee increase. Softball's seating is expected to cost about \$75,000, while bleachers for baseball are expected to cost about \$90,000. Dane said he wants to do both seating projects at the same time because he can get a better price, and it would also be more gender equitable. Dane, who has been the athletics director for the past eight years, said it's possible that the new permanent bleachers for softball and baseball could be completed before the end of the current fiscal year in June.

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Rodeo team member, Ty Atchison

Rodeo Celebrates 40 Years

Get ready to pull on your cowboy boots and eat plenty of free barbecue: the annual spring college rodeo is coming to the Ned R. McWherter Agricultural Pavilion, April 10-12. One of the longest-standing annual college rodeos in the nation, the UT Martin Spring College Rodeo celebrates 40 consecutive rodeos in 2008.

“It’s a pretty big deal to have a nationally-ranked rodeo forty consecutive years, as a college,” says UT Martin head rodeo coach, John Luthi.

The 40th rodeo will feature a community-wide barbecue, scholarship auction, prize drawings and, of course, UT Martin’s rodeo team competing in nine events including bull riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing and several roping contests.

Luthi, now in his 11th year as head rodeo coach, led his team to a 15th-place finish last year at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo. Three members of the UT Martin rodeo team—Adrienne Vought, Boyd Quinley and Ty Atchison—finished among the top-10 in the nation.

At the halfway point of the 2007-08 season, the men’s team ranks second in the Ozark Region with two first-place finishes, two second-place finishes and one third-place finish in five rodeos this fall. Team newcomer, Matt Smith, a junior transfer from Mt. Olive, Miss., has won the bareback riding event in all five rodeos. Senior Ty Atchison is also undefeated in his five saddle bronc events this season. Brent Menz, a junior, has won the bull riding contest in three out of five tries this fall.

The women are currently in fifth place in the region.

The UT Martin rodeo team hopes to attract a lot of alumni and a big crowd to the 40th Annual Spring College Rodeo. Just don’t tell the fire marshal. “Last year on Saturday night,” says Luthi with a laugh, “If the fire marshal had seen the crowd, I think we might have been in trouble.”

Plans for Athletics Facilities Improvements

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“We could not make these improvements without the support of our student body and our faithful Skyhawk Club members. I realize many of the students who voted for the fee increase will be gone when all these improvements are complete. However, we are confident these improvements will result in greater success on the field, which will make them prouder alumni.”

In addition to facility improvements, the athletic department’s operating budget has increased by more than \$150,000 across the various sports. Four new full-time positions have also been added – assistant baseball coach, assistant softball coach, assistant rodeo coach and assistant athletic communications director. Assistant coaches for soccer and volleyball will be added later in the current academic year.

Head softball coach Donley Canary said that adding a full-time assistant coach has been a great boost to his program.

“The biggest thing is it allows us to have continuity in the program,” said Canary. “I’ve been very blessed with our graduate assistants. I’ve had some quality kids, but we were changing every two years.”

He added, “Some of the girls on our team have had three pitching coaches. That’s just not good for a program.”

Canary also said the facility upgrades will help him in recruiting. “Right now our program and the facilities we have are behind the rest of the (Ohio Valley) Conference.”

Bubba Cates, the head baseball coach agrees. “The new upgrades would make us similar to schools we compete against now.”

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The Real Deal

Friends

Each year after homecoming, I typically take some time off to recover from the activities that take place. This year was no exception. But this year, I found myself bringing my two kids over to campus on one of my days off to look at something I am so proud to be associated with, the *Friends* statue area. Many years ago, we had a chancellor who caused quite a bit of turmoil on our campus. But one of the things he envisioned for UT Martin was an area with statues. This idea resonated with Phil Watkins, who was serving as vice chancellor for student affairs at the time. Over the course of several years, the idea began to take wings and started to fly on its own. Former chancellor Nick Dunagan approved the statue area with the condition that all funding would come from private sources. Dr. Paul Blaylock, a 1968 alumnus and successful attorney and physician living in Portland, Ore., stepped up and made a leadership gift that covered half of the cost of the area and challenged the university to raise the remaining portion. Long story short, this past homecoming, during Quad City, we unveiled the *Friends* statue area. The plaque describing the area simply states:

A tribute to the faculty, staff and administrators who serve as mentors to students, past, present and future, at The University of Tennessee at Martin.

My job on campus is made easier because of the great folks who served as mentors to students of all genera-

tions. I see the result of those mentoring relationships when someone honors his or her mentor with a scholarship or a piece of artwork. These types of gifts not only serve as a lifeline to the university but as a true testament to our mission as a university: service to our students.



Thank you to all who attended some or all of the homecoming festivities. What a great turnout, and the comments have been overwhelming. If you are interested in hosting an event or reunion next year, please call the alumni office or better yet, stop by our new alumni center and visit with us. Until next time, stay connected, get involved and say great things about your alma mater.



Charley Deal

Assistant Vice Chancellor
for Alumni Relations

The first life-size bronze statues were unveiled on UT Martin campus during Homecoming 2007. The statues were made possible by a leadership gift from Dr. Paul Blaylock ('68) and through private gifts that honored Dr. Phil Watkins, longtime vice chancellor for student affairs. The statues symbolize the strong mentoring relationships and often lifelong friendships between students and faculty at UT Martin. From left, are UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes, Dr. Watkins and his wife, Pat Watkins, Dr. Blaylock and his wife, Gaynelle Nolf, and Student Government Association President Erin Chambers.

Alumni: Help Make a Difference

This spring will mark the start of an alumni mentoring program to help provide guidance to undeclared students on career-path decision making and industry experience. The objectives for the program are:

1. Building decision-making skills and assisting students as they transition from undeclared to declaring a major;
2. Providing opportunities for professional development and forming alliances with experienced alumni in their fields of interest;
3. Assisting students with setting short-term and long-term goals.

Alumni will have the opportunity to participate in an e-mail mentoring program, and those participating will be asked to have at least three e-mail contacts with the student each month. This program is being co-sponsored by the Student Success Center, Student Employment Services and the Office of Alumni Relations. For more information about this program, please visit www.utmforever.com and click on [mentoring link](#).



University Breathes Life Into Northwest Tennessee and Graduates

The importance of UT Martin to the lives of its graduates and the prosperity of West Tennessee was reinforced by the three honorees recognized Oct. 12 at the annual Homecoming Alumni Awards Dinner.

Lt. Gen. John G. Castellaw, deputy commandant, Programs and Resources, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., and **Van Jones**, environmental leader, civil rights attorney and public speaker, Oakland, Calif., each received an Outstanding Alumni Award; and **Dee Fields Pritchett**, managing broker for Fuller Partners Real Estate, Martin, was presented the Chancellor's Award for University Service.

Pritchett said she accepted the award for "all the hundreds of people who do many things for UT Martin—much more than I do." The 1973 alumna and longtime supporter added, "I feel our university is a breath of life for Northwest Tennessee. For the almost 30 years that I have worked in real estate, I've been extolling the virtues of UT Martin. It's been my pleasure to meet so many fine educators and administrators, students and their families. I always tell them we need people who want to contribute and want to stay. Continuity is so important to a university of this size, and UT Martin is so important to our area."

Noting Bill Clinton's book, "Giving," Pritchett said the former president states that "people are either givers or they're takers." She added, "UT Martin, I believe, has many alumni and friends who are not only loyal to our university and Northwest Tennessee, but are also givers. As UT Martin breathes life into Northwest Tennessee, we give back, and we'll be rewarded. I feel very honored to do my small part—no thanks necessary. I am very lucky. My best and my thanks to you all, and 'Go Skyhawks.'"



Castellaw, a 1972 agriculture graduate who has traveled all over the world in the military, told those attending the awards banquet, "There are many reasons that I am happy to be here tonight. One of them is that not often do I have the opportunity to talk to home folks." He recounted several memories of professors and his time at UT Martin. "Just like today, there were great people who were in the supportive establishment here and great teachers."

Stating that he has kept in touch with the university over the years through friends and family, he added, "I've seen the spirit, that I think has been manifested in graduates of UT Martin, be carried on." Castellaw said he has worn a UT Martin T-shirt when working out in places such as Baghdad and has met other graduates in his travels. "We always shared fond memories (of the university)." He added, "As I stand here tonight, I am humbled and honored to get this particular award. It means a great deal to me."



"This is truly a homecoming for me," said Jones, who began his association with the university as a participant in the Governor's School for the Humanities as a high school junior. He returned to UT Martin for college and graduated in 1990. He credited Dr. Jerald Ogg, now interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, with being a strong mentor while he was a student. "Outside of my mom and dad, he was probably the biggest influence on me."

Jones said Ogg always told him to "make choices that give you more choices" and not to "underestimate UT Martin." Jones added, "I learned how to learn here." He also expressed gratitude that Ogg and others urged him to go to law school. "They didn't give up on me. They wouldn't accept a mediocre score if they thought you could do better."

Jones, who is president of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights in Oakland, a foundation he said he literally "started in a closet," now has 24 employees and is making a difference. "If we reach out to each other and help each other, there's nothing we can't do. The reason I know this ... my mother was right. She told me there was nothing I couldn't do. And the reason I know it, UT Martin was right, and Jerald Ogg was right. There was no place I couldn't get to from UT Martin."

UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes welcomed guests to the awards banquet and was joined in making remarks by Dr. Debbie Ingram, University of Tennessee National Alumni Association president. Also attending was Lofton Stuart, UTNAA executive director.



Dr. Debbie Ingram, left, University of Tennessee National Alumni Association president; Dr. Thomas Rakes, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor; and Lofton Stuart, right, UTNAA executive director presented awards during the annual UT Martin Alumni Awards Banquet, hosted Oct. 12.

Did You Know?

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Alumni Notes

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1956

Henry L. Farrar Jr. ('56) lives in Newbern with his wife, Wanda. They were married last June in Bartlett. He is retired, and they like to travel and attend sporting events.

1961

William Lee Todd ('61) and his wife, Merle, live in Germantown. He is retired and currently serving as chair of the board of Agricenter International, chair of the Tennessee FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee and a member of the UT Extension State Advisory Committee. They have three children: Dr. David Todd, 42; Janet Todd Sandbach, 39; and Robert Todd, 37. Email: wleet@aol.com

1963

Mary Alice Smith Stephenson ('63) lives in Atlanta, Ga., with her husband, Ronald. She has recently retired from her own childcare business. They have two children, Mark and Susan, and four grandchildren.

1967

Raymond Lloyd McBride ('67) and his wife, **Sherry Pilkenton McBride** ('69), live in Dyersburg. He is a retired Army colonel and works as a financial consultant. Sherry works as a teacher for the Dyer County Board of Education. They have two children: Stacy Rogers, 38, and Betsy Hayes, 33. Email: mcbridejrf@cablone.net and svmcbride@cablone.net.

1969

Jerry L. Morgan ('69) lives in Leavenworth, Kan., with his wife, **Donna Richards Morgan** ('70). He is a defense contractor and retired U.S. Army officer. Donna works in interior decorating and home consulting. They have two children: Chris, 35; Greg, 33; and Nathan, deceased. Email: jerry.morgan1@us.army.mil and jndm3@earthlink.net.

1971

J. Michael Nanney ('71) lives in Meridian, Miss., with his wife, **Terri Ann Jacobs Nanney** ('72). He is a retired U.S. Navy pilot and flight surgeon and is a physician. Terri is a homemaker. They have four children: Jennifer Erin,

25; Warren Clint, 22; Brian Michael, 21; and Caroline Elizabeth, 18. Email: miketerinanney@aol.com.

1972

Leon Kelly ('72) and his wife, Leslie, live in California, Md. He is a grocery manager. Email: utvols72@juno.com.

1974

Stuart L. Guthrie ('74) lives in Sebring, Fla., with his wife, Patricia Kay Johnson. He is a high school principal. They have three children: Kevin Lee, 26; Brian Charles, 21; and Matthew Tyler, 19. Email: guthries@highlands.k12.fl.us.

Dianne Neal Matthews, ('74) and her husband, **Richard Anthony Matthews** ('73), live in Seymour, Ill. Dianne is a freelance writer and author. She has had two books released by Tyndale House Publishers. Richard is an engineer with Management Resources Group, Inc. They have a son, Eric. Email: mdianne@juno.com and richmatth@juno.com. For Dianne's books, visit www.DianneNealMatthews.com.

Carol Shanklin ('74) was named interim dean of the graduate school at Kansas State University. She is a veteran administrator and educator in food services and dietetics at Kansas State. Her most recent publications target food safety, particularly in restaurants and schools. As a researcher, she also is investigating the quality of life for the state's older residents. Email: shanklin@k-state.edu.

1975

Roy Herron ('75), Tennessee state senator, completed his second Ironman triathlon of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2 mile marathon run in 13 hours and 42 minutes. His son, John, attended the 2007 Governor's School for the Humanities at UT Martin. John had a great experience and earned six hours. His GPA now is higher than his dad's ever was. Roy and his wife, Nancy, have two other sons, Rick and Ben. Email: roy@royherron.com.

1976



David Maness ('76), above, is chair, Department of Family Medicine, UT Health Science Center. In 1980 he graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery

in Des Moines, Iowa. He then completed a three-year family practice residency program at Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Ga. Serving the nation in the U.S. Army for more than 20 years, Dr. Maness has risen to the rank of full colonel. He and his wife, Rose Marie, have one son at home, James David (JD).

1979

Paul G. (P.G.) Alexander ('79) and his wife, **Leanne Byrd Alexander** ('80), live in Humboldt. Paul is the director of development and marketing for the Exchange Club at the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in Jackson. Leanne is a self-employed music teacher. They have two children: Laura, 19; and Jacob, 14. Email: pgalex1@aol.com.

Debby Walker Garrett Dorough ('79) lives in Pensacola, Fla. She is a technology coordinator with the Escambia County School District. Debby recently completed requirements for educational leadership certification. She is expecting her first grandchild in January. Email: ddorough@escambia.k12.fl.us.

1982

William Austin Watkins ('82) and his wife, Pamela, live in Tobyhanna, Pa. William is an attorney. They have three children: Rachel, 14; Allison, 10; and Tori, 7. Email: wawlaw@ptd.net.

1983

Lisa M. Frieson ('83) lives in Memphis. She is an educator in the Memphis City Schools. Email: imfriesco@bellsouth.net.

Mark Mann ('83) lives in Colorado Springs, Colo. He is working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Europe as a natural resources project manager for various military installations in Germany. Mark enjoys cycling, traveling and

archaeology. Email: cycle.mann@hotmail.com.

1984

Deborah Lynn Coble Wise ('84) and her husband, Steven, live in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Deborah graduated from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary with a master's of divinity degree in May. In June she was commissioned as a probationary elder in the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and appointed to serve as pastor of youth and family ministries at Spirit Lake United Methodist Church. They have four children: Lauren, 18; Hannah, 15; Ethan, 11; and Justin, 8. Email: pastordeborahwise@gmail.com.

1986

Pedro Manuel Canas ('86) is a business owner who lives in Nashville. He enjoys tennis, golf and bicycling. Email: pedro.canas@gmail.com.

Kerry Torlay Vincent ('86) lives in Memphis with her husband, Roy. She is a registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital. She served on the hospital's nurse practice council for two years, the unit-based council for four years and is charge nurse of the night shift in the ortho/neuro unit. She has taught high-impact water aerobics for 13 years. They have two girls: Joi D'Lese, 16; and Summer Lee, 14. Email: ktvladyvol@aol.com.

1987

Wanda Sue Hurst Fulwider (Angel) ('87) lives in Smyrna with her husband, Terry. She is a senior case manager, life insurance, with American Brokerage Co. They have one child: Austin, 13. Email: angelfulwider@comcast.net.

Laurence (Larry) Gossett ('87) and wife, Allison, live in Loudon. Larry is Southern Afghanistan regional manager with Task Force Innovations International. They have one

child: Lindsay Alexia, 12. Email: Laurence.gossett@tffi-intl.com.

1988

Anthony Haynes ('88) and his wife, Dr. Katherine Taylor Haynes, live in Nashville. He is in government relations with the University of Tennessee. They have two children: Alexander, 5; and Christopher, 18 months. Email: Anthony.haynes@tennessee.edu.

Caroline Kay Castellaw Hester ('88) and her husband, **Terrill Gene Hester** ('86), live in Clarksville. Caroline is a nursing student at Austin Peay State University. They have two children: Jessica Lee, 19; and Jeremiah Heath, 11. Email: ckeyhester@aol.com.

1989

Kenneth Alan Jones ('89) lives in Pamplin, Va., with his wife, Celia Carroll Jones. Kenneth is the pastor of Worsham Baptist Church in Farmville, Va. He served as moderator for Southeast Missouri Baptist Association, 2001-03, and executive board of Missouri Baptist Convention, 2004-06. Email: revkaj@yahoo.com.

1990

John F. Bright ('90) lives in Auburn, Ala., and is a stock analyst with Avondale Partners. Email: jfbright@yahoo.com.

Desmond T. Raphael ('90) and his wife, **Marquette Raphael** ('90), live in Harker Heights, Texas. He is a U.S. Army officer, and she is an administrative assistant with the U.S. Army. Desmond was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 2006. They have three children: Danielle, 19; Gabrielle, 15; and Isaiah, 11. Email: desmond.raphael@us.army.mil and marquette.raphael@us.army.mil.

Mark Stephens ('90) and his family have relocated to Memphis, where he was appointed as vice president of human resources and internal communication at Orthopaedic

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dic Reconstruction. Mark has 15 years of experience as a human-resources generalist with functional assignment in executive compensation, international, talent development and employee relations.

1991

Kathy Simpson Barker ('91) and her husband, **John Richard Barker** ('89), live in Memphis. Kathy was recently promoted to assistant professor of clinical pharmacy at the UT Health Science Center. John is the executive director of research, evaluation and assessment for Memphis City Schools. They have one child: Sophie, 3. Email: ksbarker@utm.edu and barkerjohnr@mcsk12.net.

John Mark Browder ('91) of Nashville recently returned, along with his Tennessee Army National Guard unit, the 278th of Lebanon, from a three-week border mission in Yuma, Ariz. There, he served

with his unit as chaplain assistant. Email: john.browder@state.tn.us.

J. Keith Fowlkes ('91) and his wife, **Talitha Anderson Fowlkes** ('91), live in Wise, Va. He is vice chancellor for information technology and CIO at the University of Virginia, and Talitha is a private practice therapist. They have two children: Grayson, 5; and Taegan, 3. Email: fowlkes@uvawise.edu and talitha@simplemusic.org.

Renee Bailey Iacona ('91) and her husband, Nick, live in West Chester, Pa. Renee was recently promoted at AstraZeneca to statistical science director within the oncology division. She is involved in the strategic drug development for early portfolio oncology products. Email: renee.iacona@astrazeneca.com.

Kristy Inman Prince ('91) lives in Waynesboro with her husband, Larry. She is Waynesboro

Elementary School principal. They have four children: Brittny, 20; Chandler, 11; Paxton, 8; and Myles, 6. Email: princek1@k12tn.net.

Daniel James Schaefer ('91) and his wife, **Cynthia Rose Schaefer** ('91), live in Milan. He works as a regional investigator with the State of Tennessee. They have three children: Jessica, 10; Daniel, 7; and Michael, 4. Email: dcjdm07@charger.net.

1992

Julie Boswell ('92) and her husband, Kevin Campbell, live in Nashville with their two children: Audrey, 3; and Owen, 1. She is currently practicing with Thrailkill Harris Wood & Boswell, PLC, and was recognized in the August issue of the *Nashville Business Journal* as one of the 99 Nashville-area attorneys selected by their peers as Best of the Bar. Email: jboswell@thwb-law.com.

Delilah Ann Jenkins Davis ('92) lives in Oakland with her husband, Jerome. She is a teacher for the Memphis City Schools at Brownsville Road Optional Elementary. They have two children: Kaleigh, 8; and Caleb, 5. Email: dda-vis28@comcast.net.

1993

Holly Denise Chandler ('93) lives in Martin. She works at Van's Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician. Her hobbies include thoroughbred horse racing, collecting Kentucky Derby memorabilia and reading. Email: sandyjo@crunet.com.

Did You Know?

More than \$70 million in capital improvement and renovation projects are under way at UT Martin, including projects that will continue into 2010.

Tamara Leigh Hane Manes ('93) and her husband, Scott, live in Memphis with their five children, Nicole, 16; Carmen, 14; Sebastian, 12; Olivia, 5; and JT, 8 months. She is a stay-at-home mom and enjoys scrapbooking and volunteering accounting services. Email: tmanes@hotmail.com.

1994



Davida M. Cruthird ('94), above, ran for city council, district three, in Memphis. She is the director of job and business development for Bridges and was a fellow with the Memphis Leadership Academy. She is a Memphis Chamber of Commerce ambassador. Email: dcruthird@bridgesusa.org.



Julie Hill ('94), above, UT Martin assistant professor of music, released a CD, *Commissioned Works*, in September with the Caixa Trio.

Tanya Beasley Sanderson ('94) lives in Humboldt with her husband, Phillip. She is a registered nurse, a registered cardiovascular invasive specialist, a certified legal nurse consultant and owner of T.L. Sanderson & Associates, which is a medical consulting firm for attorneys. They have three children: Colton, 15; Molly, 9; and Emma, 4. Email: tlsanderson@hughes.net.

Wayne Sheehan ('94) and his wife, **Debbie Sheehan** ('95), live in Medina. He is Humboldt City Schools technology director, and she is a first-grade teacher at Medina Elementary. They have two children: Lyndsay, 15; and Cassidy, 12. Email: wayne.sheehan@humboldtschools.com and debbiesheehan@click1.net.

1995

Dr. Julie Lumpkins Basler ('95) lives in Highlands Ranch, Colo., with her husband, Steven. Julie accepted a new teaching position at Platt College (Colorado) as director of the writing center. They have two children: Hannah Pearl, 5; and Avery Joan, 9 months. Email: jbasler@plattcolorado.edu.

Michele Myrick Atkins ('95) lives in Paris with her husband, **Craig E. Atkins** ('94). Michele is a UT Extension Service 4-H agent. Craig is a firefighter for the city of Paris. They have two children: John Thomas, 2; and Emma Kate, 4 months. Email: matkins1@utk.edu.

Alexander Ofner ('95) and his wife, Meghan, live in Bluffton, S.C. He is a business owner with Carolina Yard Masters, Inc., and Meghan is the vice-president of Suntrust Bank in Hilton Head Island. They have two children: Margret Ann, 6; and Grace Nicole, 3. Email: cyminc@hargray.com.

James S. Wagner ('95) lives in Memphis with his wife, Tiffany. James is a teacher with Youth Villages in Arlington, and Tiffany is a certified pharmacy technician with People's Custom Rx. They have one child: James S. (J.J.), 1. Email: jameswagner@bellsouth.net and tiffnjamie@netzero.net.

1996

Melissa Gray Kinton ('96) and her husband, **William Robert Kinton IV** ('97), live in Maryville. Melissa is a news-

paper reporter with Jones Media, and Robert works at Fort Loudon State Historic Area as a park ranger. Email: willand-melissak@hotmail.com.

1997

Melissa Kellough Darby ('97) lives in Milan with her husband, Lee, and son, Aiden Cole, 1. She is an auditor with the State of Tennessee, division of county audit. Email: thedarbys@click1.net.

Rachele Scott Gibson ('97) lives with her husband, **Josh Gibson** ('01), in Trenton. Rachele is an attorney for the State of Tennessee, and Josh is branch manager for CitiFinancial. They have one child: Clark, 8 months. Email: raedscott@hotmail.com and gibsonjosh@hotmail.com.

Jennie Lynn Logan Jeffrey ('97) lives in Memphis, where she is a teacher in Shelby County. She and her husband, Michael, have a daughter: Ava Katherine, 11 months. Email: mikeandjennie@bellsouth.net.

1998

Cedric D. Clark ('98) lives in Atlanta, Ga. He is a transportation planner in Sandy Springs, Ga., for LOWE Engineers. His hobbies are refereeing football and basketball games. He has two children: Cierra, 8; and Cedric, 5. Email: clark@loweengineers.com.

Kori Hampton Windle Burkhead ('98) and her husband, Jeff, live in Dyersburg. Kori is a children's photographer and owns a photography studio. She has her master's degree in education. They have two children: Josh, 15; and Harley Tate, 4. Email: kori@koriburkhead.com.

1999

Steven Wayne Holmes ('99) is the store manager at 84 Lumber in Haines City, Fla. He and his wife, **Gena Crawford Holmes** ('00), live in Winter Haven, Fla., where Gena is a teacher. They have three chil-

dren: Gracey, 8; Pete, 5; and Rachel, 4. Email: stevenholmes84@yahoo.com.

Amy Konz Scott ('99) lives in Santa Fe, Tenn., with her husband, Kevin. She is a pre-school special education teacher for Maury County Public Schools and is a member of the school system's county-wide crisis management team. Amy has a master's degree and is finishing up course work as a medical transcriptionist. They have one child: Morgan Scott, 3; and a baby girl due in January 2008. Email: republican1230@yahoo.com.

2000

Jessica Erin Black Watts ('00) lives in Southaven, Miss. After she married, she lived in Australia for two years and did missionary work with IMB in Germany, Italy and Australia. She was a counselor for Centrifuge and Mission-Fuge of the Southern Baptist Convention. She is now an Enterprise assistant store manager in Southaven.

Kimberly Ann Hetzel Buie ('00) and her husband, **Raymond Kelly Buie** ('00), live in Memphis. Kim is a graduate of the UT Health Science Center College of Medicine. She is in her first year of pediatric residency. In December 2007, Raymond will complete the BSN as a second-degree program at the UT College of Nursing. Email: kbuie@utm.edu and ramiebuie@hotmail.com.

Carla Leanne Jones Tucker ('00) and her husband, **Steven Matthew Tucker** ('01), live in Parsons, where she works as a case manager for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Steven works for Todd's Body Shop as a repair technician. They have one child: Melaina, 2. Email: carlatucker28@yahoo.com.

Deborah Denise Sterling Reyna-do ('00) is serving in Iraq as a medical platoon leader in the U.S. Army. She is married to Jason. Email: debdster@hotmail.com.

Amanda Rainey Wood ('00) lives in Jackson with her husband, **Chadwick Randall Wood** ('98). Amanda is a CPA for ATA in Jackson, and Chad is an attorney with Smith Law Firm in Lexington. They have two children: Alex, 4; and Noah, 1. Email: afwood@charter.net.

2001

Nathan Darnall Escue ('01) lives in Murray, Ky., where he is a graduate student pursuing his master's degree in occupational safety and health at Murray State. Email: nathanescue78@yahoo.com.

Ashley Ammons Garner ('01) and her husband, Dave, live in Memphis. She has been teaching sixth grade math for the past six years. Ashley and Dave were married in July. Email: asheammo@yahoo.com.

Christy Brown Norton ('01) lives in Elizabethtown, Ky., with her husband, Michael. They have one child: Marion Layne, 4 months. Email: christyn1129@yahoo.com.

Michael Wayne Reed ('01) and his wife, **Tammy Pennington Reed** ('98), live in Adams. He is a structural engineer for K&S Engineering. They have one child: Kyle, 3 months. Email: reedmichael@earthlink.net and treed00@charger.net.

Margaret Ruth Watson ('01) lives in Brentwood, where she is a health coach in Franklin. Email: watson_margaret@hotmail.com.

2002

Cody Tyler Dunagan ('02) and **Glenna Franks Dunagan** ('00), live in Florence, Ala. Cody works in operations for Vulcan Materials Co., and Glenna works in customer service for International Flooring by Cen-

tiva. They are expecting their first child in February 2008. Email: dunaganc@vmcmail.com and glennalen@hotmail.com.

Shawndy Moulton ('02) lives in Pensacola, Fla. He is a printer for Dlux Printing. Email: nickelmaster@hotmail.com.



Lincoln Rymer ('02), above, builds models for architects and real estate developers with StudioM in Waverly. He is a member of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat. When not working on a model, he enjoys nature, playing tennis and spending time with friends. Email: ut_alumnus@fastmail.fm.



Stephanie Sheree Martindale ('02), above, is living in Memphis. She is a kindergarten teacher in Shelby County. Stephanie recently spent two weeks traveling and five weeks working as a counselor in Cambridge, England. She enjoys traveling, concerts and anything outdoors. Email: stepmartindale@hotmail.com.

Stacia Leap Williams ('02) and her husband, Obie, live in Crossville. Stacia is a registered nurse. She and her husband started a home-inspection business, and she helps run the office during the day while taking care of the children. They have two children: Audrey, 3; Elam 1; and one due in October. Email: stalleap@frontiernet.net.

2003



Hailey Brown ('03) was crowned Miss Tennessee USA 2008 in September.

Emalee Bumpus Buttrey ('03) and her husband, **Brad Sterling Buttrey** ('05), live in Vega, Texas. She is an extension assistant with the Texas Cooperative Extension Service in Amarillo. Brad is a reproductive technician with ABS Global. Email: emalee.buttrey@gmail.com and brad_buttrey@hotmail.com.

Nakia Hines ('03) lives in Nashville with her husband, Gary O'Rourke. Email: nakiathines@yahoo.com.

Heather Marie Nicholson ('03) lives in Lebanon, working as a circulation and marketing director for the *Lebanon Democrat*. She is also chair of the Circulation/Advertising Committee for the Tennessee Press Association; state director for the Southern Circulation Managers Association; and province director for Alpha Gamma Delta. Email: hmnicholson@gmail.com.

Jerome Taylor ('03) lives in Memphis, where he is in automotive sales for Sunrise Pontiac GMC Buick at Covington Pike. He has one child: Lauren Taylor, 1. Email: macaroni33@hotmail.com.

Marcus James West ('03) and his wife, **Alecia Caldwell West** ('01), live in Jackson. Marcus works for MTH as a systems analyst. Alecia is staying at home with their two children: Marcus Elijah "Eli", 2; and Karen Amelia "Mia", 1. Email: west2003@bellsouth.net.

Donna Eason White ('03) lives in Scotts Hill. She is a ESL teacher and has a child: Lillian Ruth White, 8 months. Email: whitej25@tds.net.

2004

John Ferebee ('04) is working at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville as a trauma registered nurse. Email: john.d.ferebee@vanderbilt.edu.

Linda "Lindsey" Gilleean Cruce ('04) lives in Obion. She is retired and working on a novel and children's stories. She has one child living: Jonathan Todd Cruce, 44; one deceased: Donald Scott Cruce; and five grandchildren.

Guy Thomas Hardin Jr. ('04) and his wife, Jamie, live in Henderson. He works for Ceco Door Products in customer service in Milan. Email: tommyhardin@bellsouth.net.

N. JoDann Spears ('04) lives in Memphis with his wife, **Michele Johnson Spears** ('04). He was promoted to commercial/business loan officer of Memphis Area Teacher's Credit Union. Michele is pursuing her law degree full time at the University of Memphis, while he will soon begin an MBA program at Union University. Email: jodann7spears@yahoo.com and m_jspears@yahoo.com.

2005

Lindsey Nicole Beatty ('05) lives in Cordova. She is a registered nurse with Methodist Germantown Hospital in Germantown. She is currently attending graduate school to earn her MSN/ACNP. Email: lbeatty@utmemo.edu.

Abbey Allison Dane ('05) is living in Memphis working at the Memphis Zoo as a marketing specialist. Email: abbeydane@yahoo.com.

Laura Elizabeth Hardin ('05) and her husband, Kristopher, live in Bradford. Laura works registry at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in the emergency department and as a full-time registered nurse at Milan General Hospital emergency department. They have one child: Ashlin

Elizabeth, 1. Email: laura-00goldie@hotmail.com.

'Bo' John Quentin Mantooth ('05) lives in Auburn, Ala., with his wife, **Loni Ann Gezley Mantooth** ('06). He is the assistant director of Greek Life at Auburn University, and Loni is the account manager for Omega Financial, Inc. Email: bomantooth@hotmail.com and loniann22@hotmail.com.

Jamie Watkins Rohrer ('05) is associate director of athletics for the Florida High School Athletic Association in Gainesville. Email: jrohrer@fhhsaa.org.

Kara Joann Rosesner ('05) lives with her husband, **Jason Fred Roesner** ('06), and son, Crawford Matthew, born March 10, 2007, in Apple Springs, Texas. Kara is staying at home, and Jason is a biologist. Email: princezzkjc@hotmail.com and jfr7259@hotmail.com.

Amber Faith Sauber ('05) lives in Memphis and is a full-time law student and part-time law clerk for the Frager Law Firm. She enjoys reading, watching football and spending time with family and friends. Email: froggyafs@hotmail.com.

2006

Lauren Highsmith Callis ('06) and **Eric Callis** ('07) were married in August and live in Springfield. Lauren works for Regions Bank, and Eric is a field engineer with Denham Bluthe Co.

Bryan Matthew Merrick ('06) lives in McKenzie with his wife, **Jessica Hawkins Merrick** ('05). Bryan is a financial advisor with Raymond James Financial Services, and Jessica is a first grade teacher at McKenzie Elementary. Email: matt.merrick@raymondjames.com and merrickj6@k12tn.net.

Jeffrey Van Wade ('06) and his wife, **Lisa Michelle Wade** ('91), live in South Fulton. Jeffrey works at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., and Lisa is a homemaker caring for their two children: Hunter, 10; and Justin, 7. Email: jefwade@bellsouth.net.

Candace Morgan Garmany Zarecor ('06) and her husband, **David Hall Zarecor** ('05), live in Rogers, Ark. David is an engineer for Tatum-Smith Engineers. Email: candacemorgan@gmail.com.

2007

Jeffrey Hicks Jr. ('07) lives in Antioch. He is a founding member of Kappa Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi. He likes watching football, swimming, disc golf, tennis, going to movies and hanging out with his friends. Email: beowolf172003@yahoo.com.

Jeremy Hubbard ('07) lives in Ripley, working as a registered nurse-head nurse ER/CCU at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale. Email: tnnurse-boi82@yahoo.com.

Constance Patricia Kirkman-French ('07) lives with her husband, Mark, in Camden. She is a middle school math teacher at Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District. Email: french1@bentoncountycable.net.

Cleve Woodfork ('07), a former UT Martin men's basketball player, has signed with the Worthing Thunder in England. Woodfork started in 31 games his senior year at UT Martin, averaging 10.5 points and five rebounds a game. He scored 1,094 career points and is the school's eighth all-time leading scorer.

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In Memory

Rosemary Berkel Crisp, noted business leader, women's health-care activist, philanthropist and mother, died Dec. 1, 2007, after a 12-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was married to Harry L. Crisp. Rosemary chaired the UT Alliance of Women Philanthropists. She and her husband were members of the UT Founders Society and served on the UT Development Council. The UT Martin Chancellor's Box in the football stadium is named for the couple because of their generous corporate and personal support. In October she was honored by Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC) with its prestigious Inspiring Women of Achievement Award for her lifelong devotion to improving the quality of health-care services. She was also "Citizen of the Year" for the Greater Marion Area Chamber of Commerce.

Craig Allen Long, 36, of Salinas, Calif., died Feb. 10, 2007. He grew up in Laurens, Iowa, and graduated in 1993 from UT Martin with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Craig moved to California in 1997 and began his dream job with the Oakland Raiders as the assistant public relations director for the team until 2004. (Courtesy Struve and LaPorte Mortuary.)

William Frank "Bill" Nelson, of Paris, UT Martin professor emeritus of biology, died Oct. 27, 2007, at Henry County Medical Center in Paris. He earned his bachelor's and doctoral degrees from the University of Minnesota. He was a professor in the UT Martin Department of Biological Sciences from 1964-1995.

Jason Qualls, 28, of Knoxville, died Sept. 17, 2007. He received a bachelor's degree in 2001 from UT Martin and was employed by The Pipe Doctor in Knoxville.

Aaltje VanDenburg, UT Martin professor emeritus of fine arts, died Sept. 11, 2007, at Van Ayer Manor Nursing Home. She was 87. During her 32-year teaching career at the university, VanDenburg distinguished herself as a teacher, artist and business-woman. VanDenburg came to the Martin campus in 1952 after serving as director of the crafts center at Syracuse University in New York. She had previously worked for the Norcross Greeting Card Co., the Arthur Kudner Advertising Agency and Tower Artists, all in New York City. She held a bachelor of fine arts degree from Syracuse University and a master's degree from the University of Tennessee.

Besides teaching various art courses, VanDenburg released seven folk-song albums, the best-known of which was titled "Folk Songs for Children - Young and Old." She was self-taught on the autoharp and both sang and played on all of the albums. She also owned and operated The Green Tree art supply and craft store from 1964 to 1985 in Martin. She was honored for her community service contributions by receiving the Jefferson Award, a humanitarian award given by WPSD-TV in Paducah, Ky.

John Virgil Yates, of South Fulton, died Nov. 10, 2007. He was 78. Born in Graves County, Ky., he was a member of First United Methodist Church in Fulton and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the Korean War. Yates played basketball for three years at UT Martin and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1984. He was a Mason (Shriner) and a member of the Lion's Club for nearly 40 years, serving as the district governor for the State of Kentucky in 1974-75. He played 25 years of semi-pro baseball and softball as a baseman/pitcher and batting champion on numerous championship teams. He was a teacher and coach, as well as principal for many schools in the area, including Wingo, Cayce, Fulton and South Fulton.

The Tom Rakes Tour

2007

After he was named as UT Martin's new chancellor, Dr. Tom Rakes embarked in August on a weeklong tour of Tennessee. These are images from that tour.



1 Will Lewis and Sandra Gray visit with Chancellor Rakes in Nashville.



2 Chancellor Rakes poses with Rosemary and Harry Crisp in Martin. Please see the *In Memory* notice for Rosemary Crisp.



3 Dr. Rakes greets Charles Youngerman in Selmer.



4 Andrea Loughry, vice chair of the UT Board of Trustees, and her husband, Ed, with Chancellor Rakes and Chancellor Emeritus Margaret Perry.



5 Anita Airee meets Tom Rakes in Knoxville. She is a former member of the UTNAA Board of Governors.



6 Dr. Rakes speaks with friends and alumni at the home of Billy and Denise Brown in September.



7 Ford Little, UTNAA president-elect; Diane Duncan, UTNAA past president; Tom Rakes; Debbie Diddle, UTNAA past president; and Loren Crabtree, chancellor of UT Knoxville.



8 Bob and Kay Pentecost with Dr. Rakes at the McClung Muesum in Knoxville.



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