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Dr. Tom Rakes, *UT Martin Chancellor*

>>> Four years ago, I was appointed UT Martin chancellor. Since my appointment in July 2007, we have made noticeable progress in many key areas despite a more than 30% decrease in state funding. Our success is due to the hard work of an outstanding cadre of faculty, staff, alumni and community stakeholders who share a passion for the value of a UT Martin education. Those accomplishments include record enrollment growth, the completion of several major construction projects, a record-setting capital campaign and numerous individual and campus recognitions.

The upcoming year will challenge us because of expectations raised by the Complete College Tennessee Act. We could see a reduction in overall headcount enrollment as a result of our emphasis on these new standards. We will, instead, focus resources on retention and graduation of both undergraduate and graduate students. I also anticipate expanding our recruitment efforts and possibly raising admissions standards.

We are entering into the second year of our integrated marketing communications plan and will also initiate a 10-year effort to improve relationships with our students, alumni and other stakeholders. This initiative will involve multiple units and campus functions ranging from admissions, retention, scheduling and improved monitoring of student progress.

Private fund raising and alumni outreach will intensify within the structure of the University of Tennessee Foundation. We will also strive to enhance and highlight the university community's diversity as we celebrate 50 Years of African American Achievement. A special dedication is set for September 15 to honor our first African American student as a part of our 50th anniversary celebration.

Looking ahead, my personal vision for the university reflects UT Martin's major focus on enhancing the learning, discovery and connectivity of our students, employees and alumni. Since 2007, I have touted the concept of "capacity building" as a cornerstone for UT Martin. We empower our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members to ensure academic, social, and personal growth opportunities. Within a framework of university values, we view our role as one of building respect for others in a diverse, global community of learners. Thank you for making our successes possible and for sharing this vision for our future.



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>>> Congratulations to the
UT Martin Women's Basketball Team,
2011 OVC Tournament Champions.



(at a glance)>>>



STUDENT-FOCUSED>>>

What does this mean? Simply put, dedicated to giving students every possible opportunity to LEARN how to succeed.

At a glance, it means...

Recent graduate, Mary Unger, an award-winning communications major and honors student, accepted a highly coveted spot in the Apple Store Leader Program. Mary talks about what attending school at a student-focused university meant to her and her future success.

>>> I knew I could excel and not just be your average student; I could be someone who actually made a difference for this campus. I didn't choose UT Martin because it was the most convenient or the best on the pocketbook; I felt like the individuals I met on campus, including the students, faculty and staff, were the friendliest and most approachable individuals I had interacted with compared to other schools I visited.

>>> The faculty members are so personal with their approach in teaching, and I think that gave me a better learning experience these last four years.

>>> I've had many opportunities to work in groups and be involved in organizations that have built my leadership skills so much compared to where they were when I started at this university. I know now that I can effectively manage anything I pursue, and UT Martin taught me to be more confident in how I interact with other individuals.

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DAVY CROCKETT ALMANACK ISSUE FINDS HOME IN UT MARTIN'S PAUL MEEK LIBRARY>>>

Richard Saunders, curator and university archivist, displays a copy of the second Davy Crockett Almanack. The small, unbound magazine was acquired with support of the Alliene and Jimmy S. Corbitt Library Endowment.



(noteworthy)>>>



FINE ARTS GROUNDBREAKING>>> Weather moved the groundbreaking ceremony indoors to the Paul Meek Library, but the Fine Arts Building Phase I renovation and addition project was officially marked in February. Among those attending the ceremony were, from left, Bill Sharpe, Pickering Firm, Inc., Memphis, principal; Bill Ferguson, Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects, Memphis, partner-in-charge; Tim Nipp, physical plant director; Dr. Jerald Ogg, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs; UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes; Dr. Janet Wilbert, past Faculty Senate president; Dr. Lynn Alexander, College of Humanities and Fine Arts dean; Emile David, UT Division of Facilities Planning staff architect; and State Sen. Roy Herron.

UT MARTIN MOBILE APP FOR IPHONE AND IPOD TOUCH.>>> UT Martin has released version 1.0 of the UT Martin Mobile App for iPhone and iPod Touch. Users can view the very latest UT Martin news, events, pictures, videos and more with this free application.

"We wanted to provide something to the UT Martin campus on the device that most of us are already carrying around in our pockets. Having quick, easy access to information at our fingertips has become the standard that everyone has come to expect. And UT Martin Mobile has that goal in mind... UT Martin information at your fingertips," said Steve Holt, Instructional Technology Center director.

UT Martin has the first branded UT app available in the iTunes store for iPhone and iPod Touch. Users can see official campus photos, official campus videos, campus news, campus events and a campus map that enables users to locate buildings. This first generation of UT Martin Mobile has limited functionality, but version 2.0 is already being developed.

(in recognition)>>>

Dr. Robert L. Putman, professor emeritus of accounting, was recently presented with his second Paul Harris Fellow Award. He had many publications and research papers published while at UT Martin. He had surgery at Vanderbilt Medical Center in 2009 for a brain tumor. He lives with his wife, Marilyn, in McKenzie. They have two grown children: Paul Robert and Carol.

WOMEN'S CENTER OPENS>>>

An open house was hosted for the new Women's Center on campus, located in Grove Apartments, D11. The mission of the center is to enhance academic experiences while empowering students through the development and promotion of educational initiatives focused on encouraging personal well-being, providing opportunities for professional growth and leadership and offering vital outreach services.



From left, are Dr. Jerald Ogg, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Dr. Teresa Collard, center coordinator and assistant professor of communications; and Chancellor Tom Rakes.

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR>>>

UT Martin's Baptist Collegiate Ministry received the prestigious Courts Redford Award for Excellence in Student Mobilization for 2010 by the North American Mission Board, an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention. The BCM, a UT Martin campus organization for more than 70 years, placed 10th in the nation and was recognized for preparing students to "push forward the cause of Christ in many ways." Other colleges and universities honored in 2010 included: Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo.; Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.; Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.; Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C.; Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Ga.; Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.; and Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville.



MARGARET PERRY INDUCTED INTO UT'S EDUCATORS HALL OF HONOR>>>>

UT Martin Chancellor Emeritus Margaret Perry was one of five individuals inducted March 24 into the Educators Hall of Honor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The ceremony was held at the UT Visitors Center.

The Hall of Honor, housed in the College of Education, Health and Human Services, acknowledges the work of professionals who have established themselves in the education field.

Perry was the first woman to serve as an executive officer in the UT System and the first woman chancellor or president of any four-year public university in Tennessee. A UT Martin graduate, she served as chancellor from July 1986 until her official retirement Jan. 31, 1998. She was known for her involvement in international programs, establishing chairs of excellence in food and fiber and banking, and her efforts in securing Ohio Valley Conference membership for the university's athletics programs.

WUTM 90.3 FM *The Hawk*

WUTM NAMED THE BEST COLLEGE RADIO STATION IN THE SOUTH>>>>

WUTM-FM, UT Martin's student radio station, has been named the Best College Radio Station in the South for the second consecutive year. The award was presented at the Southeast Journalism Conference convention held in Troy, Ala. The station has placed in the top three in this category five of the last six years. This is the third time that WUTM (90.3 The Hawk) has received the top honor in this category, claiming first place in 2007, 2009 and 2010.

"I'm elated but not surprised that WUTM has again been recognized as the best in the South," said Dr. Robert Nanney, Department of Communications chair and associate professor. "I see firsthand the hard work and dedication that our students and their faculty adviser, Dr. Richard Robinson, demonstrate throughout the year to make this possible. I'm also very proud of all of our Pacer winners and adviser, Tomi Parrish, for her strong leadership in SEJC."



LIKE FATHERS, LIKE SONS>>>>

At a recent pre-summer drum line session on campus, two of the fall incoming snare drummers are the sons of two alumni drummers. The band members were standing next to each other in the snare line (they are usually placed by height) and one of the dads, Frankie Congiardo, Adamsville High School band director, pointed out that he and Tim Graham, the

other dad and Dyersburg High School Band director, stood next to each other in that very same snare line one generation ago. They even had an old photo to prove it. Fathers and sons, photographed together, are from left, B.J. Graham with dad, Tim Graham, and Zack Congiardo with dad, Frankie Congiardo.



Maxedon, left, and Bridges, right, are pictured with Kaleb Stratton, of Springfield.

HABITAT RESTORATION>>>>

UT Martin students made quick work of planting more than 10,000 trees on 19 acres of campus farm property on Feb. 21. Under the direction of Jason Maxedon ('97), who works for Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, UT Martin chapter of The Wildlife Society students and others manned tractors and tree planters to get the job done. Chris Bridges ('05), The Nature Conservancy/West Tennessee program director, provided the trees that had a value of \$3,500. "The goal of the project is to restore part of the 80 percent of the bottomland forests that have been lost in Tennessee the past century, while providing a critically-needed area for forest research, education and outreach on the UT Martin Field Lab," said Dr. Eric Pelren, UT Martin professor of wildlife biology and chapter adviser.

(athletics)>>> THE LADY IS A CHAMP

BETTYE GILES

LED MOVEMENT
TO ESTABLISH
WOMEN'S ATHLETICS
IN TENNESSEE.

By Joe Lofaro



UT Martin photo archives

Amy Underwood (r), of Covington, received the second-annual Bettye L. Giles Award in 1980 for her selection as the university's female Athlete of the Year. The award, presented by Giles, took on added significance as Underwood was awarded the first women's basketball scholarship in 1976. Bettye Giles' work paved the way for female student-athletes at UT Martin and other colleges and universities across Tennessee.

>>> Before Bettye Giles began her career as a health and physical education teacher and an athletic administrator, she was active, always participating in some type of fitness class or taking part in a physical activity such as badminton, golf, volleyball or tennis. Her tennis serve was tougher to return than her backhand, but it was her work as graduate assistant at University of Tennessee, Knoxville for the golf team that helped the first UT Martin women's athletics director earn her master's degree.

Unlike many female athletic administrators, Giles did not play intercollegiate athletics. It's not because she didn't want to or because she couldn't handle the strenuous activity. She didn't play because collegiate conference-level women's athletics did not exist.

"I remember seeing the AAHPERD (American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) Code of Ethics on all the bulletin boards," said Giles, who is now 82 years old. "That code said college-age females should participate in health and fitness activities – intramural-type activities. That code of ethics also stated we should discourage varsity athletics because they were too strenuous (during prime child-bearing years), they were too stressful, and it took time away from academics."

(what's happening)>>>

What the code did not state, but what Giles said the implied message was, "varsity athletics was probably not lady-like."

"Before the 1960s they pacified me, and, once I became a teacher, we pacified people with good extra-mural teams," Giles said. "We, the physical education teachers, took them in our own cars," Giles said. "The players bought their own food and, if we stayed overnight, we slept on the floor in our sleeping bags in the opponents' locker rooms. I can remember we would stop at the grocery store and buy bologna, bread and Cokes."

If UT Martin wasn't traveling, it was hosting. "We would invite a school here, and they would bring their basketball team, the volleyball team, whatever they had," Giles said. "We would start playing at 9 o'clock in the morning, and that evening we would all get together for a picnic. It was a social occasion," Giles said with a smile on her face and another story to tell with her next breath. "You kept score!"

In October 1968, during the annual meeting of the Tennessee College Physical Education Association (TC-PEA), Giles and other female physical education teachers, coaches of extra-mural teams and graduate students met to consider forming an organization to promote intercollegiate competition and provide state championships in a variety of sports for women. The pacifying was about to stop. This new organization was a go.

At the Southern District Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Convention on Feb. 22, 1969, in Memphis, the Tennessee College Women's Sports Federation (TCWSF) was formed.

The TCWSF was officially born on Jan. 31, 1970, in Cookeville. Giles was the first chairman. Sports policies in volleyball, tennis, badminton and basketball were drafted. A state tournament schedule was approved and a rotation schedule for the tournament sites was implemented.

Among the charter institutions were Austin Peay, David Lipscomb College, Jackson State Community College, Lane College, Lambuth College, Memphis State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Milligan College, George Peabody, Tennessee Tech, UT Chattanooga, UT Knoxville and UT Martin. The TCWSF went from 18 to 31 colleges and universities in 12 years.

During the 1970-71 year, women's basketball had a \$500 budget, Giles said. "James Henson, the athletic director, found the money for us, and we were on our way." Even back then the budget didn't go far. UT Martin was one of the top-16 teams chosen to play in the first national collegiate basketball tournament, and we didn't have any warmups," Giles said. "We wore our PE uniforms, just a T-shirt and shorts. I remember Nadine Gearin, the first basketball coach, went out and bought some orange felt. Each player got a hunk of that felt and was told to cut out their number and sew it on the back of their shirt."

"The TCWSF was born out of a vision of physical educators that the collegiate experience should include organized sports for females," stated the group's official history documentation.

"It's been a long haul," Giles said. "It was a learning experience. I am proud of UT Martin and our involvement and how we conducted ourselves. I have no regrets." <<<



(Top) At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, UT Martin Athletics Director Phil Dane talks with WUTM student broadcasters, Benita Evans and Josh Lemons, and (below) UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes makes a few comments.

NEW BASEBALL-SOFTBALL FIELDHOUSE OPENS>>>

UT Martin hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Feb. 28 for the new Baseball-Softball Fieldhouse. The fieldhouse includes baseball and softball locker rooms, dressing rooms, offices, equipment rooms, a laundry room and storage, public restrooms and a concession stand.

CHANCELLOR RAKES APPOINTED TO WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR COMMITTEE>>>

Representatives of the Nashville Sports Council and Ohio Valley Conference named UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes to the Nashville Local Organizing Committee board of directors. The NLOC will serve as official host entity for the 2014 NCAA Women's Final Four.

(athletics)>>>



<<<(a standing ovation)



SKYHAWK UPDATE

>>>> The **women's basketball** team finished second in the regular season, won the OVC Tournament and advanced to its first-ever NCAA Tournament where it played at host Duke.

>>>> The **women's tennis** team breezed through the OVC and clinched a share of its fifth league championship. The Skyhawks advanced to the OVC Tournament with an 11-8 overall record and a 7-1 conference worksheet.

>>>> UT Martin advanced to the **Varsity Equestrian** National Championship for the fifth consecutive year last spring. The Hunter Seat riders defeated Fresno State in the first round.

>>>> The **women's rodeo** team raced to the Ozark Region title this season. The team finished first in five of nine Ozark Region rodeos.

FOUR FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES TO BE INDUCTED IN UT MARTIN HALL OF FAME>>>

Four former student-athletes will be inducted into The University of Tennessee at Martin's Athletics Hall of Fame at the annual Letter Winners' Breakfast and Hall of Fame Induction set for 7:30 a.m., Oct. 8, at the Student Life Center. The event will be held in conjunction with the university's Homecoming festivities. Among those to be inducted are:



>>>> **Mickey Hamilton, football team (1973-76).** Hamilton was one of the most clutch kickers in UT Martin football history for coaches Bob Carroll and George MacIntyre. He led the team in scoring all four seasons and was named to the All-Gulf South Conference team as a senior in 1976, after leading the league in scoring with 71 points. He made two 53-yard field goals in 1976 (against Tennessee State and Delta State), and both are still tied for longest field goals in UT Martin history.



>>>> **Mike Hayes, baseball team (1984-87).** Hayes made 42 appearances and 38 starts in his four-year career. He compiled a 19-9 record. He is UT Martin's all-time leader in victories with 19, and he holds the school record for most complete games (17). He ranks third in career strikeouts with 167 and fourth in career innings pitched with 218. Hayes is tied for first in single-season victories with nine in 1986 and is tied for second in single-season complete games with seven in 1986.



>>>> **Valerie Adcock Booth, women's rifle team (1992-96).** Booth led her team to top-16 national finishes each season. She was a three-time team captain and was hired by Ole Miss to start a women's rifle program in 1996. In 2005-06, she was named the National Coach of Year at Ole Miss.



>>>> **Nichole Lockridge, women's basketball team (1997-99).** Lockridge helped UT Martin reach the Ohio Valley Conference championship game in 1998 and 1999. She helped the team win the OVC regular-season championship in 1999 and led the Skyhawks to their first-ever appearance at the Women's National Invitational Tournament (WNIT). She was named to the OVC All-Tournament team and the All-OVC first team both seasons.

(university advancement)>>> PRICELESS GIFTS

Former Congressman John Tanner, who so ably served Northwest Tennessee in the U.S. House of Representatives until January this year, and Betty Ann Tanner, who serves on the UT Board of Trustees, are continuing to make a difference for Tennesseans. Not only has Congressman Tanner committed his papers to the university—to be housed at UT Martin—the Tanners have established two endowments at UT Martin, one to support financial need scholarships and the other to benefit students who aspire to work as interns in our nation's capitol. *By Anna Montgomery*

>>> As U.S. Congressman representing the 8th District of Tennessee, John Tanner was instrumental in countless efforts to ensure the economic and cultural success of Northwest Tennessee. After retiring from his Congressional seat in January this year, Tanner and his wife, UT Board of Trustee member Betty Ann Tanner, have not stopped supporting their home state, region, the University of Tennessee and UT Martin.

Well known and respected for his leadership as co-founder of the Democratic Blue Dog Coalition and as a fiscally conservative Democrat, Tanner was a member of what could arguably be called two of the most powerful committees of the U.S. House of Representatives: the Ways and Means Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee.

After his recent retirement from the House, Tanner has decided to give his papers to the University of Tennessee to be housed at UT Martin's Paul Meek Library, which will make them available for study by political scholars through the Howard H. Baker Jr. Public Policy Center at UT Knoxville as well as the UT Martin Meek Library. These documents include Tanner's Congressional papers documenting his leadership in Congress working with Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, as well as his years as president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

"Inventorying and preparing archival material requires time," according to university archivist Richard Saunders, "but sections of the collection

will be open and made available to faculty, students, and the general public as quickly as archival processing can be completed.

"The Tanner foreign policy material will be inventoried first, as there are already faculty members eager to draw on the collection for class work. This is quite a collection!"

"Betty Ann and John Tanner are both prime examples of exemplary public servants," said Mary Carpenter, director of the Paul Meek Library. "From John's many years in Congress, to Betty Ann's current leadership on the UT Board of

"THE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNS IN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS ARE SOMETHING WE ARE PARTICULARLY KEEN TO SEE ESTABLISHED. AS OUR WORLD GROWS SMALLER, OUR STUDENTS MUST GROW LARGER IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE BASE IN THIS DISCIPLINE."

—Congressman John Tanner ('66, '68)



Former Congressman John Tanner and Betty Ann Tanner.

(university advancement)>>>

Trustees, they have stepped up repeatedly when a genuine need has been expressed.

“Congressman Tanner’s papers will be a rich resource for faculty and students at both UT Martin and UT Knoxville for years to come.”

Both Tanners are UT alums. After coming to UT Knoxville on a basketball scholarship in 1962, John earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration in 1966 and his law degree in 1968. Betty Ann earned her bachelor’s degree in interior design from UT Knoxville in 1968.

In addition to making Tanner’s valuable papers available to UT Martin and UT Knoxville, the Tanners have not forgotten what has always been closest to their hearts: giving a helping hand so the people of rural Northwest Tennessee can realize their dreams. A generous pledge of \$100,000 has been made to establish two endowments at UT Martin. The John S. and Betty Ann Tanner Scholarship Endowment will support scholarships for financially disadvantaged students from the 8th Congressional District, with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Students receiving the Tanner Scholarship will have preference in receiving the award in subsequent years as well.

“My parents, who were both from West Tennessee, met at UT Martin, which was then called UT Junior College,” explained Betty Ann. “My father was able to attend through the generosity of a football scholarship, and my mother received financial help from one of her aunts.

“John and I feel very fortunate to establish this financial need scholarship that will help young people afford to enroll in such a fine institution as UT Martin. It is our hope that this

scholarship will benefit today’s students and help future students realize their dreams and potential.”

The other half of their gift will be used to establish the John S. and Betty Ann Tanner Federal Internship Endowment. The Tanner Federal Internships will offer deserving students experience working in the executive and legislative branches of our government—as well as in various federal agencies—which will give them a real leg-up on promising careers in public service.

“Betty Ann and I are very pleased to donate our NATO papers to the University of Tennessee where they will be housed at UT Martin,” said John Tanner.

“The scholarships for interns in the College of Business and Global Affairs are something we are particularly keen to see established. As our world grows smaller, our students must grow larger in their knowledge base in this discipline. For all the people in our district, we are grateful to afford our young scholars this opportunity with the University of Tennessee at Martin.”

UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes views the gifts as closely aligned with UT Martin’s efforts on behalf of its students. “Everything we do here at UT Martin is with our students’ brightest futures in mind,” said Chancellor Rakes. “The Tanner Scholarships will give students from lower income families a chance to achieve and make a difference with their lives as John and Betty Ann Tanner have done.

“We are honored to have John Tanner’s papers here at UT Martin and grateful for the Tanner Internships which will give our students top-notch opportunities to serve in Washington while they are still in school,” said

Rakes. “Young people who are interested in public service can find no better examples to follow than John and Betty Ann Tanner who have worked tirelessly with people from all sides of the political spectrum for our country’s best future.”

The concerns of all UT students and faculty are the concerns of Betty Ann Tanner as a member of the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee of the UT Board of Trustees. In addition to her leadership as a trustee, Betty Ann is a self-employed interior designer and president of Betty Ann Tanner Accessories. She serves on the board of Ford’s Theatre Society and continues her support of Meridian International Center, a leading non-partisan organization dedicated to strengthening global understanding through the exchange of people, ideas and culture.

Betty Ann also promotes cancer prevention through early detection and education. She has served as president of the Obion County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, has chaired the fundraising efforts of Prevent Cancer Foundation and traveled to Bulgaria on a breast cancer education mission through Radiology Mammography International.

The Tanners have two children, Elizabeth Tanner Atkins, who earned her bachelor’s degree in education from UT Martin in 1992, and John Portis Tanner, who attended UT Martin and graduated with a degree in business administration from Belmont University in 1999. The Tanners’ gifts to UT Martin and the UT family will help ensure the brightest possible future for the children of Northwest Tennessee as well as for their own four precious grandchildren. <<<

88keys to greatness

(a round of applause)>>>



Delivery of 14 pianos in late June marked completion of the university's All-Steinway campaign that was announced last fall. Now, all that remains is a visit from representatives of Steinway and Sons of New York to certify UT Martin as an All-Steinway campus.

The designation will allow the university to join 125 institutions worldwide, and become the third in Tennessee, where students are taught and perform on Steinway pianos. The All-Steinway designation is a means to help recruit and retain the best students and faculty.

Thirty new Steinway pianos were added to the UT Martin existing inventory as a result of the campaign. The \$680,000 goal was reached with the donation of two grand and 28 upright practice and studio pianos, as well as an "88 Keys" campaign that attracted numerous other donors. The campaign was primarily funded by private donations.

The campaign steering committee was led by Bill Blankenship, of Sandestin, Fla., who, along with his wife, Roberta, and other Steinway donors, attended a ceremony in October to sign their donations and attend a special performance of Irving Berlin's "I Love a Piano," by faculty and students.

While not an active campaign, UT Martin will continue accepting donations for the ongoing care and maintenance of the Steinway collection. Online gifts are accepted at www.utm.edu/steinway. The All-Steinway campaign donor recognition wall is currently on display in Watkins Auditorium, pending completion of the Fine Arts Building Phase I construction and renovation project.

HAMILTON-RYKER BEGINS THE NEXT 40 YEARS

Story by Bud Grimes

Photography by Trevor Ruskowski

>>> Wayne McCreight ('67) and Crawford Gallimore ('71) still answer their telephones when customers call The Hamilton-Ryker Company. Some find this surprising 40 years after these business partners started the successful staffing company headquartered in Martin. Both say that the key to Hamilton-Ryker's success is relationships, and talking with clients is one way they stay connected with customers in a business environment that embraces their services.

"WE HAD A DESIRE
TO BE SUCCESSFUL,
AND WE WERE
TENACIOUS –
NEVER QUIT NO MATTER
HOW HARD IT GOT –
AND IT GOT REALLY
HARD AT TIMES."

–Wayne McCreight ('67)

Hamilton-Ryker includes commercial and information technology divisions with some 25 offices in seven states and Washington, D.C. The commercial division provides workers to factories, offices and other businesses and industries, while the information-technology division places high-level computer engineers and specialists in the banking and insurance industries and the federal government. These latter placements come with high security clearances because of Hamilton-Ryker's work with

the Pentagon, the U.S. Senate, the Department of Homeland Security and other government agencies. "The bigger part of the business now is the commercial, but the fastest growing is the information technology," Crawford said.

The company began in 1971 when Wayne sold an existing business interest but wanted to remain in sales and continue to live in Weakley County. He determined the way to accomplish this was to begin his own staffing business, which led to his opening the West Tennessee Personnel Agency. When Crawford joined the company the following year, they decided to change the name to one that didn't limit the company geographically. One marketing company recommended that each owner select a name and then separate the words with a hyphen. Wayne chose "Hamilton" for Alexander Hamilton, the nation's first secretary of the treasury, whose image is on the \$10 bill. Crawford chose "Ryker" from the character that appeared in his favorite TV show "The Rookies." Thus, The Hamilton-Ryker Company was born.

In the early days, each took shifts operating the business so they could hold down a second career. Wayne farmed in the mornings and worked afternoons in the office. Crawford worked at the business in the mornings and sold life insurance the remainder of the day. "All we were trying to do was trying to feed our families," Wayne said. Both were raised in rural farming communities, Wayne in north Shelby County and Crawford in Henry County.





Crawford Gallimore, left, and Wayne McCreight have seen The Hamilton-Ryker Company begin as a staffing business and evolve into a national company experiencing significant growth in information technology and management. The client list now extends to the highest levels of government, including responsibility for network security at three Department of Homeland Security facilities.

Work responsibilities came first, and this upbringing instilled a strong work ethic that has contributed to their success.

Wayne attended UT Knoxville his freshman year, then transferred to Martin, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education. He was active in the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and involved in intramural sports. This love of sports evolved into a 37-year-long sports officiating career as he began calling high school football in 1974. He started officiating collegiate football in 1986 in the Gulf South Conference and then moved in 1990 to the Ohio Valley Conference. After retiring from NCAA officiating in 2007, he has continued his collegiate association by conducting summer study sessions for his former colleagues. He became the supervisor for Northwest Tennessee High School Football Officials in 2007, has served on the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame board of directors since

2003 and was the organization's president from 2008-2010.

Crawford, who was raised in a musically talented family and learned to play guitar at an early age, entered UT Martin as a freshman and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business. He was active in the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and also played in a band he started in junior high school with his cousin, Byron, now a Grammy Award winning-record producer. He retired from performing in the late '70s when his wife, Nancy, was accepted to anesthesia school.

Hamilton-Ryker began as a head-hunting business and entered the temporary staffing business "quite by accident" in the late 1970s, Crawford said. A customer approached them with a project to handle supplemental staffing for a new West Tennessee plant. He said their response was, "Absolutely. What's supplemental staffing?" Through dedicated research and hard work, the temp

part of the business took off. Today, core activities such as payroll, risk management and worker's compensation are handled in the corporate offices in Martin. A regional office in Nashville houses marketing, sales and other operational functions for the company.

Current challenges involve working with state governments where the company does business, as well as dealing with different laws regarding business, employers and employees. This is also one of the most rewarding aspects of the business as the company was selected to provide security staff for the World Equestrian Games held last fall in Lexington, Ky. The World Equestrian Games, a 16-day event considered the Olympics of the horse industry, was attended by more than 500,000 visitors from 63 countries.

Significant growth in information technology services and management is creating a national reputation and increasing market share for

Hamilton-Ryker's IT business. The company website describes projects ranging from security and documentation work with the Department of Defense's Washington Headquarters Services to improving operating efficiencies for "the largest supplier of health-care coverage in Alabama." The company's client list extends to the highest levels of government as Hamilton-Ryker reworked the IT network at Camp David, the presidential retreat in Frederick County, Md., and is responsible for network security at three Department of Homeland Security facilities, Crawford said.

Diversity enables the company to weather fluctuating economic cycles, including the current recession, the fifth experienced by Hamilton-Ryker. Communication and mutual respect for each other, and rapport with clients and employees, are other keys to business success. Each complements the other and brings balance to the partnership with essential assets and characteristics.

Both agree on the importance of hiring good people. "In business like in sports, the team with the best people is going to win, and our biggest challenge has been to find and maintain good employees, ..." Crawford said. "And when we look back at the errors we made, the vast majority of them always involved hiring or keeping the wrong people. And once we kind of figured out that combination of how to find the right people and keep them, things got much, much more predictable."

Both are actively involved with the business but have scaled back their day-to-day office time. Wayne's son, Kelly, who worked as a certified public accountant for Arthur Andersen before coming to Hamilton-Ryker, has been with the business for 17 years and is now company president. Crawford's son, Whit, came to the business three years ago and previously worked for Enterprise car rentals and the Tennessee Department of Labor.

UT Martin connections run deep as Crawford's wife, Nancy ('72, '75), graduated with a degree in nursing, studied further to become a nurse anesthetist and worked for 15 years at Volunteer

Community Hospital in Martin. She remains active through alumni events and her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi. Crawford also stays connected through alumni events and has served on the UT Board of Trustees since his appointment in 2008 by then-Gov. Phil Bredesen.

Wayne's wife, Diane ('68, '88), graduated with a bachelor's degree in education and then earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling. She is a retired schoolteacher and Career Ladder III evaluator. Along with Wayne, she continues to support the university through alumni events and through her sorority, Chi Omega. They own Benwoody Farm, where Wayne and Diane raise purebred Black Angus cattle.

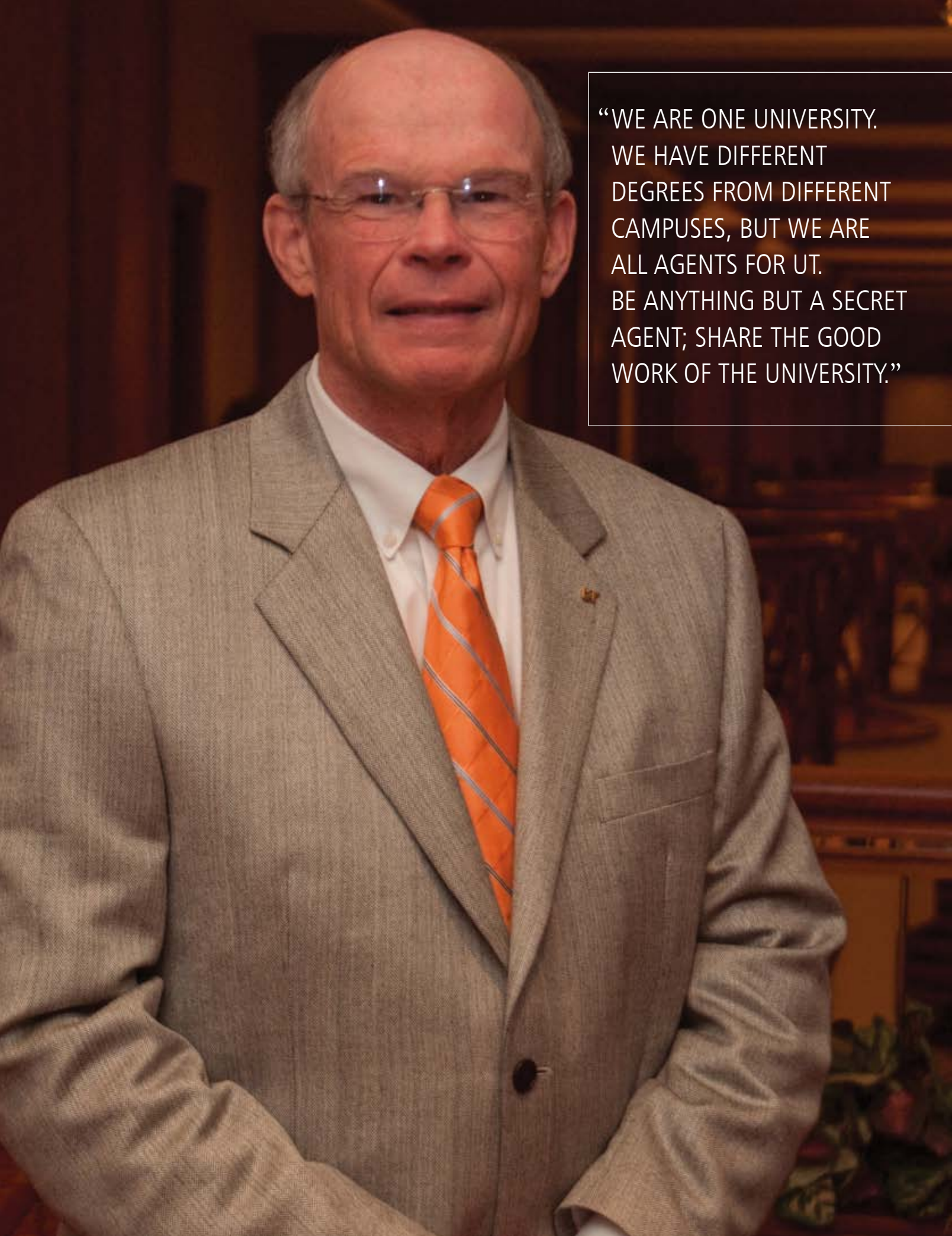
Even with other interests and responsibilities, both remain fully engaged with their growing company. Callers to Hamilton-Ryker are greeted with a telephone message that says, "The people you need when you need people." For Wayne McCreight and Crawford Gallimore, this is more than a slogan as they've built a successful business poised to begin the next 40 years as a leader in putting good people to work. <<<

Hamilton-Ryker has hired and retained employees in key positions, contributing to the company's success. Among those with significant company service are (l to r) Teresa Barner, accounting manager (22 years), Ladona Russom, human resources manager (11 years) and Michelle Morehead, payroll and credit manager (17 years).

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—Crawford Gallimore ('71)





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MIKE MOSS:

A Lifelong Ambassador for

By Chandra Harris-McCray



>>> In a year's time, outgoing UT Alumni Association president Mike Moss has logged more than 20,000 miles traveling across the state of Tennessee, and he has no intentions of stopping.

Tennessee traditions have been part of Moss's life since the day he enrolled at UT Martin as a freshman in 1959.

He still remembers his college graduation in 1963 and the words of former UT president Andy Holt: "You are part of the University of Tennessee; be proud that you are."

Proud to serve UT, Moss began his alumni work as a member of the UT Martin Alumni Council and UTAA Board of Governors. He went on to serve two terms as president of the Memphis/Shelby County UT Alumni Chapter.

As he began his 2010-11 tenure as alumni president, Moss became a voice of change as the association examined and worked through recommendations to alter its strategies of funding, communications and programming.

"Change is the one thing that's always with us," he said. "If we are not changing, we are going backward. The UTAA has always reached out to alumni with good programs, and now it is time for us to look forward to the next decade and make a difference with more alumni."

All in the name of higher education, Moss played an integral role at alumni board meetings. He relished visiting

alumni chapters and speaking to high school seniors at honors banquets.

A powerhouse of 325,000-members, the alumni association has a profound impact on the university, said Moss.

"I know this to be true as a Shelby County resident and UT Martin grad. I have a statewide perspective of the uniqueness and the contributions of all of the four campuses. I can see the bigger picture, and I am just so proud to be part of it," he said.

Besides hosting a variety of events to attract as many alumni and friends as possible, the Memphis/Shelby County UT alumni chapter gives back. "We endowed a scholarship in the chapter's name that goes to a Shelby County student and rotates to each of the four major campuses," Moss said.

"We are the only university in the state that leaves its footprints in all 95 counties, from Johnson City to Shelby County," he said. "There is a ripple effect unlike any other college or university in the state."

Quoting the president of World Vision Richard Stearns, Moss said, "Education is foundational to the development of a child, his or her community, and the entire nation..."

Moss's father barely finished second grade. The same day Moss graduated from high school, his mother received her GED.

The youngest of four, growing up in the rural Memphis community of

Frayser, Moss never doubted that he was going to college. While his mother thought he might become a preacher, Moss wanted to be a coach. He enrolled at UT Martin to play football and study secondary education.

He coached some, but the majority of his 40-year career was spent as a teacher in the Memphis City Schools and the Shelby County School System. "One of the most rewarding periods of my career was teaching the Old Testament in a high school Bible class," said Moss, who for years has led his church's Sunday School class.

"I am not in the pulpit, but I guess my mother would be pleased," he said laughing.

With master's and education specialist degrees from the University of Memphis and UT Knoxville, Moss also worked at the University of Memphis and at the UT Health Science Center.

"We are one university," he said. "We have different degrees from different campuses, but we are all agents for UT."

Sharing in his passion for UT is his wife of 47 years, Carolyn, who also attended UT Martin, and later graduated from Memphis State.

"UT Martin lives in my heart and in my friendships," said Carolyn. "The same girlfriends I had at UT Martin are still my best friends today."

"Simply put, the Tennessee spirit is infectious," said Moss. "It never leaves you." <<<



a (gentle) GIANT among us

The ones on his side(line) keep him grounded.

By Rita Mitchell

>>> It's just one of those stories that you can't even make up. At least Jerry Reese ('87, '88) thinks so. His transformation from high school quarterback in a small Tennessee town to senior vice president and general manager of the New York Giants is almost too hard to believe.

That is, unless you listen to him talk about his background and all the people who taught him valuable lessons, gave encouragement and led by example.

Jerry returned to UT Martin in May as commencement speaker and suggested to this year's graduates that the possibilities of what they can accomplish in their careers are astounding. He envisions that one day a 2011 UT Martin graduate could find a cure for cancer or other life-threatening and debilitating illnesses and injuries. He thinks some of them can become master teachers, amazing farmers, mega preachers or president of the United States. He told graduates, "I believe there are people sitting here today ... (who) could be a general manager of an NFL football team. It can happen. I sat right where you are sitting right now years ago. I am the living proof."

Eight years playing football in high school and at UT Martin, serving two years as a graduate assistant and advancing to UT Martin assistant head coach pointed Jerry in a direction he never imagined. "I hadn't targeted this path. I really thought I was going to be a coach," said Jerry. "Actually, I thought I was going to be head coach at UT Martin, as a matter of fact."

Jerry had his share of football mentors – the first, his high school coach, Cliff Sturdivant. "He was a big influence on me. I say this to people all the time ... that some things I learned in high school as a quarterback, the leadership skills that I learned, I still use today as general manager of the N.Y. Giants."

He gives credit to his UT Martin position coach, Mickey Marley. "He took a marginal player and kind of molded him into a pretty good little football player," Jerry said. UT Martin head coaches, Fred Pickard, and later, Don McLeary, who hired him as a full-time coach, were also mentors. "He taught me a lot as I was a young coach beginning my career," he said of McLeary. "Those names on the football side were big influences for me."

As a health and physical education major, Jerry characterized himself as a "determined student," who was encouraged by Drs. Gracie Purvis and Linda Ramsey, Bettye Giles and Charlie Rayburn. "When you're determined to get things done, even if you're not a great student, there are still ways ... to get the job done," he said.

Probably some of the most important characteristics that have served Jerry well in leading a National Football League team he learned at home. Jerry said growing up in a small town he watched his mother, stepfather, grandparents and great-grandparents and how hard they worked "to try and make things better for all the kids. Just watching how hard they worked

"FIRST AND FOREMOST WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO ME IS MY SPIRITUAL LIFE AND BEING A CHRISTIAN."

really molded me to be a hard worker and a determined kind of person.”

Moving up through the ranks and becoming an assistant head coach, Jerry was thinking that McLeary was probably going to retire at some point, and “I’ve got the chance to be the head coach here at UT Martin. I was really excited about that, and then all of a sudden this opportunity comes along.”

Jeremiah Davis, UT Martin assistant coach, left to become a scout for the N.Y. Giants and several years later approached Jerry about joining him. Jerry declined still thinking he would be the next UT Martin head football coach. Davis asked him to just think about the offer.

Jerry and his wife, Gwen (‘88, ‘93), whom he had met and married while they were in college, talked it over and “13 years later, I was the senior vice president and general manager of the N.Y. Giants,” a post he took in 2007

after several years as a scout with the organization. The team won the Super Bowl that first year. “You never know what the good Lord has for you,” said Jerry.

In his coaching days, Jerry said his role was to get his players ready each week. “But, now, moving over to GM, when you use the word ‘general,’ it is general. That’s not a real sexy word. It involves everything with football operations, so it’s a broad scope of responsibility. You have to be detail-oriented. You have to have good people around you.”

And with legions of fans and the public watching for the outcomes on any given Sunday, he added, “It’s pressure all the time. I’m not the type of person that stresses a lot, but in the National Football League, it’s really what have you done for me lately. It’s not like you get a lot of passes in this arena.” He added, “You see turnovers, coaches changing, general managers changing all the

time, because teams don’t win. It’s the pressure you have to win – especially in this market – this is the biggest market in the world. So all eyes are on you, and you have to be successful. My first year, right out of the gate, after being named senior vice president and general manager, we won the Super Bowl. And really, after that, there’s only one way to go, and that’s down.”

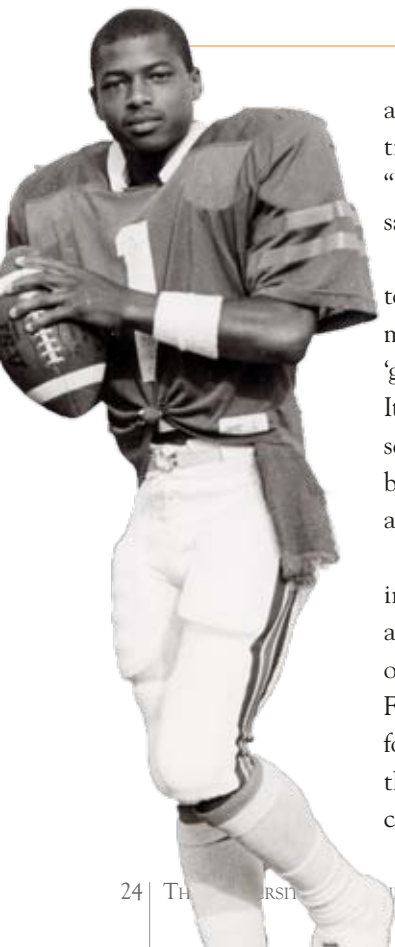
Jerry said that if the team does not do that every year, “People get a little grumpy. They forget about that Super Bowl we won a couple of years ago. The dynamics of the team change every year, ... and really I relish the challenges every year along with our staff to put a great product out on the field for our fans and for our organization. It’s very important to me.”

Even with all the responsibilities, media and fan attention, Jerry thinks he also needs to focus on a larger picture. In more than one interview, the Tiptonville native has said he wants to succeed on several levels for several reasons. “I framed it like this. I felt like it was my time to carry the torch, because there were so many African Americans that went before me, who really kind of suffered through the process and were not given the opportunity like I’ve been given, to show that I’m capable of doing this job.” He added, “I say it’s a lot of levels, you know, ... it’s for the New York Giants, it’s for my family, it’s for African Americans. It’s for young black men who look at me and are like, ‘wow, if Jerry can do it, you know, I can do it as well.’ I don’t take that lightly. Failure is not an option for me.”

Jerry is not all about football. He said his faith and his family have their rightful places in his life. “Submitting my life to Jesus Christ is the best thing I’ve accomplished. Obviously, my family comes next, and that keeps me grounded. You’ll never see me get up on my toes and be boastful about things – accomplishments, things like that – because I know things can easily be taken away from you, as well. I keep myself grounded because, spiritually, I know what’s most important.”

Jerry can do his job better because he knows his family supports him, whether games are won

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or lost. "They love me no matter what." And Gwen and their two children, Jasmyne, 19, and JR, 15, have become big football fans. They go to all the home games and some of the away games. "I know I have an oasis to go home to and feel love even when we've had a bad loss or get bad mail from fans who are upset."

Gwen, a Tipton County native, also has his back. "When I want to know what's going on around the National Football League, I just go home. I know what's going on with the Giants, but you know, if I want to know something about what's going on around the NFL and the other 31 teams, I can ask Gwen. She can usually tell me pretty quickly," he laughed and said.

When the couple and children returned to campus in May, it had been 12 years since they last had been on campus together. Jerry and Jasmyne did attend a homecoming game a couple of years ago. "This is exciting to be back," Gwen said on commencement day. "I was excited to see everyone. Everyone looks the same; the campus is beautiful. And then to come back here with Jerry as speaker is fun." The couple had a niece, Ashley Moore, in the graduating class. "We have a lot of family that's here. It's kind of two-fold for Jerry and for Ashley. So it's a big day for us."

As Jerry moves through his career, he still wants to be successful on several levels. "Obviously, I want to have great success in the National Football League. I've been working for the Giants for 17 years. But most of all, I just want to be a good person, give back and be an encourager to people. That's it. I'm really kind of a simple guy." <<<



Trevor Ruszkowski

Spring commencement was a family affair for Jerry Reese, speaker, who returned to campus with his wife, Gwen, children, Jasmyne and JR, and his mother and stepfather, Ozella and Clarence Garland.



CASEY JONES VILLAGE

Story by Bud Grimes
Photography by Trevor Ruszkowski

>>> President George H. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush, Led Zepelin lead singer Robert Plant, and former Soviet Union leader Mikhail Gorbachev – they all have something in common with millions of other people. They’ve visited the Casey Jones Village in Jackson.

Located off Interstate 40 at exit 80A, the village is recognized as a top-10 tourist attraction by the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, welcoming some 700,000 visitors annually. The village’s success is fulfillment of a vision by the late Brooks Shaw. Today, his son, Clark, and daughter, Deborah Shaw Layman ('79), lead the company while their 88-year-old mother, Miss Anne, provides inspiration as the business creates new attractions and prepares for future generations of visitors.

The village is named for legendary railroad engineer Casey Jones who died in a famous train wreck April 30, 1900, in Vaughan, Miss. The Jackson home in which he lived is located on the site, managed by the village but owned by the city. The complex includes Brooks Shaw & Son’s Old Country Store, the Casey Jones Home & Railroad Museum, the Judge Milton Brown Railcar (part of the museum tour), shops, an amphitheatre, a church and Casey Jones Mini Golf. Trenton’s historic Neil House, an antebellum home that was moved 30 miles to the village in summer 2010, will open later this year to welcome weddings and special events.

The family credits Brooks Shaw for what the village is today. Because of health problems, doctors advised Brooks to seek a hobby as a diversion to his position as president of the Kelly Foods canned meat division in Jackson. A friend collected antiques from small country stores, and Brooks had worked in a country store in the 1940s. So, he began collecting in 1960 and within a few years had collected literally thousands of antiques. Then when the building across from the Kelly Foods plant became available, the

original Old Country Store opened and became a familiar landmark from 1965 to 1978. Eventually outgrowing this first location, the current 25-acre site along I-40 was bought in 1976, developed the next year, and the business moved in 1978.

Clark and Deborah grew up working in the family business, and both pursued paths that eventually led them back to the village. “I knew by the time I was 15 this was what I wanted to do with my life,” Clark said. He attended Union University and Jackson State Community College before enrolling at UT Knoxville, where he majored in business. “But then, at the end of my junior year, we were beginning to get very serious in ... the development of this village,” he said. He came back home in late 1976 and was never able to return to college. His son, Brooks, a junior at Ole Miss, will someday become the third generation to run the business.

Like her brother, Deborah also attended Jackson State but later enrolled at UT Martin. Only three weeks after arriving on campus, she met her future husband, Jon (UTM '79), who earned a double major in math and computer science. Both were active in campus life as she was a member of AOPi Sorority, and Jon played basketball for the Pacers. Jon holds an information technology

management position with Memphis, Light Gas & Water where he was at first a consultant and then has been employed for 28 years. They've now been married for 31 years and have two grown children, Jonathan and Jennifer.

Today, Clark and Deborah lead a business that serves a wide range of customers. Food is at the heart of the business, and Clark's wife, Juanita, is constantly working on new recipes and systems in the kitchen. Customers are like extended family, and Clark, Deborah and Miss Anne have their favorite stories about people who have visited over the years. Jimmy Freeman, a local customer known as "Mr. Jimmy," ate at the restaurant daily for many years before his death, always sat in the same booth, and a plaque now marks where he sat. They've also welcomed famous people, including Mikhail Gorbachev, who ate in the restaurant when he visited Jackson for a speaking appearance. Deborah said that George H. Bush Sr.'s visit to Jackson in fall 1988 during the presidential election remains the village's largest event, attracting an estimated 10,000 people.

Famous musicians are also among village guests. Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin fame once visited, and when a server recognized him and asked if he was Robert Plant, "He said, 'Yep, but don't tell anybody,'" Clark remembered. Rockabilly legend Carl Perkins once had a museum on the site that was managed by the village, and Clark spent a couple of hours one day hearing Perkins' stories about Elvis Presley, the Beatles and other music greats.

Keeping the business fresh is a top priority as Clark manages the village's master plan and plans new attractions. A billboard earlier this year on I-40 east told travelers: "The Old Country Store is going Green. Collard greens. Mustard greens. Turnip greens." The clever message invites them to expect great food, see history preserved and enjoy family entertainment, all just a short drive ahead. As Clark, Deborah and Miss Anne say, and visitors agree, the Casey Jones Village is "the best whistle stop between Memphis and Nashville." <<<

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All in the Family – Anne Shaw, son, Clark (company CEO), and daughter, Deborah (vice president and marketing director), have turned a family business into a major Tennessee tourist attraction. (Photos clockwise from top left): World-class wood carver, Dee Moss, creates detailed carvings in the village's Wellwood Country Store; a sample of village antiques; and the historic Neil House in its new Casey Jones Village location.

(in tribute)>>> Governor Ned McWherter 1930-2011

>>> Gov. Ned McWherter frequently referred to UT Martin as “my university,” and after the UT Board of Trustees recognized the 46th chief executive with the first Doctorate of Leadership awarded by UT Martin, he noted it was “especially true.”

McWherter, 80, a native of Weakley County, died April 4, 2011. He left an important legacy of assets to his state, county and UT Martin.

Noting that “education is the key to Tennessee’s future,” he remained a strong advocate for “assuring that future generations of Tennesseans will have access to high-quality educational opportunities.”

His passion for education is not felt any stronger than at UT Martin, where he donated funds to build a replica of the Governor’s Office, located in Paul Meek Library. The library houses McWherter’s Speaker of the House papers. UT Martin agricultural complex, where students attend classes and gain practical experience, bears his name. He visited campus countless times enhancing the importance of numerous ceremonies, ground-breakings and classroom experiences with his presence and remarks.

McWherter created the Lucille McWherter Scholarship Foundation in memory of his mother, Lucille McWherter, that benefits students attending UT Martin. He established a statewide Ned McWherter Scholars Program – for students attending Tennessee post-secondary institutions – that also benefits UT Martin students.

The awarding of the honorary degree at the winter 2003 commencement was UT Martin’s means of showing affection and recognition for a man who put education, and especially education at “his university,” first.



Robert Mullerburg

ALUMNI NEWS

(the real deal)>>>

>>> Normally, I am at ease writing my column for the Campus Scene, since I am speaking from the heart about the campus I love. This time, however, I am overwhelmed at the task before me. Change is in the air and big changes are ahead for our alumni program. But I, along with the entire alumni staff, am excited and ready to embrace these new opportunities.

First, I would like to welcome Andrew Hart ('04, '06) as the new coordinator of alumni programs. He will work primarily with young alumni groups, online programs and annual giving. Andrew grew up in Martin and has served on the UT Martin Alumni Council and is past chair of the Young Alumni Council. Staying with the changes at the campus level, you will see our new logo at the bottom of the page. As of July 1, our office will be referred to as the UT Alumni Association – Martin Office. All UT campuses and alumni association programs will be using the same logo but in our respective colors. This move allows us to send a consistent message to all alumni while still allowing our office to program specifically for our campus. This change coincides with our alumni and development operations moving under the UT Foundation umbrella.

Secondly, you should have received an email or postcard inviting you to view the new alumni website and join the online community. The new alumni and friends' web pages are full of useful

information, news, opportunities and now include picture galleries from alumni and campus events. Each month, alumni receive an electronic newsletter and semi-annually a newsletter from their college. By using electronic communications, we are keeping you informed while saving precious financial resources to provide events and programs.

Finally, the university has moved the campus's annual giving operations under the campus alumni office. Folks, there is no way to say it clearer than this – we need your help! Any size gift matters. We all pride ourselves on being the best, but we are far behind the annual giving percentage of alumni nationwide and within the state. I am proud to say that my family supports this university, and more than 56% of the university faculty, staff and retirees are participating in the current campaign, raising more than \$1 million. Please consider making a gift today to push us to number one in the state! In case you are wondering, we need 717 new donors to become number one. Can we count on you?

I hope to see everyone at our Homecoming activities this year. Quad City continues to grow, and many new things will be taking place during that event. Come out and see the campus and support your Skyhawks! <<<

Charley Deal

SEE MORE ONLINE

For the most up-to-date information, news and schedule of events, check out the alumni website at www.utmforever.com. Now you can stay connected, share news and photos and network all through utmforever.com.



(alumni notes)>>>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 30

YOUNG ALUMNI COUNCIL MEETING
& SOCIAL

AUG. 6

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ALUMNI
& STUDENT RECEPTION

AUG. 18

LEGACY LUNCHEON
TORCH OF PREPARATION CEREMONY
ALUMNI COUNCIL MEETING



SEPT. 15

AFRICAN AMERICAN
50TH YEAR CELEBRATION
GRAND GALA

OCT. 7-9

HOMECOMING 2011 VIVA LAS MARTIN

NOV. 5

BLUE AND ORANGE TAILGATE PARTY
AT MISSISSIPPI STATE

NOV. 7-23

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ONE DONOR AT A TIME

DEC. 10

FALL COMMENCEMENT



HOMECOMING 2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS>>> Join us for a weekend of celebration as we go *Viva Las Martin* here on campus.

Friday, Oct. 7

- 3:15 p.m. Rope Pull Championships (Pacer Pond)
- 6 p.m. Alumni Awards Dinner (Alumni Center)
- 6 p.m. Volleyball Match (Skyhawk Fieldhouse)
- 8:30 p.m. Pyramid and Pep Rally (Elam Center)

Saturday, Oct. 8

- 7:30 a.m. Letterwinner's Breakfast & Hall of Fame Inductions (Student Life Center)
- 10:30 a.m. **QUAD CITY OPENS** featuring the Webb Dalton Band
- 11 a.m. Football Team's Skyhawk Walk (Quad by Meek Library)
- 11 a.m. Volleyball Match (Skyhawk Fieldhouse)
- 2 p.m. Football Game vs. Austin Peay State University (Graham Stadium)
- 5:30 p.m. Softball Reunion (Bettye Giles Field)
- 6:00 p.m. Young Alumni Reception (Olivia's Opera House)
- 5:30 p.m. Black Alumni Reception/Dinner (University Center)
- 7:30 p.m. NPHC Step Show (Elam Center)

Sunday, Oct. 9

- 10 a.m. Walk in the Quad
- 10:30 a.m. Homecoming Brunch (University Center)

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CONNECTING UT ALUMNI>>> A new online community is enhancing the digital alumni experience of UT Martin graduates.

Last year, nearly 11,000 UT alumni participated in a comprehensive survey to aid the University of Tennessee Alumni Association in the development of a strategic plan, and based on that feedback, the UTAA has reshaped the way it communicates.

The redesigned UT Martin alumni website is integrated with popular social networking tools, including a new feature that allows alumni to connect their Facebook account with their alumni profile. Once registered, alums can share more information like class notes and photos, and the technology will make it easy for them to network with other alumni in their area or from their college.

The newfound sense of community will also make it easier for alumni to get involved in their local areas, to stay informed about what's happening on UT Martin's campus, to register for events and to take advantage of career opportunities, explained Charley Deal, assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations and annual giving for UT Martin.

"This is the future," Deal said. "This is an exciting and dramatic change that will deliver what UT Martin alums want—access to a connected community of more than 325,000 UT alumni around the world." To add your email address to the current database, visit utmforever.com, and sign up today.



The redesigned UT Martin alumni website, www.utmforever.com, allows alumni to stay connected in more ways.



<<<GOLDEN GRADS

April 11 and 12, members of the Class of 1961 and Golden Grads returned to celebrate their 50-plus years since graduating from UT Martin. The Golden Grads participated in campus tours, classroom visits with current UT Martin students and even had to take a test before they left campus.

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE>>>

UT will begin its Telefund campaign on Nov. 7 and

continue through the 23. UT Martin depends on the generosity of our alumni. Please consider making a gift when a student from UT calls!



(spotlight)>>>

FROM SUITS TO (we LOVE it) BOOTS

Once Tennessee's international agricultural marketing coordinator, Eric Maupin returned to the farm three generations had tended.

Story by Rita Mitchell/Photography by Trevor Ruskowski

>>> Each time Eric Maupin ('97) looks out over a green field, sees his wife, Jo Ann, ('04) coming down the road bringing lunch in the field or recalls that one of his toddler Cara's first words was 'tractor,' his decision to return to farming is reinforced. The truth is, in spirit, he never really left.

Eric's career plans were to get an agriculture business degree at UT Martin in three years and finish up with an agriculture law degree at UT Knoxville. At the time, he was not sure the opportunity to return to the family farm would present itself, "but I still had that desire ... to help farmers."

As it turned out, he got involved at UT Martin, completed an agriculture internship abroad and added a communications minor.

After he graduated, Maupin was appointed as the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's first international agricultural marketing coordinator. "My job, specifically, was to help agricultural companies ... that felt like they could move their product to an international market," said Eric. Focusing on smaller companies throughout the state, he guided them through every facet, from marketing and product regulations to logistics. In his position, he directed fresh fruits and vegetables to Canada and trees and shrubs to Japan and Europe, as examples of some of the commodities he managed.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my job; loved the people I worked with. I stayed overseas a lot ... months at a time," he said.

But then, Eric's father, Larry, decided he wanted to semi-retire after 35 years of farming in Dyer County. And the land Larry was farming was not just any piece of ground. Eric's great-grandfather bought the land in 1938. His great-grandfather was later joined in farming by his son, Calvin, Eric's grandfather, who was then joined by his son, Larry.

"We have been farming the same contiguous ground since 1938," Eric said, and added that it is ground he is very familiar with. "My dad was really good about taking us (Eric and his older brother, Stefan '94) with him everywhere he went. His parents also were good about involving them in the "living" part of the family business – instilling the farming culture – and "making it fun."

The Maupin family had everything from chickens, cattle and a farrow-to-finish hog operation to row crops.

When Eric considered returning to farming, he contacted his brother, who is Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation associate director of public affairs, to see if he was interested in continuing the family business. Knowing that, at the time, it would have been difficult for the farm to sustain two households, Stefan decided not to make a career move. So in 2000, Eric developed a transition plan to buy out his parents. "I could not do what I do without my parents," he said. "We're talking three generations that had been here before me to

build what we have to this day. It would have been very difficult for me to start from scratch."

Now, Eric and Jo Ann grow corn, soybeans and wheat as main crops on more than 2,000 acres of land they own and rent. They have commercial beef cattle and produce all the needed hay. They also have a seed sales business and are partners in a livestock truck-wash business.

Jo Ann, who grew up on a dairy farm, provides the bookkeeping services for all the family businesses. They have one full-time employee, Andy Butler, and Eric hires seasonal employees when needed. Eric's mother, Joan, has continued to help with some of the daily chores. As an aside, Eric, a licensed auctioneer, calls bids for a local auction and realty company and an auction barn in the off-season.

In 2009, Eric and Jo Ann were named Tennessee Farm Bureau Tennessee Young Farmers of the Year, advancing to the national competition, where they were runners-up. They won use of a tractor for a year, as well as other equipment and prizes in the contests.

Eric speaks confidently about the many ways technology has changed and improved farming in preparing to meet the consumers' demands in the future. "In the next 40 years, it is predicted the American farmer will have to produce the same amount of food that has been produced since the conception of farming," he said. "There are

two ways to look at that. You can say, first of all, we have a huge feat in front of us as American agriculturists, but the other side to look at that is, what an opportunity."

He also talks passionately about his and other farmers' commitment to being good stewards of the environment. "One of the most important things we can do as agriculturists is preserve the land for the next generation," he said.

Jo Ann and Eric agree farming requires leaps of faith. "There are good days, and there are bad days with farming," Eric said. "Anytime there's manual labor, and you have to deal with the environment and Mother Nature, ... when we have four inches of rain in three hours, there are going to be instances when you go, 'Why did I do this?'"

In the end, Eric will think he made the right decision to return to farming "if I am able to provide for my family – not everything that they want, but everything that they need – and if I have instilled in my children a good work ethic so they can be productive citizens. Then I'll think we've done a good job." <<<

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IN HIS OWN WORDS>>>

Ed Williamson ('47)

(Editor's Note: Ed Williamson is a member of the UT Martin Development Committee, earned a certificate in engineering in 1947 from UT Junior College and bachelor's degree in engineering in 1949 from UT Knoxville. He provided this first-person account of his life experiences and time in Martin.)

Following the conclusion of WWII and after my discharge from the Army Air Corps, I started the process of choosing a college. I had developed a love affair with airplanes and was reluctant to give

up flight relationships. I, along with a close friend from Army Air Corps days, wanted to find a college where we could pursue aeronautical engineering. That friend, William E. "Bill" Yandell, and I traveled to Lafayette, Ind., intent on enrolling at Purdue University. The venture was not successful since Purdue was not accepting out-of-state students. A bit later when I was in the process of enrolling at the University of Florida, I heard from Bill that he had a solution. He had located a college in West Tennessee—The University of Tennessee Junior College—where we could get in our first two years and then try for Purdue.

Bill enrolled at UTJC in January 1946, and I followed in March of that same year. Predictably we became enamored with the Tennessee System, the small friendly student body, the superb faculty and staff, plus some attractive UTJC coeds, and thus we chose to continue our education in the Volunteer State. After finishing at UTJC, we moved on to Knoxville. After about a year at Knoxville, Bill decided to enter the ministry, later obtaining a Doctorate of Ministry. I continued at UTK, graduating in August 1949, with a BS degree in mechanical engineering.

During my career in the military service and later in my working career, I was privileged to attend, mostly for short periods, four different colleges. However, I must confess that none of those schools impacted my psyche as did UTJC. The faculty and administration excelled in their professions and held a keen interest in the progress of students. It was like a big happy family. It seemed to me an ideal juxtaposition of student body size, small-town atmosphere and professionalism, but in my opinion, it was largely due to the deep personal interest held by every faculty member in the success of every student. I was there when Mr. Harry Harrison Kroll was head of the English Department, and his noted success as a writer added to the stature of the department and the school. I fondly remember several faculty members, but Mr. Norman Campbell was the teacher, (along with one or two high school teachers), who most influenced my interest in learning. Mr. Campbell was a skilled and articulate teacher who 'went the extra mile' to prepare and present lessons with effectiveness unequalled by any other teacher of my experience. Most teachers were good, but Mr. Campbell was the best.

So, for these and perhaps a few other reasons, I consider UT Martin (UTJC in my time) to be "My University." I have a fondness for UT Martin that surpasses all others because I feel it is the school that most impacted any success I had subsequent to my student years.

1949

Robert M. Yates ('49) and his wife, **Dorothy (Atchison) Yates ('55)**, are both retired and live in Largo, Fla. Both have traveled extensively across Europe and the Middle East. They have two children: Mary Jane Toth and Cecil Yates; and four grandchildren: Julie Elizabeth, Matthew and Mason Toth and Sophia Yates. Email: robbyates@aol.com

1954



Robert H. "Bob" White ('54) is a retired teacher and farmer. He resides in Rutherford and was married to **Leila**

Penn (BS '55, MS '79), who died in 2001. They have three children: David, 52; Terry, 50; and Barry, 46. He married Shirley Reedy in 2002 and enjoys traveling.

1961



Martha Taylor Caywood ('61) is the owner of two ladies boutiques and lives with her husband, John,

in Danville, Ky. They have two children: Marti and Jonathan, and two grandchildren. Email: mtcaywood@att.net

1970



Robert Michael "Mike" Riley ('70, '77) is the senior vice president of Raydon Corporation in Port Orange, Fla. His wife,

Carolyn Sue (Freeman) Riley ('69), taught school during the 1970s and has been a homemaker since then. Robert spent

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JIM BYFORD RECEIVES "FRIEND OF 4-H" AWARD>>> A longtime Tennessee 4-H youth program supporter has received one of the organization's most prestigious honors. **Dr. Jim Byford ('66)**, retired dean of UT Martin's College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and a former extension service wildlife specialist, received the "Friend of 4-H" Award from the Tennessee 4-H Foundation during the 64th Annual Tennessee 4-H Congress, March 29, in Nashville.

"I am both honored and humbled to receive this recognition," Byford said of the honor. "4-H has truly enriched my life, as it has millions of youth throughout the world. I'm fortunate to be a part of such a great youth organization."

4-H is the youth development program of University of Tennessee Extension. 4-H teaches leadership, citizenship and life skills to more than 300,000 youth in grades 4-12. 4-H also has more than 18,000 adult volunteers statewide.

Buddy Mitchell, interim chancellor, UT Institute of Agriculture, presented the award and described Byford as "a role model and mentor to many 4-H members across the state." Mitchell added, "He made sure the 4-Hers were always welcome when it came time for State 4-H Roundup at Martin, and they looked forward to his songs and storytelling around the All Star campfire."

Mitchell also recognized Byford's continuing 4-H involvement following his 2009 retirement. "His (Byford's) latest efforts center on developing a vision for a 4-H center in West Tennessee as a member of both a Farm Bureau task force and UT Extension committee devoted to this effort," Mitchell said.

Byford spent 20 years as extension wildlife specialist in Georgia and Tennessee, giving hundreds of presentations and writing numerous articles on wildlife conservation. Byford was featured in the 1983 Sports Afield hunting annual, the June 1985 issue of Outdoor Life and appeared regularly on "TNN Outdoors" from 1996-98. He has spoken at numerous seminars on agriculture, land management and natural resource conservation throughout the U.S., Ecuador and Japan. In 1999, he authored a book through UT Press titled "Close To The Land."

21 years in the U.S. Army until 1993, before beginning his second career as a systems engineer at G.E. Aerospace. They have four children: Steven, 39; Rob, 36; Scott, 33; and Kathryn, 29. Email: riley@raydon.com

1971

Stephen G. Milam ('71) majored in education and lives in Orlando, Fla. Email: 62bird@bellsouth.net

John Woolfolk ('71), of Jackson, Tenn., was announced as the new president of the American Hereford Association during the annual membership meeting Nov. 1, 2010, in Kansas City, Mo. He has been in the Hereford business since 1963. His family farm, Woolfolk Farms, was established in 1865 and added Herefords to the operation in 1950. He also serves the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation as associate director of commodities. (Courtesy The Alpha Upsilon Crescent, Alpha Gamma Rho)

1974

David W. Huey ('74) is a professor of biology at Louisiana State University Alexandria. He resides in Alexandria, La. Email: dhuey@lsua.edu

1975

Danny R. Walker ('75) and his wife, **Susan Beeler Walker ('75)**, live in Jackson, Tenn. Danny is a veterinarian practicing at the Jackson Animal Clinic and North Madison Animal Clinic in Jackson. Susan is an associate professor of nursing at Jackson State Community College and retired from nursing. She received her master's degree in nursing in '87 from UT Knoxville. They have two children: Matt, 33; and Lee Taylor, 28.

Dr. Steve Damron ('75) received the 2010 Sarkeys Distinguished Professor Award

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from the Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. The Sarkeys award, established by the Sarkeys Foundation in 1980, is based on outstanding contributions to agriculture through teaching, research or extension efforts. Damron is known for his ability to explain technical, complex materials in an easily understood manner. He earned his bachelor's degree in animal science from UT Martin and his master's degree in animal nutrition-management and doctoral degree in animal nutrition from UT Knoxville in 1978 and 1982, respectively. (Courtesy Oklahoma State University)

1976



Charles McCraw ('76), of Germantown, is senior vice president and manager of Medical Private Banking for First Tennessee.

He has 34 years' experience in the banking industry – 23 years with First Tennessee. He is a member of the Germantown Kiwanis Club, serves on the Germantown Economic Development Commission, is a Germantown Industrial Review Board member, past chairman of the Germantown Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Germantown Performing Arts Centre. McCraw received a Bachelor of Science at UT Martin and graduated from the Barrett School of Banking and the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University. He and his wife, **Beverly Wallace McCraw ('76)**, have two children. Email: cimccraw@ftb.com

1977

Aldo Fachini ('77) and his wife, Patricia, live in Cordele, Ga. Aldo coached football and taught in Tennessee and Georgia from

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1978-1996. He worked in the distribution network for Walmart until 2010, when he took the job as general manager and golf pro at Pine Hills Country Club in Cordele. They have four children: Gina, 32; Cara, 30; Amy, 29; and Aldo, 5. Email: aldo_fachini@hotmail.com

1978

Gerald N. Basham ('78) retired in 2007 after 26 years as a district manager with the Chrysler Corporation. Gerald and his wife, Katherine, of Morrison, Tenn., recently took an 18-day trip to Europe. They have two sons: Ryan, 29; and Kevin 26; and two granddaughters: Avery, 2; and Sadie, 4 mos. Email: geraldkathyb@live.com



Tim Crocker ('78) recently was elected a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation, an association of 730 attorneys across

the state. Invitations to membership were extended to 35 attorneys this year by the board of trustees. The introduction of new fellows took place at the annual Fellows' Dinner in Nashville earlier this year. Crocker is the founding partner in the firm of Crocker & Carter PLLC and has been practicing law in Milan for 28 years. He is also a graduate of Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. He and his wife, **Rosemary ('77)**, have three children.

1979

Dr. Steve Potts ('79) is the director of athletics for Pepperdine University. He assumed the post Jan. 1, after serving as the university's senior associate director of athletics. Besides his UT Martin political science degree, he holds a law degree from the Pepperdine School of Law. (Courtesy Pepperdine University)

1990

Shin-ok Won ('90) lives in Seoul, South Korea, and is a stay-at-home mom. Email: wonshinok@hanmail.net

1991



Lolita Brown-ing Jackson ('91)

was named one of Atlanta's "40 Rising Stars" by the Atlanta Business Journal in

2005, "Who's Who in Black Atlanta" 2002, 2003; Women Looking Ahead's 100s list of "Georgia's Most Influential Women" in 2000. She earned a first-place award in investigative reporting from The Institute of Southern Studies and a Silver Gavel Award from the State Bar of Georgia for her writings and reports on legal issues. In her current position, Lolita serves as a liaison between Georgia Power and elected officials throughout the City of Atlanta and Fulton County and other key community and business stakeholders. Lolita loves spending time with her husband, John Michael, and their four-year-old son, Aaron. Email: lbrownin@southernco.com

1994

Harold "Eddie" Kissinger Jr. ('94)

makes his home in Lakeland, Tenn. He is retired from Citigroup. He has two sons, Hunter Craig and Hayden Edward. Email: haroldkissinger@att.net

1997

Ashley T. Keel ('97) and her husband, **Richardson ('96)**, live in Medina, where she works as a speech therapist for the West Carroll Special School District. He works as a wireless construction supervisor for General Dynamics. They have three daughters: Grace Elizabeth, 11; Margaret Ellen, 10; and Mary Ann, 5.

1998



David Riley ('98)

has become a partner at the law firm of Glassman, Edwards, Wyatt, Tuttle & Cox, P.C. in Memphis. He has been with the law firm since 2001. He is married to Mary-Marsha.

Stacy Miller Smith ('98) was promoted to regional program manager for the Tennessee Correctional Services in Jackson, Tenn., where she is also a victim advocate and works to end violence and keep women and children safe. She and her husband, Joseph, have two children: Anna, 14; and Griffin, 10. Email: stacytcs@yahoo.com

Kent Landers ('98) is group director, corporate media relations, for The Coca-Cola Co. at its world headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. His duties include financial communications and crisis management. Kent was director of external communications for Delta Air Lines at its world headquarters, also in Atlanta. He began his work at Delta as an intern while a UT Martin student and worked there for most of the past 12 years.

Justin Lamb ('98), prep editor for The Daily Herald in Columbia, Tenn., was recognized by the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association as Distinguished Service honoree as a contributor. He was selected for his efforts to recognize high school teams, coaches and players for The Daily Herald that circulates in seven counties in southern Middle Tennessee. Other honors include first place for "Best Sports Writing" in 2006 and 2008 from the Tennessee Press Association. He also received the first-place AP Managing Editor Award for "Best Sports



Jamie Kilpatrick ('00) is a senior consultant with Public Consulting Group's Human Services division, following nearly 15 years of experience working with Tennessee children, adolescents and families in a variety of roles. Most recently, as director of IDEA Early Childhood Services in the Tennessee Department of Education from 2006-2011, he supervised statewide efforts for IDEA Part C – Early Intervention Services and IDEA 619-Preschool Services. Kilpatrick's PCG role is helping states address challenges such as federal compliance, stakeholder involvement, fiscal shortfalls and American Recovery

and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds accountability concerns.

Prior to working in the Tennessee Department of Education as director of IDEA Early Childhood Services, he was West Tennessee regional consultant for UT Martin's University Child and Family Grants programs. Kilpatrick is a frequent invited national speaker for the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on topics of data-based decision making, team leadership and fiscal accountability.

Kilpatrick has completed doctoral coursework in public administration at Tennessee State University's Institute for Public Service in Nashville. He holds a master's degree in education from UT Martin and a bachelor's degree in sociology with an emphasis in criminal justice and a minor in psychology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He is also a 2008 graduate of the Tennessee's Government Executive Institute at the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service. He and his wife, Amy, have three children; Houston, Elizabeth and Madeline, all age 9. They currently reside in Burns.

Writing" in 2010. Justin and his wife, Sarah, have two sons: Drew, 6; and Zach, 2.

Shon Johnson ('98) is 2011 president of the Young Lawyers Division of the Memphis Bar Association. He is also a mentor with the MBA's Leadership Forum, is a board member of the Tennessee Bar Association and is a member of the Leo Bearman American Inn of Court. He earned his law degree in 2004 from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis. He works for Black McLaren Jones Ryland &

Griffie PC in East Memphis. (Courtesy The Memphis Daily News)

1999

Laura J. Kostyk ('99) is working in Lakewood, Colo. Email: lkostyk@gmail.com

Lesley Johnson Mathis ('99) is an acute care nurse practitioner with the cardiac surgery team at Vanderbilt Medical Center. She and her husband, Todd, have one son, Harper Payne, 16 mos. Email: lesley.j.mathis@vanderbilt.edu

2000

Beth A. Copley ('00) has been employed with Hickman County Board of Education as a teacher. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Lyles, Tenn. They have three children: Emma Grayce, 9; Elia Reece, 5; and Bryson Noah, 1. Email: bethcopley@hotmail.com

2001

Jill M. Russell ('01) and her husband, Dax, live in Culleoka, Tenn., where she is employed as a human resources manager at Vanderbilt Legends Club in Franklin. They have two sons: Nathan Andrew, 5; and Zakkary Luke, 5 mos. Email: jillrussell714@yahoo.com

2002



Dave Bratcher ('02), recently joined West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation as vice president of financial services. Bratcher, a native of

Jackson, Tenn., returned to Jackson from Oklahoma City, Okla. As the vice president of financial services, Bratcher will manage all charitable donations, investments and allocations of funds. A Leadership Jackson graduate, he has been active with the Jackson Exchange Club, where he served as a member of the board. He also was involved with Habitat for Humanity, Boys and Girls Club and served as a Jackson-Madison County School Board member for District 5. Bratcher and his wife, **Julie (Ruff) ('03)** have one child, with their second due in July. Email: dave.bratcher@wth.org

Amanda S. Branson ('02) lives in Lexington, Tenn., and works as a family and consumer science educator at South Carroll S.S.D. Clarksburg School in Clarksburg.

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Amanda and Greg have two sons: Brayden Lane, 6; and Jordan Roberts, 3. Email: amandashere1@hotmail.com

Matt Taylor ('02) is the gardener and groundskeeper at a private estate in Louisville, Ky. He and wife, Ashley, have one daughter, Ruth Anne, who is less than 1 yr. old. Email: mattayl@yahoo.com

2003

Jonathan K. Spiceland ('03, '07) is the director of annual giving at the University of Memphis. His wife, **Emily S. ('03)**, is a pharmacist at Walmart. They live in Oakland, Tenn., with their two children: Porter Clarke, 3; and Audrey Anne, 1. Email: jonathanspiceland@gmail.com and emilysample@yahoo.com

2005

Robert C. Alcorn ('05) received the Southeast Regional Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement in Television News Gathering Excellence for a Feature News Report. He is the morning anchor for WHNS with the FOX Carolina station in Greenville, S.C. Email: cody.alcorn@foxcarolina.com

Bradley W. Flatt ('05) has his own accounting firm called BF Accounting in Henderson, Tenn. Email: volfan18@hotmail.com

2006

Tatonia L. Dunlap ('06) and her husband, Nicholas, live in Rutherford, Tenn., where she is a wedding consultant and coordinator with Weddings of Tomorrow, and Nicholas works for Briggs & Stratton. They have two sons: Nicholas Markyui, 6; and Michael Maurice, 1. Email: tonia.dunlap@gmail.com

2007

Harrison J. Woodard ('07, '09) is residence hall director at UT Martin. Email: harjwood@ut.utm.edu

Jordan F. Tinkle ('07) is employed by Citadel Broadcasting as a producer of "3-Hour Lunch" on 104.5 FM and Game-Day producer for the Titans Radio Network. He and his wife, Tara, live in Nashville. Email: JT@1045thezone.com

2008

Alisse K. Kirk ('08) majored in accounting and finance and is living in Martin. Email: kirk_izzy_08@yahoo.com

Morgan Stone ('08), Founder's Medalist for the Vanderbilt School of Nursing, received a Master of Science in nursing with a family nurse practitioner specialty in August 2010. Since 1877, a gold medal has been awarded to the student graduating at the top of his or her class from each of Vanderbilt's schools. These gold medals are called "Founder's Medals" in honor of Cornelius Vanderbilt who made a specific contribution to endow the awards in their first year. While at the university, she was a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and named Outstanding Student in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program. She is currently employed as a board-certified family nurse practitioner at the Martin Specialty Clinic. She is active in her community, providing free health screenings and shots to local residents. She also learned basic medical Spanish in order to participate in a medical/dental mission trip in Honduras. She plans to continue her work as a family nurse practitioner to help bring health care to an underserved population. (Courtesy Vanderbilt University)

2010

Ashley Harmon Locke ('10) is a registered nurse on the orthopedic joint replacement floor at Baptist Hospital in Nashville. She and her husband, **Ryan Lee ('07)**, who works for Locke's Lawncare and Landscape, live in Franklin, Tenn. Email: asheharm@ut.utm.edu and lockeslawncare@bellsouth.net



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Guy L. Wadley ('51) died Oct. 27, 2010, at his home in Milan. He was a campus leader, president of the T Club, captain of the football team and one who proposed the first football recruitments and scholarships to get more skilled players. Jim Henson and Vincent Vaughn, who were his football coaches, and Paul Meek, dean of the UT Martin Branch, were his mentors. Guy was inducted into the UT Martin Sports Hall of Fame in 2001.

He began work at the Milan Army Ammunition Plant in 1951 and retired in 1994 as operations director for the plant. He was active in First Baptist Church of Martin for nine years, where he was elected the youngest deacon at that time. The family moved to Milan and became active there with church, schools and baseball. Guy coached little league both in Martin and Milan, and as his son, Mark, grew into older leagues. The Babe Ruth Wadley Field in the Milan City Park is named in his honor.

Dr. Robert Mainord Todd ('53), of Dallas, Texas, died March 9, 2011, in Dallas. Dr. Todd completed his undergraduate studies at UT Martin and his doctorate of medicine at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. After completing his service as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, he returned to Dallas in 1962 to begin his private OB/GYN practice of 36 years. (Courtesy of The Jackson Sun)

Ernest E. Watson ('61) died July 29, 2010, in Shelbyville, Tenn. He was a 1961 graduate with a major in agriculture.

Robert "Bob" Herron Holmes II ('67), of Trenton, Tenn., died on March 22, 2011.

He had many different careers over the years, but his love was the outdoors. He participated in the outdoors sports industry in many capacities. He wrote for and was written about in regional and national magazines, books and newspapers, hosted West TN Outdoors on FM stations 101.5 and 98.7 and was featured fishing and cooking on Channel 3's Mid-South Outdoors. He fished professionally, was a professional guide and conducted seminars and fishing demonstrations. He also was a UKC field trial judge and led his own dogs to UKC titles. (Courtesy of The Jackson Sun)

Harry R. Owen ('73, '74), 83, of Charlotte, died April 19. A native of Dickson County, he received his master's degree in supervision, administration and counseling, from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Owen was a retired school teacher with 26 years of service in the Tennessee School System and was a retired Church of Christ minister. (Courtesy of The Tennessean)

John Hinson Jr., ('73,'76) assistant director of Henry County Schools, died May 27 in Paris. His funeral was May 30 at First Baptist Church in Paris, with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Hinson, who was born in Buchanan, was a member of the class of 1969 at Buchanan High School, the last class before Henry County High School opened, consolidating all county schools. He earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education from UT Martin in 1973 and began working as a teacher and coach at Springville School. In 1976, he earned his master's degree in education administration and supervision from UT Martin and became principal of Springville School. In 1979, Hinson became principal of Henry County High School and served in that capacity until 1998, when he

moved to his position as assistant director of schools. At age 28, Hinson was the youngest principal in the state for any AAA high school, when he assumed his job at HCHS.

Sally Baker ('83), of Collierville, Tenn., died Feb. 16, 2011. Mrs. Baker was a registered nurse and received an associate degree from UT Martin and later a bachelor's degree from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville. She worked as a clinical pharmaceutical research associate until her retirement. She was a longtime resident of Fulton, Ky., and South Fulton, Tenn., and also lived in Nashville and the Gulf Coast. (Courtesy of Collierville Funeral Home)



Valerie Jane Harmon Griffin ('91), of Nashville, Tenn., died Feb. 23, 2011. She worked in the pharmaceutical

sales field 11 years for companies including Johnson and Johnson, Organon and TEVA. She was an active member of Forest Hills United Methodist Church in Brentwood.

Joey W. Guest ('00), of Martin, died Feb. 20, 2011, at Volunteer Community Hospital, Martin. Mr. Guest was a graduate of Westview High School and UT Martin. He originated the Press Box #1 website and was an employee of Servall. He was a former sports editor of the Weakley County Press and also was a former sports writer for the Union City Daily Messenger. (Courtesy of Murphy Funeral Home and The Tennessee Press)

Lori Michelle Pearson, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Nov. 7, 2010, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon. She was 39.

Born in Memphis, she was a member of

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First Baptist Church in Huntingdon, a teacher at Jackson State Community College and a former softball coach at Jackson State and McKenzie High School. She also played softball and was a graduate assistant coach at UT Martin.

Gavin Snow ('02), of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Feb. 17, 2011. He was a Henry County native and graduate of Henry County High School and earned a bachelor's degree in health and human performance from UT Martin.

Coach Bennie Hollis, former UT Martin athletics director, died March 12 at his home in Monroe, La. He was 71.

Hollis earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Northeast Louisiana University. His basketball career covered both the high school and college levels, including coaching positions at Louisiana Tech and Northeast Louisiana. He also served as athletics director at Northeast Louisiana before holding the same position for six years at UT Martin. During his time at UT Martin, he led efforts to change the team name from Pacers to Skyhawks.

Career honors included Mr. Louisiana Basketball (1982), Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame (1988) and the University of Louisiana at Monroe Hall of Fame (2003).

Dr. Kenneth Donald (Don) McCracken, age 80, died Feb. 7, 2011, at Oakview Rehab and Nursing Center in Calvert City, Ky. He was UT Martin professor emeritus of education, a member of Pawnee United Methodist Church in Pawnee, Kan., and was part of the First United Methodist Church family in Martin. A graduate of Pittsburg State University and the University of Arkansas, Dr. McCracken was a veteran, U.S. Army-Korea.

Kasey Ted Kessler, 23, of Bolivar, Tenn., died Feb. 19, 2011, at Lauderdale Community Hospital in Ripley, Tenn. He was a 2006 graduate of Bolivar Central High School and was a UT Martin senior majoring in education. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. His diploma was presented posthumously during commencement ceremonies, May 14, at the university. (Courtesy Shackelford Funeral Directors)

James Brennan Duke, 19, of Darden, Tenn., died March 26, 2011, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was a 2010 graduate of Riverside High School and a member of the Corinth Baptist Church. He was a UT Martin freshman majoring in natural resources management. (Courtesy Pafford Funeral Home)

Dr. Ernie Harriss, former chairman of the Department of Music, died April 12 at his Martin home. He was 71.

Dr. Harriss, professor emeritus of music, was a three-time graduate of Vanderbilt University. He joined the UT Martin faculty in 1970 and served as department chairman from 1970-76. He was a musicologist and an internationally known specialist in 18th century music. As a Humboldt Fellow, he spent a year in Germany working with faculty at the University of Hamburg. He was a member of the American Musicological Society and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He retired from the university in 2003.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Dr. Elaine Harriss, longtime UT Martin Department of Music faculty member who became department chair July 1.

Sadie Cook, 20, of Gleason, Tenn., died Nov. 7, 2010. She was a UT Martin sophomore majoring in marketing. (Courtesy Williams Funeral Home of Gleason)

Travis Austin Taylor, 22, of Union City, Tenn., died Jan. 1, 2011, at Volunteer Community Hospital following a single-car automobile accident. He was an Obion County Central High School graduate and a senior exercise science and wellness major. He attended Lake Road Baptist Church. (Courtesy Union City Daily Messenger)

Correction:

The following corrections need to be made in the Mitchell Lynn Darnall obituary that was published in the Winter/Spring 2011 Campus Scene. Mr. Darnall's son, Michael Darnall, lives in Lawrence, Kan., and his brother lives in Huntingdon, Tenn.

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<<<(one last thought)

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING>>> What does this mean?

Simply put, learning through experiences; learning through seeing, doing, touching, hearing; learning through engagement. Summed up in one last thought, it means...

>>> The UT Martin Percussion Studio traveled to Salvador da Bahia, Brazil, in May, and students took capoeira lessons (an Afro Brazilian style of martial arts disguised as a dance and practiced clandestinely by slaves until 1888 as a means of staying fit) from Mestre Moraes and percussion lessons from Mestre Mario Pam (the percussion leader of the first Bloco Afro Ilê Aiyê).

>>> The students also participated in cultural exchange sessions and clinics with the percussion studio at Universidade Federal da Bahia (UFBA) in Salvador, under the direction of Jorge Sacramento. The culmination of this exchange was a collective concert featuring both studios at the UFBA School of Music.

>>> The students were absolutely wonderful in their openness to experiences in a new and diverse culture and were great ambassadors of UT Martin and the USA at large. The ensemble wishes to thank everyone that helped support this truly life-changing experience. New hearts and minds, both in Brazil and within our UT Martin students, are open as a result of this exchange, and the world has become just a little smaller place for us. –Dr. Julie Hill



UT Martin Percussion Studio from left to right: Andrew Lynn, Rick Drewry, Micaiah Radcliffe, Kerry Durso, Colby Snider, James Fout, Zachary McCoy, Hamilton Moore, Daniel Houston, Will Kwasigroh, Michael Kidd, Rachel Steiner, Josh Spaulding.

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