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Gibson Nov. 3 academic speaker

Dr. Michael Gibson, professor of geology, will deliver an address, "The Central America-Tennessee Connection: Microbes and Asteroids Lead to Global Life and Global Death" at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 3, in Watkins Auditorium.



GIBSON

Gibson received a B.S. degree in geology from the College of William

and Mary, a master's in geology from Auburn University and a doctorate in geology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has been a UT Martin faculty member since 1988.

Among the busiest and most widely respected scientists in the state, Gibson has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the UT Martin Cunningham Award, which he received twice (1996 and 2008), the Neil Miner Award from the National Association of Geoscience Teachers (2008), the Higher Education Science Teacher of the Year Award (2003) and the Distinguished Educator of the Year Award (2006) from the Tennessee Science Teachers Association.

Gibson associate curator for the Pink Palace & Coon Creek Science Center. He is a member of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) and served as southeastern president of the NAGT (2000-03) and coun-

selor at large on the executive committee (2003-06), during which he helped to construct the NAGT position statement on the teaching of evolution. He served as secretary (1989-94) and president (1994-96) of the Southeastern Section of the Paleontological Society and is currently in his second term on the Paleontological Society Executive Council as national chair of education. He is geology editor for the Journal of the Tennessee Academy of Science and was one of the founders of the Tennessee Earth Science Teachers (TEST), which he continues to serve as a higher education adviser. Finally, Gibson was instrumental in the establishment of the Cretaceous bivalve *Pterotrigonia* (*Scabrotrigonia*) *thoracica* as the official state fossil of Tennessee in 1998.

He has published more than 75 articles and is currently working on a book about Tennessee's state fossil. He is the recipient of a series of state and federal grants worth millions of dollars, many of which promote science education. He is often involved in development programs and field trips for Tennessee educators and serves on several State of Tennessee Department of Education committees, including the committee to write the state science standards.

"Honors Programs applauds and appreciates the support of Chancellor Rakes in continuing the tradition of including a member of the faculty on the Academic Speakers

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UT Martin earns 3rd listing among 100 Best Buys

UT Martin is listed among America's 100 Best College Buys, a listing compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc. This marks the third consecutive year that the university has earned the IRE designation.

"Once again, the results of our annual national college survey prove that the University of Tennessee at Martin continues to provide students the highest quality educational environment at the very lowest possible cost," said Lewis Lindsey Jr., IRE president.

Lindsey said that colleges and universities across the country are challenged by rising costs. But, he noted that the efforts of UT Martin adminis-

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Dessert Evenings soon

A Dessert Evening will be hosted at 7:30 p.m., on Oct. 24 and 25, in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building. While the audience is treated to three separate dessert courses, including fruit, cheese selections and sweet treats, students and choral ensembles will per-

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• **Dr. Bob Peckham**, professor of French, published a note, "Techno Corner - Rock Videos on Youtube," in *The Echo: Journal of the Tennessee Foreign Language Teachers Association* (Spring 2008). Recently, he also delivered the keynote address, "Information Dynamics for Twenty-First Century Literacy Guides," and led a workshop on creating Web-based "Language Learning Objects" at the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers, in Sarasota Springs, N.Y. At the same conference, he was also the recipient of the Robert J. Ludwig National Distinguished Leadership Award.

Dunagan, Chesteen are named to 'Forum on Tennessee's Future' panel

Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor emeritus, and Dr. Richard Chesteen, professor emeritus of political science, recently were named to the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations "Forum on Tennessee's Future" project panel.

TACIR was created to monitor federal, state and local government relations and to make recommendations for improvement to the legislature. The commission is comprised of representatives from the executive and legislative branches of state government, county and municipal govern-

ments and the public. The commission serves as a bipartisan forum for the discussion of intergovernmental issues and may initiate studies resulting in legislative proposals and constitutional amendments. The commission responds to requests for technical assistance from the General Assembly, state agencies and local governments.

The forum panel will develop a list of 10 issues or trends related to the "biggest challenges that Tennessee must deal with in order to improve its competitive edge and

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The Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) chapter has been recognized by the American Chemical Society and the Green Chemistry Institute with the highest outstanding rating and as Green Chapter for its activities in 2007-08 year. This year, 40 chapters received an outstanding rating and 25 were designated as green chapters. The chapter has won more of each of these awards than any other chapter in the nation. Pictured are, front row, Kiran G.Vaswani, of Franklin; vice president Christy R. Lowe, of McKenzie; secretary Kayla A. Poindexter, of Murfreesboro; Punam Patel, of Martin; back row, Chad R. Waters, of Camden; faculty adviser Dr. S.K. Airee; Chancellor Rakes; president Robert H. Mitchell, of Ripley; and Ashish J. Patel, of Columbia. Waters, Vaswani, Punam Patel and Ashish Patel are members of the executive committee.

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tration, faculty and staff “assure that students cannot find a better educational opportunity at a lower cost within or outside of Tennessee.”

Chancellor Rakes said that the university is committed to containing costs while providing a high-quality education. “We’re pleased with this designation, especially knowing that many families struggle with paying for college,” he said. “In these tough budget times, we’re looking hard for ways to maintain

quality at a reasonable cost.”

The listing among America’s 100 Best College Buys is UT Martin’s third major recognition for the current academic year. Earlier, UT Martin continued its top-tier ranking for southern master’s institutions in the 2009 edition of America’s Best Colleges, compiled by U.S.News & World Report. Also, The Princeton Review named UT Martin “A Best Southeastern College” for 2009.

CALENDAR

Oct. 20-26

Monday, Oct. 20
- 3 p.m. - James Ross, Chicago Symphony percussionist, Percussion Clinic, Room 141, Fine Arts Building

Wednesday, Oct. 22

- 8:15 a.m. - Student refund checks - 2nd disbursement available to pick up, Room 116, Business Affairs, Administration Building

Thursday, Oct. 23

- 5:30 p.m. - National Chemistry Week demonstrations, Duncan Ballroom, Boling University Center

- 6:30 p.m. - Skyhawk football vs. Jacksonville State

- 8 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Captain’s Coffee, Paul Meek Library

- 9 p.m. - SGA Senate Meeting, Room 111, university center

Friday, Oct. 24

- 7:30 p.m. - Dessert Evening, gallery, Fine Arts Building (Oct. 24-25)

Saturday, Oct. 25

- 8 a.m. - Equestrian meet, Arena, Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex (Oct. 25-26)

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Program,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director. “There is no finer individual to continue this tradition than Michael Gibson, whose research, teaching and dedicated service have built a reputation for excellence that extends throughout the state of Tennessee and

even to national levels. His enthusiasm for science and for learning are infectious, as will be demonstrated in his presentation.”

For more information, contact McDonough at ext. 7436 or danmc@utm.edu.

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enhance the quality of life for all current and future residents.” As a result of the forum, there will policy papers on 10 topics and a magazine-format document accessible to a broad audience.

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form a variety of music.

Tickets are \$18 per person. All proceeds go to support the UT Martin choral program. Persons who want diabetic selections may inform the box office when tickets are reserved. For tickets or more information, contact Sherry Adams, at ext. 7402 or sadams@utm.edu.

Fall ECCE Excel planned

The Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering an Intermediate Excel class from 9 a.m.-noon, Nov. 18 and 20. The class is designed to expand students’ knowledge of spreadsheets by working through complex functions and formulas, using statements and conditional formatting, teaching relative and absolute referencing, creating detailed examples and executive summaries, importing data into a spreadsheet from an external source, customizing graphs, integrating spreadsheets into word processing documents, using pivot tables, practicing planning and design skills and familiarizing students with Excel 2007 and Vista.

Doug Bloodworth, UT Martin analyst and programmer, will be the instructor for this class. The fee is \$85.

To register, call ext. 7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_cred_it_registration.php.

Use university relations aids

Several updated features are available on the Web. At the “Resources” link on the Office of University Relations home page: UT Martin Publications, Printing & Style Manual (updated) and PowerPoint Template Documents.

At the Welcome Center link on the university home page, access the UT Martin video and 30-second TV commercial. For details, call the Office of University Relations, ext. 7615.

See a sample of the latest news clippings featuring UT Martin news at the University Relations Web site: http://www.utm.edu/departments/univrel/news_clippings/index.php

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