

Difficult economy won't stop university from moving forward

The University of Tennessee will provide three major “deliverables” to move the state ahead despite difficult economic conditions, President John Petersen told an audience of elected officials and community leaders Monday in Martin.

Petersen addressed the group during a noon lunch, which marked the second in a series of daylong stops at each of the UT System’s five campuses. The “deliverables” he pledged to continue, even as the university faces more budget cuts in the coming year, included educating a qualified workforce, supporting economic development and enhancing quality of life through health care and “intellectual content” that universities provide.

In making this commitment, Petersen reflected on this same time period last year, when he said that Gov. Phil Bredesen and the state legislature were poised to move ahead with recommendations that further supported the university’s goals. Then the economic downturn happened.

“Education and higher education were protected for a long time, and the hole got deep enough that they (the

governor and legislature) couldn’t do that, and we ended up with about a 4.1 percent cut across the state, which for us at the University of Tennessee is a little bit over \$22 million,” he said, adding the cut came on top of rises in fixed costs.

Instead of seeking a large tuition increase to address budget shortfalls, Petersen said the university made a decision “to keep tuition as low as we possibly could (6 percent for 2008-09)” and make budget decisions in line with campus strategic plans – not across-the-board cuts. “And those decisions are tough decisions to make when you’re a non-profit, because there isn’t a profit motive for doing it, but I think there’s a quality motive for doing it. ...” he said.

As an example, he referenced UT’s Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology, which was targeted for phase-out as part of UT Knoxville’s \$11 million budget cut for 2008-09. Instead, the audiology and speech pathology program will shift its administration to the College of Allied Health Sciences at the UT Health

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President John Petersen and Brittany McGruder, student member, UT Board of Trustees.

J. Houston Gordon Museum to be dedicated on Oct. 3

The University Museum in the Corbitt Special Collections area of the Paul Meek Library at the University of Tennessee at Martin will be named the “J. Houston Gordon Museum” in honor of J. Houston Gordon, alumnus, benefactor and volunteer leader of the university.

The dedication ceremony will be at 4:45 p.m., Oct. 3, at the museum during UT Martin homecoming week. Gordon also is one of three alumni receiving awards, during the UT Martin Alumni Awards Banquet later that evening. He will receive the Chancellor’s Award for

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Homecoming events kick off today

The Office of Alumni Relations will evoke memories of 1969 with “Come Together,” a song by the Beatles, as the theme of this year’s homecoming.

Homecoming 2008 will be celebrated Sept. 29-Oct. 5, with Quad City’s live music, kid’s carnival, reunion and college tents, a petting farm, carnival games, food and fellowship as a focal point from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Oct. 4, in the Quad. Adding to the festivities for current UT Martin students, alumni and friends are the UT Martin alumni dinner and awards program, pyramid building competition, pep rally and Greek Step Show. At 2 p.m., Oct. 4, the Skyhawks will face Tennessee State University at Hardy M. Graham

Stadium.

The following is a complete schedule of events for homecoming week:

- Monday, Sept. 29
- Noon – Art Unveiled, Paul Meek Library
 - 4 p.m. – Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
- Tuesday, Sept. 30
- 11:30 a.m. – Times Talk on Banned Books, Room 125 of cafeteria, Boling University Center
 - 4 p.m. – Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
 - 7 p.m. – Lip Sync Show, Pacer Pond
 - 8:30 p.m. – Bonfire, Pacer Pond
 - 8:45 p.m. – Homecoming Court Announcement, Pacer Pond

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- **Brian Johnson**, lecturer, Department of Psychology, served as a reviewer for a first edition text on research methods and statistical analyses in psychology for SAGE Publications.
- The Tennessee Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education Leadership Council recently met at Austin Peay State University in conjunction with the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association (TMTA) Annual Conference. The council is made up of STEM Center directors and leaders of professional organizations from across the state. Those in attendance discussed plans to enhance

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Science Center in Memphis, while continuing operations in Knoxville. This new, more efficient business and operating model is subject to UT Board of Trustees approval in October.

Budget challenges aside, the year hasn't been entirely bad, he said, saying that the quality of students entering the university continues to rise. He credited the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship for keeping good students in the state. "And if we can keep them in our state for education, hopefully we can keep them in our state to work in the workforce and really contribute to the economy. In fact, all three of our institutions (Knoxville, Chattanooga, Martin) have gone up in terms of their average ACT scores of the students and also their success rates of their students." He added that "the highest average ACT of the student body and the highest six-year graduation rate is here at UT Martin and not any other place in West Tennessee."

As for economic development, he talked about UT's biofuels initiative, saying that Tennessee is well positioned to become a leader in converting cellulosic-based crops into fuel. "We've got enough land out there that's not being used for food crops, because it can't be, that can grow switchgrass, and that switchgrass can be turned into a fuel." He pointed to a new partnership announced in July with DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol LLC to produce ethanol at a demonstration-sized plant in Vonore, Tenn. The business plan will be completed this week, a groundbreaking will follow Oct. 14, and the first ethanol will be produced before the end of 2009, he said.

He also pointed to UT's co-management of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a way that the university has become a technological leader in other areas, such as computation. UT received a \$65 million grant from the National Science Foundation, the largest grant from the NSF received by any public or private university in Tennessee, to build an NSF computer beside the Department of Energy computer, "which gives us the greatest computational powers in the world." He added that the legislature's appropriation of

an additional \$3 million allows the connection of fiber into West Tennessee that will provide access to this computing power for business development and other purposes across the state.

Petersen also took time to discuss the university's \$1 billion capital campaign that began in January 2005. The seven-year Campaign for Tennessee has already generated \$750 million dollars in private support, he said. He specifically credited the university's 120,000 employees with some of the campaign's early success. Although \$10 million was a reasonable goal to expect, "Our employees within the University of Tennessee contributed during this campaign \$43 million," he reported. "Now you think about the loyalty and commitment of the people that work in our organization to do that, and I tell you that helps enormously when we go out and call on people and say, 'Look, it's not just about asking you to help us. It's because we also help ourselves. ...'" He added that UT Martin's employees had the highest participation percentage of any campus or unit in the University of Tennessee.

Petersen noted UT Martin's record enrollment growth during the past several years, and he credited the off-campus centers (Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer) and online degree programs (UT Online) for growing the student body in non-traditional ways. He added, "And if you go around the (Martin) campus and talk to the students here, they love it here, they love coming here, and they love the opportunity it gives them to go forward in terms of what they do."

As he closed his remarks, Petersen promised the audience that the university would continue to move ahead "because higher education, I think, does drive economic development, and it does drive the quality of life for a state such as Tennessee."

Among those recognized by Petersen before his remarks was Crawford Gallimore of Martin, one of several newly appointed members to the UT Board of Trustees. Gallimore, a UT Martin graduate, is chief financial officer for the Hamilton-Ryker Co.

October training opportunities are planned

Several training opportunities are planned in October.

Included are: Planning for Professional Growth (EAP), Oct. 7, 9-11 a.m.; Understanding Your Insurance, Oct. 10, 3-4:30 p.m. or Oct. 16, 9-10:30 a.m.; 10 Steps to Creating a Great Place to Work (managers), audio conference, Oct. 21, 2-3 p.m.; The A-B-C Model of Stress Management (EAP), Oct. 28, 2:30-4 p.m.; and Dealing with Change (for exempt per-

sonnel), Oct. 9 or Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-noon, 206 Gooch Hall, (this three-hour session explores some techniques designed to facilitate how to cope with change and includes a discussion of why change management is a skill valued by organizations. Facilitator will be Tomi Rogers, UT teaching associate, Municipal Technical Advisory Services. To register, contact ECCE at 7940; e-mail Karen at ksliger@utm.edu. or dmount@utm.edu.



On Sept. 19, Brian Mason was a guest artist with the percussion studio (Dr. Julie Hill, director). Mason presented consecutive master classes on vibraphone improvisation and arranging for marching percussion. In addition, he stayed the following day and served as percussion adjudicator for the Skyhawk Marching Band Invitational which included 30 bands and nearly 5,000 spectators. Jamaica Me Happy Steel Band under Hill's direction, performed as entertainment.

'Friends' book sale under way

The Friends of the Paul Meek Library plans a book sale 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Sept. 29-Oct. 2; 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Oct. 3; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 4, in the library atrium.

Anyone who has books, audiobooks, DVDs, or videos they would like to donate for the sale, may take them to the library's loading dock during library hours.

For more information, contact the library circulation desk at ext. 7092.

Use resources of university relations

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: UT Martin video and 30-second TV commercial. For details call the Office of University Relations, ext. 7615.

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Cardinal, architect, is next academic speaker

Internationally known Canadian architect, Douglas Cardinal, will speak at 4 p.m., Oct. 9, in Watkins Auditorium. Honors Programs is co-sponsoring the event with the Center for Global Studies and the Canadian Consulate General in Atlanta as part of their "Great North in the Deep South" Speaker Series, as well as UT Martin Academic Speaker Series. His lecture title is "Discovery Park of America: Reflections of an Architect's Life and Vision."



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"Douglas Cardinal is one of the outstanding architects of the contemporary period," said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director. "He has a long list of amazing buildings to his credit. The people of West Tennessee are fortunate to have such an accomplished architect leading the design of the Discovery Park of America (planned in Union City)."

The son of a game warden of Blackfoot heritage, Cardinal was born in Alberta. He studied architecture at the University of British Columbia and received his bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Texas. He located his architectural practice in Edmonton and practiced from 1967-1985, before moving to Ottawa, where he is currently based.

Cardinal has established an international reputation for excellence in natural design and is "credited with having created an indigenous Canadian style of architecture with his curvilinear, organic buildings." Among his most prominent designs are St. Mary's Church in Red Deer, Alberta (which first established his reputation), the Edmonton Space and Science Center, the Government Services Center in Ponoka, Alberta, and the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec. Among his designs in the United States, he worked on the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and is currently the principal architect for the Discovery Park in Union City, a \$100 million project under the leadership of the Robert E. and Jenny D. Kirkland Foundation.

Cardinal is a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and a member of the Royal Society of Canada. He was presented with the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts and with Canada's most coveted honor, the Order of Canada. He is the recipient of a large number of honorary degrees and doctorates in both Canada and the United States. In addition to Canada, his work has been exhibited in France, Belgium, Poland and the United States, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Besides receiving accolades for his major contributions to architecture, Cardinal has also earned praise for his lifelong advocacy of the rights of native peoples in Canada.

Reagan Leaves are awarded

Two professors have been awarded Reagan Leaves for the 2008-09 year. Dr. Eric Pelren, professor of wildlife biology, and Dr. James Fieser, professor of philosophy, will take their leaves during the spring semester. The Hal and Alma Reagan Faculty Leave Program is designed to enable participants to become more effective teachers and scholars by engaging in a variety of academic/renewal experiences.

Pelren will travel to several wildlife facilities in Tennessee to study the diversity and richness of biota in the state, visiting with the managers of these facilities and photographing the habitats of those sites. He will also write several nature-related essays toward completion of a book for publication. He intends to use the CD from his observations of the areas and interviews with the wildlife managers in his Wildlife Biology 350 and 450 classes the following academic year. Pelren noted that his interest in writing the nature-related essays started with his involvement in UT Martin's Voice Lessons workshop in 2002.

"Wildlife biology curricula are primarily science based," he said. "Opportunities for personal reflection and philosophy are limited, and students seem to find value in the opportunity to explore their own wildlife- and nature-related values and philosophies." He added, "Students are a secondary motivation for me completing my essays because I believe that the work involved in writing these essays is formative to my own evolving values and philosophies with regard to wildlife and nature. I expect

this process to improve me as a teacher."

Fieser will work during his leave time to complete a philosophy book about the "great issues in philosophy" with chapters covering the topics metaphysics, aesthetics, critical thinking, philosophy of science and non-western philosophies. Some of his time will be spent at Vanderbilt University's library.

Fieser said that completing the project will provide him new perspectives and increase his understanding of the "most recent philosophical discussions" surrounding multiculturalism. The completed manuscript will be available to his students free of charge, through a Web page dedicated to the course. "The Reagan Leave will provide time for me to regenerate my acquaintance with and appreciation of many topics in contemporary philosophy that I may have formed perspectives on some time ago," said Fieser.



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UT President John Petersen and Chancellor Tom Rakes unveil a plaque bearing the names of past Love Community Service Award recipients. Love Award recipients were honored during a ceremony, Sept. 22, in the Boling University Center during the UT president's stop at Martin as part of his annual UT System campus tour. Since the program was established by the Tennessee General Assembly in 1991, 24 UT Martin students, faculty and staff have received the award – more than any other college or university in Tennessee. The plaque will hang on the "kudos wall" just across from the bookstore.

AAUW will meet on Oct. 9 at library

The American Association of University Women will meet at 6 p.m., Oct. 9, at C.E. Weldon Public Library, downtown. This is a planning meeting for the state AAUW state conference. Students are invited and eat for free. RSVP to Sue Byrd, sbyrd@utm.edu or Dr. Cherry Watts, cwatts@utm.edu.

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University Service, given in recognition of outstanding service to UT Martin.

J. Houston Gordon Jr., a Covington attorney, graduated from UT Martin with honors in 1968. Houston and Debbie Gordon have supported UT Martin through the UT Martin Gordon Family Scholarship Endowment, the Paul Meek Library and the American Democracy Project with gifts and pledges and are members of the UT Charles Dabney Society. Debbie currently serves on the UT National Alumni Association Women's Council and on the Alliance of Women Philanthropists board. Houston has served on the Dean's Alumni Advisory Council, UT College of Law; UT National Alumni Association Board of Governors; the UT Board of Trustees, the UT Martin Development Committee and the UT Development Council.

Four generations of the Gordon family are alumni of UT Martin: Ava Darnall Gordon, his grandmother; H.D. Gordon, his father; Houston and his siblings, Chester, Sarah and David; and Chip and John Gordon, his nephews. Jane Gordon, his niece, is a current student.

"The University of Tennessee at Martin believes the naming of University Museum, which is housed in the Special Collections area featuring Gov. Ned R. McWherter's office and the papers of Congressman Ed Jones, is an appropriate recognition of Gordon's distinguished service advancing the educational opportunities in perpetuity for Tennesseans," said Chancellor Rakes.

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Wednesday, Oct. 1

- Noon - Women In Chemistry Exhibit, Room 118, Paul Meek Library
- 4 p.m. - Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
- 7 p.m. - Campus Ministries, Boling University Center

Thursday, Oct. 2

- 10 a.m. - Two book signings, John Peters; noon, Richard Saunders; Paul Meek Library
- 4 p.m. - Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
- 6:30 p.m. - Public Relations Student Society of America's "Womanless Beauty Revue," Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
- 9:09 p.m. - SAC 909 Comedy Series, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center

Friday, Oct. 3

- 9 a.m. - Golf Tournament, Sharon
- 3 p.m. - Rope Pull Treats, Pacer Pond
- 3:15 p.m. - Rope Pull Championship, Pacer Pond
- 3:30 p.m. - Student Recreational Complex Groundbreaking, Pacer Pond
- 4:45 p.m. - Museum Naming, Paul Meek Library

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STEM education in Tennessee. Patty Flowers, senior research associate in the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts, is the UT Martin representative and secretary to the council. Flowers also delivered a presentation, "How Can I Know They Understand? A Look at Assessment," for two conference sessions.

'Throne of Blood' is first in English film series

On Sept. 29, the Department of English will show the first movie in a four-film series. Taking advantage of a presidential election year, the series centers on the theme of "power and political intrigue in literature."

"Throne of Blood" will be shown at 7 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium. The feature is a Japanese drama by famed filmmaker Akira Kurosawa and offers an Asian twist on Shakespeare's "Macbeth." The film, set in 1957, will be shown in black and white, to add to the dramatic effect of the political duplicity that took place during Japan's feudal warrior period. Anna Clark, instructor of English, will introduce the movie.

For more information, contact Heidi Huse, assistant professor of English, at hhuse@utm.edu or ext. 7280. This event is free and open to the public.

- 6 p.m. - Alumni Dinner and Awards Program, Duncan Ballroom, Boling University Center Ballroom
- 8:30 p.m. - Pyramid and Pep Rally, Elam Center

Saturday, Oct. 4

- 7:30 a.m. - Letterwinner's Breakfast, Student Life Center, Alumni Gym
- 9:30 a.m. - Chancellor's Brunch, Alumni Center, Chancellor's Suite
- 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Quad City
- 11 a.m. - Football Team's Hawk Walk, Quad near Paul Meek Library
- 2 p.m. - Skyhawks vs. Tennessee State University, Hardy M. Graham Stadium
- 5:30 p.m. - 40th Anniversary Reception, Department of Psychology, Alumni Center, Chancellor's Suite
- 7:30 p.m. - NPHC Greek Step Show, Elam Center

Sunday, Oct. 5

- 10 a.m. - "Walk in the Quad"
- 10:30 a.m. - Homecoming Brunch, Skyhawk Dining Room, Boling University Center

CALENDAR

Sept. 29-Oct. 5

- Homecoming 2008 "Come Together" (Sept. 29-Oct. 5-See schedule on page 1)

Monday, Sept. 29

- 4 p.m. - Grief Support Group meeting, Room 213, Boling University Building

Thursday, Oct. 2

- 7:30 p.m. - Octubafest Low Brass Studio Recital, Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre, Fine Arts Building

- 9 p.m. - SGA Freshman Council meeting, room 111, university center

Saturday, Oct. 4

- 8 a.m. - Equestrian meet, McWherter Agricultural Complex (Oct. 4-5)

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Office of Research, Grants and Contracts plans sessions soon

On Oct. 14 (fall break), faculty will have two opportunities to jumpstart a research agenda. Faculty may choose one or both of the following sessions.

- Successful Proposal Development Workshop, learn basics of grant writing and draft an outline for proposal ideas, 9-noon, Room 230, Boling University Center;

- Matching Your Ideas to Funding Agencies, one-hour blocks of time for faculty and colleagues to meet with the Office of Research Grants and Contracts staff by appointment only. Individuals or a group of colleagues may bring a research/program idea and learn how to search the Grants Resource Center database, discuss different approaches to program guidelines, 1-4 p.m., Office of Research, Grants and Contracts, Room 100, Administration Building. Call ext. 7015 to schedule an appointment.

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