Ned McWherter receives the first honorary doctorate degree awarded by UT Martin.
While driving to a UT National Alumni Chapter meeting in Somerville this fall, I was reviewing in my mind the comments that I planned to make to the group. My dilemma was whether to talk about the good things that I know are going on at UT Martin, (our ranking in Princeton Review’s “The Best Southeastern Colleges,” our new initiative in student leadership, the individual achievements of our faculty and students, the successful academic achievements of our athletes and other good points) or to delve into the impending financial crisis of all of Tennessee’s public higher education institutions.

During that drive, it occurred to me that what is happening to our universities is analogous to a struggling grocery store. We all know that a thriving grocery store typically has shelves fully stocked with numerous items produced by many different companies. Likewise, a university’s curriculum is composed of many courses taught by a variety of professors. When a grocery store is forced to reduce its stock, customer needs are not met; and the customer must either choose to go to another store, or that particular item vanishes from the family’s table. Similarly, when budget restraints force the reduction of faculty, courses are either eliminated or not offered as often as students need them in order to graduate.

Good customers soon stop doing business with the grocery store if it does not meet their needs. The same will happen to a university if the students cannot meet their educational needs. If Tennessee’s universities are to be sought after by Tennessee students, then the campuses must be able to meet the educational goals of the students.

The state budget for the past two years and the projected 5 percent reduction of the 2004-05 budget represents a reduction of $4.2 million of state support from the UT Martin budget. Continuing the analogy with the grocery store, that is a lot of meat and potatoes. We cut away all of the “perceived fat” several years ago. Last year, we cut away meat, and if the proposed reduction of next year’s budget becomes reality, we will hit bone.

While I tend to be more of an optimist than a pessimist, it is important that our alumni and friends understand that the funding crisis is real. Yes, part of the reduced state support has been offset by tuition increases of 15 percent, 7.5 percent and 9 percent the past three years. These levels of increases will soon, if not already, impact the issue of accessibility of higher education by our fellow citizens.

So, what did I decide to talk about at the Fayette County alumni meeting? I talked about the good things going on at UT Martin. The optimist in me is still winning the internal struggle. We all like to shop at well-stocked, clean and up-to-date grocery stores where we can find what we need for our families. In fact, we would drive to another town or even out-of-state if we could not find what we needed. Hopefully, Tennesseans will take the strength and well-being of their public university systems as seriously as their grocery stores.

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Former Tennessee Gov. Ned Ray McWherter received many honors during his long career as a public official. Last June, the UT Board of Trustees recognized the state’s 46th chief executive in a unique way as McWherter received the first Doctorate of Leadership awarded by UT Martin.

The awarding of the honorary degree was approved June 19 during the board’s annual meeting in Memphis at the Peabody Hotel. McWherter formally received the degree Dec. 14 during UT Martin’s fall commencement.

The degree is the first honorary degree of any kind awarded by UT Martin and is one of only six granted by the University of Tennessee. McWherter, a native of Weakley County, said the honor is something he will always cherish.

“I thank the UT Board of Trustees for this wonderful honor, made even more special in that the degree comes from the university located in my home county,” McWherter said before the June board meeting. “I frequently refer to UT Martin as ‘my university,’ and after today, that is especially true.”
“I continue to believe that education is the key to Tennessee’s future. We all must remain advocates for assuring that future generations of Tennesseans will have access to high-quality educational opportunities.”

Besides the university’s location in Weakley County, the former governor has other ties to the Martin campus. He donated the funds to build a replica of the Governor’s Office, located in the university’s Paul Meek Library. The library now houses McWherter’s Speaker of the House papers.

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Family connections also are strong with the university. His daughter, Dr. Linda Ramsey, is a longtime UT Martin professor of health and human performance, and his grandson, Matt Ramsey, is in his second year as a university student.

“Gov. McWherter continues to be an exceptional leader for Tennessee,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. “We can never adequately repay the governor for his contributions to our state, but we recognize his achievements through the awarding of this honorary degree.”

McWherter was born in Palmersville, attended Weakley County public schools and graduated from Dresden High School in 1948. He was a successful businessman in Dresden before being elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1968, where he served for nine consecutive terms.

He was elected Speaker of the House in 1973, serving seven terms in that position. In 1986, he was elected to the first of two four-year terms as governor. Among McWherter’s contributions to Tennessee education is his work to establish the 21st Century Schools program. The program changed Tennessee’s basic education formula and provided greater opportunity for all Tennessee children.

McWherter created a charitable remainder trust to UT Martin in memory of his mother, Lucille McWherter. The Lucille McWherter Scholarship Foundation benefits students attending the UT Martin campus. He also established a statewide Ned McWherter Scholars Program, a highly competitive, merit-based grant for students attending Tennessee post-secondary institutions.
Charlie Neese (’92) remembers the storm well, because it was Hurricane Frederick that began his lifelong fascination with the weather. Twenty-four years after the storm, the 33-year-old television meteorologist has reached a career goal as a member of the weather team at News Channel 5, Nashville’s CBS affiliate.

Neese was living in his native Williamson County when the remnants of Hurricane Frederick moved across Middle Tennessee. His family lived on a hill above a hollow where a couple of creeks merged. His dad awakened him in the middle of the night to go look at the creeks following the heavy rains. Arriving at the bottom of the hill, he still remembers what he saw. “Just seeing all that water where it wasn’t supposed to be, something clicked in me that night when I was nine years old,” Neese said. “And ever since then, I’ve been just fascinated by the weather.”

His interest in weather followed him to UT Martin, where he majored in communications and set an early goal of some day forecasting weather on a Nashville television station. He gained early production and on-air television experience at WLJT-TV, the public television station with studios and offices located on the campus. On several occasions, his work with the PBS station allowed him to “chase storms” and submit storm-damage video to ABC affiliate WBBJ-TV in Jackson, Tenn.

Neese sought every opportunity to pursue his dream, and between his junior and senior years, he began a quest to convince the WBBJ news director to create a weekend weather slot. His persistence paid off, and several months later, Neese landed the weekend weather job, which he held throughout his senior year. He continued working at WBBJ for another 18 months after graduation, while also pursuing his broadcast meteorology certification from Mississippi State University, which he completed in 1995.

A series of moves followed that ultimately led him to Nashville. In 1994, he went to WCFT-TV, the CBS affiliate in Tuscaloosa, Ala., to handle weekend weather and weekday reporting duties. A major break came when he accepted a weather position in June 1995 at CBS affiliate KFVS-TV in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

At KFVS, Neese did weekend weathercasts until a weekday position was created for him...
to report weather during the noon and 5 p.m. news. Things went so well that the station created the first of two “franchises” called “Charlie’s Backyard Barbecue.”

Viewers would send in their names and addresses on postcards for weekly drawings. When a name was drawn, the station would go to the winner's house with food for 12 people, and Neese would broadcast the weather live from the winner’s backyard.

In the winter, the promotion became “Tell Charlie Where to Go,” which Neese said was a humorous play on the question, “Have you ever wanted to tell the weatherman where to go?” Winning drawings sent Neese to event-based gatherings such as church activities and birthday parties. He says his time at Cape Girardeau will always be special.

“I’d still be in Cape probably if it weren’t for coming home to Nashville,” Neese said. “I’ve had a great, great time in Nashville, but ... I was kind of living the life there in Cape.”

Getting back to Nashville was still his dream, and he had laid the foundation for that move while still at UT Martin. “When I was at Martin, I called up the television stations here in Nashville and said ‘I’m studying broadcasting and I want to be a TV meteorologist in Nashville,’” he recalled. “Can I come and see your station and see how the big boys do weather?’”

His efforts resulted in meeting the meteorologists at all three network affiliates. He developed the best relationship with Ron Howes, the veteran chief meteorologist at News Channel 5. He stayed in touch with Howes for almost eight years, sent audition tapes, and received critiques from Howes on his work. Neese’s persistence led to a turning point in his career.

“I was getting ready to sign a long-term contract with KFVS. They wanted to sign me for five years,” Neese said. “The day before I was set to go into big negotiations for this contract, I called Ron Howes, and I said, ‘Ron, I’m getting ready to sign a long-term deal. You know that my goal’s always been Nashville. ... Do you see anything happening in the future that would allow me to come in?’”

Howes said changes were coming at the station, so he asked for another tape and encouraged Neese not to sign the contract. Events fell into place, and in a couple of months, he was offered the job. “I can’t tell you how it felt to know that I was going to be back home in Nashville doing what I love,” Neese said. He readily admits that many factors came together for him to join the exclusive group of television meteorologists in the competitive Nashville market.

Although Neese, Lelan Statom and Ron Howes make weather forecasting look easy and fun, it’s not always smooth sailing. Neese says the toughest part of the job is missing a forecast. “When you’re wrong, everybody knows it,” he said. Sometimes those forecasts deal with serious situations, and he knows how much people depend on the station’s forecasts.

This storm is one example when forecasting probably saved lives. But as sophisticated as weather forecasting has become, Neese said that further improvements are coming in atmospheric modeling and in Nexrad radar’s ability to detect dangerous storms.

“The goal is toward eventually 100 percent accuracy in forecasting. Now I might not see that in my lifetime, but that’s the goal, and so every year there’s a little more learned,” he said. “And every year, they [the forecasts] get a little more accurate.”

Besides improving technology, Neese says working with chief meteorologist Ron Howes “helps me be a better forecaster.” Howes says that Neese and the entire News Channel 5 weather team work hard to provide viewers the weather information they expect.

“Charlie gets very high marks from me and our viewers for knowing his stuff,” said Howes. “He has obviously thought out his forecast carefully before he gets on the air.”

Neese’s primary assignment is covering both the morning and evening weekend weathercasts. He and his wife, Eve, have a four-year-old son named Gentry and are expecting the birth of a daughter in January 2004. Gentry prefers watching cartoons rather than his dad on Saturday mornings, but that’s not to say that Gentry isn’t paying attention to the weather.

Neese remembers talking one weekend with Eve and Gentry about possible rain in the forecast, which he reported during a subsequent weathercast. As things turned out, rain did fall, prompting Gentry to later say, “Dad, good job, you got the forecast right.”

Gentry joins many others who depend on his dad for accurate weather forecasts. For Charlie Neese, the forecast is always sunny as he indulges his passion for the weather as a high-profile television meteorologist.
Rudolphi Heads Shuttle Propulsion Project

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Michael Rudolphi’s NASA career continues to reach new heights. The UT Martin alumnus, who maintains strong ties with the university’s Department of Engineering, has been named manager of the Space Shuttle Propulsion Office at NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. His appointment was effective Dec. 1, 2003.

Rudolphi served as the interim director at NASA’s Stennis Space Center, Miss., since July 2003, managing NASA’s rocket propulsion test capabilities and earth science applications.

The Clay County, Ill., native attended UT Martin on a basketball scholarship. He went on to earn a civil engineering degree in 1971 and a master’s degree in civil and structural engineering in 1975 from the University of Tennessee. He is a registered professional engineer in Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

“Overseeing the space shuttle’s propulsion system is a critical and challenging responsibility, and ‘Rudi’ has the experience and leadership skills to be very successful at it. ...” said William Parsons, NASA’s Space Shuttle Program manager.

“I am delighted to welcome ‘Rudi’ back to the Marshall Center,” said David King, Marshall Space Flight Center director. “He is an outstanding manager whose contribution will be invaluable as we work to safely return the space shuttle to flight.”

When he learned of Rudolphi’s new appointment, Dr. Rich Helgeson, interim chair for UT Martin’s department of engineering, said Rudolphi’s association with the university’s engineering program continues to benefit students.

“Mike Rudolphi’s success comes as no surprise to those of us at UT Martin,” Helgeson said. “He continues to be a valuable member of our engineering advisory board, providing guidance and input on the continued improvement of our engineering program.”

Rudolphi was president of the UT Martin Engineering Industrial Advisory Board in 1994-95. He also served on the 1994 Engineering/Engineering Technology Study Team that made the recommendation to begin the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Program.

“His [Rudolphi’s] support and input were instrumental to the engineering program becoming accredited by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology in 1999,” Helgeson added.

One of 10 children, Rudolphi grew up on a 450-acre farm in northeast Clay County, Ill., where there were no paved roads until he was in junior high school and where hard work was a necessity of life.
A stellar high-school basketball career helped teach Rudolphi that practice prepares for success. Even today, he tells youngsters, “You have to be ready when the coach looks down the bench, because you never know if you’ll be the one he wants. Practice and be ready.”

Rudolphi was pointed due north to Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, intent on becoming a high-school math teacher. That’s when UT Martin called, and Rudolphi redirected southward to accept a basketball scholarship. He thought he wanted to be a mechanical engineer but wasn’t sure until he got a job with the school grounds and engineering department. Will K. Dickerson, director of the UT Martin Physical Plant, and Bob Smith, an engineer, encouraged him to pursue an engineering career. At that time, Smith was preparing a campus master plan for Martin, and he had to rely on student assistance to complete the project. As a student Rudolphi worked for Smith and stood out because of his work ethic and intelligence.

“During those times, he was one of the most productive students that I ever had, because he had to be told only once and he knew what to do, and he helped me.

“He was a smart fellow to begin with,” Smith says, “and he worked very, very hard at being a basketball player, at being a student, at being a student employee.”

Rudolphi began his career with NASA at the Marshall Center in 1988 as facility manager for the Advanced Solid Rocket Motor Project in Iuka, Miss. In 1995 he took a special assignment in the Marshall Space Flight Center Resident Office at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center, Fla.

He returned to Marshall Space Flight Center in 1996 as chief engineer of the Solid Rocket Booster Project. He later served as Solid Rocket Booster Project manager and as manager of the Reusable Solid Rocket Motor Project prior to becoming deputy director at Stennis Space Center.

UT Martin Joins Nationwide Civic Initiative

UT Martin students are about to show more of their civic side. The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), of which UT Martin is a member, along with The New York Times and the Carnegie Foundation, are sponsoring the American Democracy Project. UT Martin joins Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Memphis as one of only three institutions in the state participating and the only UT campus involved.

The project aims to increase the number of undergraduate students who understand and are committed to engaging in meaningful civic actions.

“As a coordinating group, AASCU has assembled a group of experts and opportunities for some 146 individual institutions to review the effort and discuss possible involvement,” said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Several study groups will be formed to review materials such as Educating Citizens: Preparing America’s Undergraduates for Lives of Moral and Civic Responsibility written by Anne Colby, Thomas Ehrlich, Elizabeth Beaumont and Jason Stephens. The groups, including students, faculty and other interested campus representatives, will study the concept to determine to what extent UT Martin will become involved.

“As a global goal, I would expect our involvement to consolidate many existing opportunities and expand experiences for students that will develop civic engagement and understanding of how democracy works,” said Rakes.

Direction and support will come from a national group of university presidents and chancellors, including Chancellor Nick Dunagan. Operational guidance is provided from a group of chief academic officers that includes UT Martin’s Tom Rakes.

Craig Lamb, an ESPN producer, describes his decision to complete his college degree online as an epiphany. He was listening to the car radio and heard a commercial about New College, an online university study program at the University of Tennessee at Martin. It was 2001 and New College was recruiting students.

Lamb, who lacked two semesters to graduate from Middle Tennessee State University, left college early with an opportunity to begin a career. And, while he had been successful for the past 18 years, as soon as he heard the radio ad, he knew what he had to do. “I went right to my high school, got my transcript and registered. A traditional program wasn’t going to work,” said Lamb. “It was a blessing.”

Two years later, Lamb was among UT Martin students who accepted diplomas at the December commencement and enjoyed meeting the faculty and staff who were so supportive.

Even though other online programs were available, there was never a question about which program Craig would choose.

The ad reminded him of a conversation he had had a few weeks earlier while seated on a plane next to Eddie George, Tennessee Titans running back. George’s college career was interrupted when he was drafted by the NFL. “He was going back to college to get a degree,” said Lamb. “I had always regretted I did not close that chapter of my life.”

Even though other online programs were available, there was never a question about which program he would choose. “I have a great affinity for the University of Tennessee System.”

When Lamb enrolled in New College, his plan was to create a degree program focusing on organization and management skills. He was ready to move from the production side of television as director of outdoor programming for The Nashville Network to an administrative role. About the same time,
TNN was acquired by Viacom. That acquisition and the events of Sept. 11 resulted in an aftershock in the broadcast industry that led to a massive layoff. “I lost my job. I went from being an aspiring senior manager for a top 10 cable TV network to a self-employed television producer.” He now primarily works for ESPN and its subsidiaries, among them a publishing company.

“It’s been an interesting ride since fall 2001, but I must say New College has been my saving grace. I am now applying everything that I learned as I move forward to building my business as a budding entrepreneur.”

While a student of New College, Lamb limited himself to six hours of courses a semester. He devoted an additional 10-15 hours to studying “outside” the classroom. Travel is very much a part of Lamb’s job. As a result, he has done homework on his laptop at 30,000 feet and taken exams online using facilities at colleges and universities while on site for ESPN. Lamb is capping his final semester with two management courses and is proud of a 3.88 grade point average. “It takes discipline,” he said. “There is no excuse if you don’t get your work done. I’ve really enjoyed it, but I sure was ready to graduate.”

Lamb had strong praise for Dr. Tom Cates, program director, and Beth Edwards, senior administrative services assistant. (See photo at right.)

It was 2000 when the University of Tennessee System offered UT Martin $1.18 million for infrastructure to develop 10 online courses a year for three years. The Bachelor of University Studies, an individualized degree program and online registration, both available at UT Martin, provided the flexibility to make New College work. The program was located on the UT Martin campus in mid-2001, when Cates became coordinator of online university studies. New College, which began with 59 students and 10 courses, now has 287 students and 45 courses that mirror the traditional curriculum.

All students pursuing online degrees must complete 38 hours of general education requirements and 42-54 hours in an individualized area of study. Thirty-six of those hours must be upper-division courses. “Each student designs his or her own major with guidance from a faculty adviser,” Cates said.

Cates explained that many students enter the online program with college credits. “Those credits can be transferred to this program.” Students also can earn up to 30 hours at the undergraduate level through experiential learning options based on analyzing their educational experiences outside the classroom and finding parallels with UT Martin’s curriculum.

Classes are conducted during traditional fall, spring and summer sessions. Students move through a structured pace with weekly assignments and group and individual projects. Courses are based on textbooks and teachers’ notes, and New College uses software that transfers lectures to PowerPoint presentations students can view.

“From a faculty standpoint, it’s quite a challenge to move from a live classroom to one online. We set up a high-quality technology center to help faculty develop online courses,” said Cates.

“We have created a virtual university. Everything from admissions, financial aid and fee payment to the library and bookstore are online. The ultimate mission is be a one-stop shop for adult learners to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees, professional certifications and recertifications, continuing education and GEDs,” said Cates. “We will eventually offer all these programs.

“We’ve had sustained growth all the way,” said Cates. “We specifically designed it to be attractive to new or returning students. Some of the students already have successful careers. They want to complete a degree for personal achievement.” He added, “New College offers quality, flexibility and affordability. We have exceeded every goal set since its inception.”
Fall ’03 Enrollment Increases

UT Martin’s enrollment numbers are headed up. Fall 2003 enrollment for undergraduate and graduate students was 5,781, representing a 1.1 percent increase compared to the fall 2002 enrollment of 5,719 students.

Other positive numbers from the fall enrollment include:
- a higher ACT average for entering first-year students (21.8 vs. 21.3 for fall ’02), an average that exceeds both national and Tennessee ACT averages;
- a higher freshman-retention rate (70.5 percent vs. 66.5 percent for fall ’02);
- a reduction in the number of conditional admission students (97 vs. 154 for fall ’02); and
- significant increases in program majors such as nursing and teacher education.

Entering first-year students numbered 952 compared to 1,072 for fall 2002, which follows the introduction of higher admissions standards that went into effect for fall 2003, said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor.

“I could not be more pleased with the increase in the average ACT score for this freshman class and the increased retention rate of last year’s freshman class,” Dunagan said. “The freshman class enrollment is in line with the increase in admission standards. We want students to succeed academically, and each member of this class has the opportunity to have a positive experience at UT Martin.”

The university’s FTE, or full-time equivalency, which divides the total number of undergraduate credit hours by 15 and graduate hours by 12, is 5,272. This number is down from 5,317 in fall 2002. FTE is the number on which funding is based for Tennessee public colleges and universities. Dunagan expects students recruited through higher admission standards, coupled with improved retention, to send this number higher.

“Retention is critical for student success and the university’s academic and financial well-being,” Dunagan said. “UT Martin is headed in the right direction.”

New Education Dean

The UT Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences has a new dean. Dr. Mary Lee Hall, former assistant dean for the University of Memphis College of Education, assumed the UT Martin dean’s position in September.

Originally from McKenzie, Tenn., Hall taught at the elementary and high school levels and once owned and operated her own day-care center. She is currently president-elect of the Tennessee Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and is chair of the Alternative Licensure Online Degree Program Committee for the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin vice chancellor for academic affairs, said that Hall is respected throughout the state, including within the Tennessee State Department of Education.

“Dr. Hall is a great fit for our campus, and she has demonstrated the commitment and educational expertise to provide strong leadership as dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences,” he said.

Rakes commended the leadership of Dr. Frank Black, professor of education, who served as the college’s interim dean during the national search to fill the position. Black returned to full-time teaching following his interim appointment.

Campus Receives Recognitions

UT Martin has received recognitions in two publications.

The university was among six southeastern U.S. colleges and universities and 49 in the nation recognized in a campus beauty category in Kaplan Publishing’s The Unofficial, Unbiased Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges, 2004 Edition, by Trent Anderson and Seppy Basili.

UT Martin was recognized in the category, “schools with the most beautiful campus in a suburban or rural setting.” Other southeastern universities recognized in the category were Duke University, Auburn University, the University of Mississippi, Appalachian State University and Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

The university received additional recognition by The Princeton Review as UT Martin was profiled in The Best Southeastern Colleges: 100 Great Schools to Consider. The book features student survey-driven profiles of each school chosen by The Princeton Review. Student quotes in the profile include: “The small classes make interacting with teachers a plus,” and “The professors here are outstanding and willing to put in extra effort to help the students.”
Joe Johnson, Eli Fly to Lead

Dr. Joe Johnson has stepped out of retirement to once again lead the university he loves. Johnson, who served as UT’s 19th president from 1990-1999, was elected Aug. 21 by the UT Board of Trustees to serve as interim UT president. He succeeded Dr. John W. Shumaker who resigned as president Aug. 8.

“UT has been a strong force in the state of Tennessee for more than 200 years,” Johnson said, following his nomination for the post by the board’s executive committee. “It has excellent students, faculty and staff; generous donors; great alumni; and many other wonderful supporters throughout the Volunteer State. I look forward to continuing to help make a great university even better.”

Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, and Dr. Susan Vickerstaff, UT Martin faculty senate president, attended the board meeting in Nashville where Johnson was elected to the post.

“Dr. Joe is the perfect selection for interim president,” Dunagan said. “He has the integrity, knowledge about UT and the confidence of all major UT stakeholders. . . .”

An Alabama native, Johnson earned master’s and doctoral degrees at UT. He first served UT administratively as executive assistant to UT President Andy Holt.

In his 40-year career, Johnson has held almost every top UT administrative position, including vice president for development, chancellor of the Health Science Center in Memphis and executive vice president. Under his presidency, UT’s 21st Century Campaign raised more than $430 million.

Soon after accepting the interim president’s position, Johnson named another veteran UT administrator to fill an interim post. Emerson H. “Eli” Fly accepted an appointment as interim executive vice president and chief financial officer. The appointment is for the period Johnson serves as interim president.

Fly, whose career at UT spanned more than 40 years and included a year as president, currently is president of the UT Foundation. “I am indeed grateful to Eli for accepting this appointment,” Johnson said. “He brings a great deal of experience and talent to this position.”

“Eli will be the number two officer of UT and will have oversight of our fiscal procedures and controls. He will work closely with the leadership of the University of Tennessee as we seek to bring stability to the university. . . .”

Fly is a Milan, Tenn., native who attended UT Martin Branch in the late 1950s. He served as interim president from June 2001 to June 2002 and was later recognized by the UT Board of Trustees as a permanent president. He came to UT in 1961 as an internal auditor.

He also served as vice chancellor for business and finance at UT-Chattanooga, vice president of business and finance and executive vice president.

Margaret Perry Named Search Committee Executive Director

Dr. Margaret Perry, UT Martin chancellor-emeritus, is the executive director of the University of Tennessee presidential search. The UT Board of Trustees, acting on a recommendation from its presidential search committee, approved Perry’s appointment at its meeting in October. She is directing the search process and works with the committee, the search advisory council and the full board. She chaired the university’s presidential search advisory committee in 1998-99.

Perry earned a bachelor’s degree from UT Martin and master’s and doctoral degrees in nutrition and food science from UT-Knoxville. Before being named UT Martin chancellor in 1986, she served as dean of graduate studies at UT and associate vice president of academic affairs at Tennessee Technological University. After serving as UT Martin chancellor for more than 11 years, she retired in 1998.

Nominations, comments and questions about the search can be sent to Perry at presidentialsearch@tennessee.edu or by mail to: UT Presidential Search, 226 Capitol Blvd. Bldg., Suite 202, Nashville, TN 37219.

(Source: Presidential Search Web site)
The university will offer a comprehensive, interdisciplinary Nutrition Awareness Program (NAP) designed to educate food-stamp recipients and other targeted groups who routinely interact with them. The program will provide nutrition education, which will assist food-stamp recipients in making healthy food and lifestyle choices while staying within limited budgets.

“This opportunity builds on the strengths of UT Martin faculty who have expertise in nutrition and social science topics,” said Crapo, who will serve as project manager. “The program will provide a series of workshops that incorporate specific learning objectives from nursing, family and consumer sciences and social work.”

Crapo said that the workshops, set to begin in January 2004, will use both on-site and distance-learning media, allowing learners to achieve multiple educational goals. Students who complete all workshops and workshop activities will be eligible for six hours of undergraduate credit and can earn the Community Nutrition Specialist Certificate. Individual workshops can be completed for continuing education credit.

UT Martin will help introduce high school students to a myriad of agricultural careers at the first session of the Tennessee Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences.

For four weeks in late June and early July, 32 high school students from across the state will arrive on the UT Martin campus and be involved in innovative research, living laboratories and study opportunities. The students will expand their knowledge of food, genetics, agriculture, engineering and the sustainable use of renewable natural resources; be exposed to scientific and land stewardship concepts; and sharpen communication, problem-solving and leadership skills.

Making good on a campaign promise made last year, Gov. Phil Bredesen lent his support to the establishment of a Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences.

“Agriculture is very important to our state, and today's competitive environment requires highly trained, educated young men and women to fill the professional ranks of 21st century agriculture,” said Bredesen. “I'm proud to support the Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences and to help bring opportunity to many students looking to make a career in this industry.”

Funding for the program is being shared by the Tennessee Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture, which committed up to $50,000 from the sale of agricultural license plates, otherwise known as the “Ag Tag.”

“Governor Bredesen's concept of creating a new Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences is right on point, and obviously we are very pleased that the first class will be at UT Martin,” said UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan. “Our facilities and our faculty are ready for the important mission of providing an outstanding academic experience for tomorrow's leaders in agriculture.”

Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources at UT Martin and Governor's School Director, said, “We are trying to impress upon these students that there are a lot of career opportunities in agricultural and natural resources.”

Gresham pointed to partnerships with local agriculture-related industries as a unique component of the program that will provide the living labs and practical application of the knowledge gained in the classroom.
UT Martin will become part of a statewide initiative to prepare for bioterrorism, thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The grant is part of a national program to prepare the nation’s health system in case of a bioterrorist attack or other public health emergency.

The department awarded $26.6 million to the new program that will provide bioterrorism training nationwide. Of the total funding, UT Martin and several other state universities and organizations received $1,365,747 for the first year of a two-year project designed to build upon existing educational programs. UT Martin will receive approximately $295,000 annually for each of the project’s two years.

Besides UT Martin, the collaborative partners are: the UT Health Science Center in Memphis; the UT Graduate School of Medicine and College of Veterinary Medicine in Knoxville; the Tennessee Department of Health; and the Center for Homeland Security and Counterproliferation, a joint initiative of the University of Tennessee, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and UT-Chattanooga.

UT Martin will conduct EMS first-responder training and implement monthly three-day bioterrorism-preparedness training workshops with evaluation assistance.

“This grant is a perfect fit with UT Martin’s Institute of Professional Development,” said Debbie Mount, UT Martin grant project director. “Over the past eight years, we’ve trained more than 2,000 professionals in a multitude of areas and topics, including homeland security, law enforcement and fire fighting. We have the experience, expertise and reputation of providing outstanding training and superior service, both regionally and statewide.”


“This is a wonderful opportunity for UT Martin to play a vital role in educating Tennessee’s health care professionals,” said Chancellor Nick Dunagan. “I appreciate the outstanding efforts of our staff, the UT Health Science Center, our other partners throughout the state and our elected officials in creating such a tremendous collaborative to address this national priority.”

UT Martin Awarded Bioterrorism Grant

Governor’s School, cont.

“We are going to be able to showcase all agricultural schools in Tennessee to the top students in the state. We are trying to change the perception that agriculture is solely about production agriculture. There are many allied fields of study,” said Gresham. He added that a portion of the program will be devoted to visiting the other campuses in the University of Tennessee and Board of Regents systems.

“The Governor’s School for Agricultural Sciences will give students a real-world context in which to apply the skills they learn in the classroom,” said Education Commissioner Lana C. Seivers. “By exposing students early on to the agricultural industry, we can cultivate a passionate and skilled workforce to lead this critical part of Tennessee’s economy.”

“The University of Tennessee at Martin and the other ag colleges are to be commended for providing leadership in this effort,” said state Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens. “The Department of Agriculture is proud to join with education in providing financial support for the school. We’re committed to its success.”

The Tennessee Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences is one of three in the nation. Others are located at Pennsylvania State University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Dr. Marianne Fivek, director of the Penn State Governor’s School of Agricultural Sciences, said the program has attracted some of the commonwealth’s “best and brightest high school students to study in state at the land grant institution.” She added, “Hosting this program for the last 18 years has paid huge dividends for the college, university, the state and the agricultural industry. We are witnessing our program alumni leading the state in many roles and related to our state’s number one industry – agriculture.”
Chancellor’s Trip to China and Korea Enhances Opportunities for Student Exchange

University officials sign the agreements that make them possible, but UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan knows the work of educational and cultural exchanges is carried out “people to people.”

Dunagan traveled to China and Korea in the fall and returned with stronger ties and more educational opportunities than even he anticipated. Making the trip with him were John Mathenia, UT Martin International Programs faculty member, and Mike Vaughn, ('82) UT Martin alumnus, who has a number of Shanghai contacts. The group came home with three sister-university relationships and a cooperative agreement with a Shanghai school district. There also were meetings with United States Consulate officials and additional agencies about visas and other issues to facilitate the exchange process for students who want to study at UT Martin. The trip reaffirmed the chancellor’s belief that there are countless benefits to be claimed from student and faculty foreign-exchange programs.

“We are located in rural West Tennessee. I think it is crucial for our students to meet students from different countries and cultures,” said Dunagan. “Sept. 11 curtailed international students coming to the United States, not just here, but all across the country. I thought it was a very successful trip as it relates to attracting more students to UT Martin.”

The chancellor saw first-hand the lasting impression a positive university experience can make on international students while attending a meeting of the Korean UT Martin Alumni Chapter in Seoul. He was welcomed by Jung-Geun Ahn, president of the Korean UT Martin Alumni Chapter, who served as the first president of the Korean Student Association at UT Martin in the mid-1980s. “The group was very warm and had many good memories of their UT Martin days,” said Dunagan. “They keep up with the university via the Web site. They want to help us recruit students. I thought it was important to build on the relationship with Dr. Choong Soon Kim, in Korea and re-establish other ties.”

Kim, who spent 30 years at UT Martin as department chair and professor of sociology and anthropology, is currently president of Korean Digital University in Seoul, an online university. A sister-university agreement will attract KDU students to study English at UT Martin.

Agreements also were signed with Jiaotong University in Shanghai and Kyonggi University in Seoul, as well as a cooperative agreement with Jing An School District, which educates one-third, or 400,000, of all Shanghai students.

Based on the agreement with Jiaotong University, UT Martin will pursue short-term programs. English as a Second Language (ESL) with cultural components will be offered to middle school students who are affiliated with Jiaotong University’s program that helps to prepare students for the national exam to determine if they can attend high school. Another program will be earmarked for Chinese bankers and others in financial careers.

Kyonggi University sends 100-125 students abroad for study each year. Programs for these students could vary from eight weeks of intensive English to a full range of academic study for eight months.

The agreement with Jing An District will bring 20 teachers of ESL to the UT Martin campus to complete an eight-week program honing their techniques. A UT Martin professor of ESL is expected to complete a period of study in Shanghai to further enhance the Jin An ESL teaching techniques. A program for principals of Jing An District will include training in ESL, technology instruction and course work in administration.

“All these students and faculty pay their own expenses,” said Dunagan, “so these are revenue-producing agreements.” He added, “Having students and faculty complete one of the special programs may be the key to attracting more students to UT Martin for a full university experience.”

From his vantage point as an American citizen, Dunagan believes that helping eliminate cultural and political barriers as well as building better relationships between America and other countries is “somewhat patriotic.” He added, “The students want a great university experience. I think we give them that at UT Martin.”
UT Martin Housing Gives Students Apartment-Style Living

UT Martin is pursuing the first component of a master housing plan that will offer students fully-furnished apartments in a complex situated where Austin Peay Residence Hall now stands.

A second complex will mirror the first in the footprints of the Jim McCord Residence Hall. At that point, university officials will evaluate the project and decide whether to replace the remaining traditional dorms.

The master plan was approved in June by the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees and the Tennessee State Building Commission. Preparations are under way for the demolition of Austin Peay. Groundbreaking for the initial $14.5 million complex is scheduled for late spring or early summer. The facility should be ready for occupancy by fall 2005.

“This is one of the most exciting things we’ve had going on at UT Martin,” said Dr. Katie High, vice chancellor for student affairs, who serves on the UT Martin planning committee. “It’s a visual indication we’re moving forward. We’re putting these halls together with input from the students,” she added.

Earl Wright, who has been housing director for 25 years and also has assisted in planning, agrees. “Good-quality housing has an influence on decisions made by incoming students,” said Wright. “Our students are excited about this new option with amenities they have been asking for.”

Pursuit of the new design came after a housing review conducted by the firm of Anderson Strickler of Gaithersburg, Md., several years ago. According to Al Hooten, vice chancellor of finance and administration, the UT Martin dormitories were still in relatively good shape. However, they would have needed considerable renovation to continue being used. The study also indicated that the UT Martin dormitory configuration was not preferred housing configuration by the students who desire more privacy.

“Renovation of current dorms was estimated at $100 million; remodeling current facilities to accommodate students’ desires in housing would cost up to $140 million,” said Hooten, who also serves on the planning committee. “By replacing current housing with new apartment-style units, we can accomplish this at a total cost of $60 million, thus providing a significant savings. Plus, we will have modern facilities for our students.

“Additionally, the bond market or loan market current interest rates are very favorable for borrowing to build a complex such as this, reducing rental costs for the long term.”

Bonds will be issued through the Tennessee State Bond Authority. Revenues from rentals will be the source for repayment of the bonds, which likely will span 30 years.

The new units will permit each student to have his or her own room with a full-size bed plus a private bathroom. The design also will allow students to control the temperature in their living spaces, something that was not possible with the traditional dormitory heating and cooling systems.

“The new housing also will provide sprinklers and much-needed electrical outlets. This is a big step and should fill a gap in the variety of housing,” Wright added.

To accommodate the number of students who typically reside in Austin Peay, university officials cooperated with Martin Place, an apartment complex adjacent to campus, for housing of students. Martin Place is owned by Collegiate Properties LC of Atlanta, Ga. and was open for all students this fall. The complex has a 91 percent occupancy.

Martin Place and others like it in college communities across the country set a standard for apartment living – something UT Martin students said they wanted. That complex has apartments with four bedrooms and four bathrooms with full kitchen, washer and dryer, cable connection and Internet access.

To follow up on the study of trends, “We interviewed students living in dorms and apartments,” said High. “The compilation of information was a profile of what they wanted and would be willing to pay.” Differing from Martin Place, UT Martin’s new apartments will be offered with two-, three- and four-bedroom/bath floor plans.

The UT Martin complex is being designed by TLM of Jackson, Tenn., and Evans Taylor Foster Childress Architects of Memphis in a joint venture. The consortium also designed the Boling University Center and the Paul Meek Library, and the continuity of design will be maintained. It will now be up to the students to help select the decor and furnishings. Options will be depicted in the university center and students will vote for their choices.

“It has been a wonderful opportunity for me to work with students,” said High, who added she has enjoyed the planning process. “We answered all the hard questions initially so that the master plan could be approved. Now we just have to make it happen. We tell students we care and we listen to them. We did listen and now we are trying to give them the amenities they requested.”
Greetings to all our alumni and friends! The fall semester at UT Martin has been a busy and productive one, highlighted by Homecoming 2003 — one of our most enjoyable and best-attended homecomings. Rock and Roll was our theme, and our SGA and SAC student leaders got things started with a bang — literally, with a cookout, bonfire and fireworks show on Monday. Things didn’t slow down much from there until the end of the homecoming dance on Saturday night. We were blessed with near-perfect weather on Friday and Saturday, and our football Skyhawks capped it all off with a thrilling 30-23 overtime victory over Tennessee Tech. It was our first win at homecoming since the 1994 season. (For more details on student activities, see the next page.)

Honored at the Chancellor’s Alumni Awards banquet on Friday night were Dr. Paul D. Blaylock, Mr. Jason K. West, and Dr. Margaret N. Perry. Paul Blaylock, a South Fulton native who currently lives in Portland, Ore., is not only a medical doctor, but also a practicing attorney. He received the 2003 Outstanding Alumni Award, given to an alumnus/alumna in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession. As he talked about his experiences at the university, and mentioned those who had influenced his life, he quoted UT Martin alumna and former college and professional basketball coach Lin Dunn. She once said, “You’re only as good as the people who have touched your life.” “Ladies and gentlemen,” he told the audience, “my life has been touched, and I am touched tonight, and I am humbled by this honor.”

Jason West received this year’s Outstanding Young Alumni Award at the ceremony. This award is given in recognition of outstanding achievement by an alumnus/alumna under 40 years of age in his/her chosen profession. Jason is president and chief operating officer of PrimeTrust Bank, headquartered in Nashville. He is a native of Nashville and currently lives in Franklin. West also talked about his many experiences at UT Martin, including his time in the classroom. “But more so than education, ... my experience at UT Martin allowed me the opportunity to interact with people,” he said. “It was the first time in my life where I was truly out on my own and was able to meet other people from different backgrounds. ...”

Margaret Perry received the Chancellor’s Award for University Service, which is given to an individual in recognition of outstanding service to UT Martin. She is a native of Wayne County and currently lives in Brentwood, where she is officially retired but remains active in service to the UT system in several ways, including her current role as executive director of the UT presidential search committee. After serving as dean of graduate studies at UT and associate vice president of academic affairs at Tennessee Technological University, Perry was named UT Martin chancellor in 1986, becoming the first woman to head a four-year institution of higher learning in the state.

Reunion guests for the weekend were alumni from the UT Martin Branch era (1951-1968). A good number of these folks returned to campus for the weekend. The UTMB alumni capped off their return with a dinner and social following.
the game on Saturday. In addition, this loyal group presented a check in the amount of $10,000 to Chancellor Nick Dunagan, the result of their reunion gift project dedicated to the renovation and restoration of Alumni Gym. Thanks and congratulations for organizing the reunion and leading the way on the fund-raising project go to the committee co-chairs, Larry Alexander, Gary Doble, Terry Huffstetler and Pat Watkins.

As homecomings go, I have to rate this one as the best and most enjoyable in my memory. It’s a good thing because, as it turns out, it is my last one as your alumni director. By the time this issue of Campus Scene reaches our alumni and friends, I will be busy with a new job in the private sector. It is difficult to say goodbye to alumni work after all these years, but this was truly an opportunity I could not refuse. However, as I’ve told many colleagues here on campus, I’m not really going away, I’m just changing jobs. I plan to stay connected to my university and be a loyal alumnus, just like I’ve urged all of you to be.

Alumni operations will continue without a hitch, under the strong leadership of Advancement Vice Chancellor Len Solomons and the steady hand of Sarae Seratt. So give them all the support you can. Come back to campus when you can. Keep them updated on where you are and what’s going on in your life. Say good things about UT Martin and stay connected in some way. I plan to! 

Nominations Requested

If you would like to nominate someone for any of our three awards:

- Outstanding Alumni,
- Outstanding Young Alumni (under 40), or
- University Service

please do so by writing to the Office of Alumni Affairs
314 Administration Building
Martin, TN, 38238;
or by email to sseratt@utm.edu.

UT Martin 1969-1974 Wrestling Reunion
by Richard Wright, ’75

September 12-14, a reunion of the UT Martin wrestling teams from 1969 through 1974 took place in Nashville at the Hilton Suites. On Friday, 30 people arrived and went to the Crab Shack downtown to enjoy each other’s company and the good food. On Saturday, Wade and Shannon Judkins hosted a cook-out at their home just outside of Nashville, and more than 40 people were present for the food and good times. Wade had two horseshoe pits set up, and the old competitive nature of the wrestlers came out when a tournament was held.

Wrestlers and coaches now living in California, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Virginia attended the reunion. Those gathered decided that a reunion would be held every two years. The group told great stories regarding their athletic careers at Martin, the memories they held of the university, and what it had meant to each of them.

Coaches and wrestlers present included Coach Richard Reiselt (coach from 1969-1972 and 1974), Coach Phil McCartney (interim coach in 1973), Wade Judkins, Vic Lee, Dave Sisco, Chad Smith, Joe Roberts, Tommy Hearn, Hugh Green, Bill Speitel, Rick (Hulk) Hayden, Bill Lake, Bruce Boggs, Mike Greco, Jim Mounce, Jim Gibbs, Jerry Gibbs, Tony Bradley, Jeff Adcock, Will Dunlap and manager of the team, Richard Wright. Almost all brought their wives, who seemed to really enjoy seeing their husbands renew old friendships while making new friends of their own.

On Sunday, as many as possible met for breakfast and visited one last time before heading back to their homes. They all agreed to contact someone who could not make this first reunion and see that they come to the next one in 2005. Everyone had a great time. Even though some 29 to 34 years had passed since some of the team members had seen each other, it seemed after the weekend’s events that they had left Martin only a few years ago. Attendees felt that hardly any time had passed in their lives since they were at the Tea Room eating, ordering pizza from Tony’s or maybe even enjoying refreshments at Hillary’s or the Hourglass.

Attendees of the wrestling reunion show their pride.
In student homecoming events, rope pull, pyramid building and Greek Show once again attracted the most attention. The brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho outlasted six other fraternities to win their third consecutive Rope Pull championship in the men's Greek division. Pi Kappa Alpha finished second. On the sorority side, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha emerged victorious by defeating Chi Omega in the finals. In the pyramid competition on Friday night, a crowd of 2,000 watched six fraternities and four sororities...
put on their best shows. Chi Omega captured first place and best of show in the sorority division, while Alpha Tau Omega earned the same two honors on the fraternity side. At the NPHC Greek Step Show the sisters of Zeta Phi Beta captured first place on the sorority side, while Kappa Alpha Psi took top honors in the fraternity division. For best participation in several homecoming contests and events, the winners were Zeta Tau Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, and UT Martin Housing.
For the past three years, Emily Miller has been a part of the UT Martin Skyhawk soccer team. Her statistics are nothing to brag about, but she contributes, has a great work ethic and understands the team concept.

Her contribution to the team this season has been in the role of a reserve player. As her teammates prepared to host their first Ohio Valley Conference tournament match, Miller was 150 miles away in Memphis dealing with a much tougher foe than Southeast Missouri State. She’s battling osteosarcoma, bone cancer.

Osteosarcoma is a cancer that, typically, strikes children from 10-20 years old. The current survival rate is 70 percent if limb-sparing surgery and chemotherapy are used.

“She endures incredible nerve pain daily and has a limp, but she is just as positive today as she was before she had cancer,” says Catherine Miller, Emily’s mother.

Despite her illness, soccer is still important to Emily.

“When the going really gets tough and you just don’t think you have it in you to take another step, rub your purple pre-wrap bracelet and know that I am cheering you each on as you battle today,” Emily wrote. “Stay positive and fight like hell! You girls are my heroes and I cannot wait to see you all again.”

Miller’s note was taped to the wall in the Skyhawk soccer locker room for each team member to read before she walked down to the field behind the Elam Center.

Before her diagnosis, Emily played soccer and was on the Dean’s List. When a persistent pain in her leg became unbearable, in April 2003, she went home to see the family’s orthopedic surgeon. The next day she was referred to an oncologist, and two days after that, she underwent a biopsy. Less than one week after going home, Emily was admitted at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis.

“We were running during spring practice, and I was having a lot of problems with my knee,” Emily said. “I went to the trainers because I couldn’t deal with the pain any more.”

Her chemotherapy began April 22, 2003, and will continue through March, 2004. “She endured four rounds of harsh chemotherapy drugs first and had surgery to remove suspicious spots on her left lung and later survived a collapsed lung,” Catherine Miller said.

She underwent seven hours of limb-sparing surgery to remove the tumor in her femur, which included removing portions of both her femur and tibia, plus total removal of the knee. A titanium prosthesis was implanted inside her leg from the top of her thigh to just above the ankle.

Less than 36 hours following limb-sparing surgery, Emily was released from the Intensive Care Unit.

“She left the hospital five days later, with a new leg and no idea how to use it,” Miller said. “The bones, muscles, nerves and tendons were either removed or rerouted.

“Through 14 weeks of grueling rehabilitation, Emily learned to walk again and has about a 125-degree bend, which is unusual progress for this type of prosthesis,” Miller said.

Before school started in August, Emily had a chance to tell all UT Martin athletes what she had been through.

“I wanted all of the athletes to know how opportunities can slip away,” Emily said. “I wanted them to know that opportunities slipped away for the girl that never drank and never smoked. I know some athletes who smoke and I wanted them to realize that a pack of cigarettes is not worth going through what I did.”

“I told them to live life and be grateful, even if you are running sprints and working hard to get in shape,” Emily said.

Just hours before Emily stood in front of the 300 athletes in Skyhawk Fieldhouse, she was in the hospital pleading with doctors to release her so she could come to Martin and give her speech. She was pleading her case because she had a 104.6-degree temperature.
Three former UT Martin athletes who have made outstanding contributions to athletics programs were inducted in the university’s Hall of Fame during the recent Letter Winners Breakfast.

The inductees into the Hall of Fame were Jessica Crosser, the first softball player inducted; football player Clay Blalack; and baseball player Jimmy Welch.

Crosser, from Waverly, played softball at UT Martin from 1996-98. She was named to several All-Ohio Valley Conference tournament and postseason teams. She sports a .341 career batting average and is fourth for career base hits with 110. She served as a team captain in 1998 and held numerous single-season records.

“This is a very unexpected surprise,” Crosser said. “I have been able to improve my life by what was given to me at UT Martin.”

Crosser’s coach at UT Martin, Mellanie Surratt, said Crosser’s work ethic is why she was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Blalack, from Covington, played football at UT Martin from 1975-77. He was named to the 1976 All-Gulf South Conference Team, and set a conference standard as he returned eight interceptions for 269 yards. Four of those interceptions went for touchdowns and established a new NCAA record for all divisions.

Mark Warren, one of Blalack’s teammates, introduced Blalack at the induction. “Clay’s size wasn’t typical for a defensive back, but he made up for his size with his hustle,” Warren said.

“I always thought I was going to Ole Miss, but they [the coaches] told me at 5-9 I couldn’t play linebacker,” Blalack said.

At UT Martin, Blalack showed people that even a little guy with some quickness could play linebacker. “I was afraid to get hit,” he said. “If you had those big guys coming right at you, you would run faster.”

Welch played second base for the UT Martin Vols for four seasons (1965-68). As a senior he hit .345 and helped the team win the VSAC championship and set a new school record for best winning percentage. The team finished the season with a 19-3 record and was expected to get a bid to the NCAA playoff, but was declared ineligible.

Welch was introduced by one of his former coaches, Jim Swope.

“We were having tryouts one season and asked the guys to go out to the position they wanted to play,” Swope said. “I had one guy go out to second base, and he was the littlest guy on the team. I was not impressed.”

It didn’t take long for Welch to impress people.

“I am humbled to be inducted into the Hall of Fame,” said Welch, a Dyersburg native. “My dad would have been more proud of my being inducted into the Hall of Fame than in my making brigadier general [National Guard].”
UT Martin alumni come from across the country and around the world. They have varying interests and come in all ages and from all walks of life. We would like to showcase some of our alumni in each issue of Campus Scene and share why they love and support their alma mater. We want to hear from you and continue to expand the network of UT Martin alumni, now over 30,000 strong and growing. We’re exploring ways to reach out with online communications, reunions, alumni publications, alumni chapter meetings and alumni/student recruitment events.

On Oct. 25, **Billy and Denise Brown** hosted one such event at their beautiful home in Selmer. As the UTNAA McNairy County Chapter president, Billy invited UT Martin alumni to attend along with current and prospective UT Martin students from McNairy, Chester and Hardin counties. Denise is a McNairy County teacher and helped to ensure a great turnout. Chancellor Nick Dunagan welcomed the alumni and students, while admissions officers, deans and other administrators visited with them about attending the McNairy County Center at Selmer and the UT Martin main campus.

Billy and Denise have supported the UT Martin McNairy County Center at Selmer since its inception in 1998. The $3.5 million center was a joint city/county initiative and offers a wide range of academic programs for more than 200 students, including dual-credit courses in local high schools, cohort groups and an online B.U.S. degree. Many of these McNairy Center students attend on scholarships provided by Brown’s company, Spectrum Acquisitions, Inc., as well as support from other McNairy County benefactors such as UT alumni H. J. Maxedon, Fairene Sewell and Katherine Scott. The Browns also recently established an Enhancement Fund for the McNairy center, which will provide much-needed equipment, technology and faculty development funds.

Billy and Denise exemplify the best of UT Martin alumni. They have not only given generously, served in alumni leadership positions and hosted events; they have also sent their own two children, twins Eric and Erin, to UT Martin. Erin Brown and Ashley Horton spoke at the reception in the Brown home and told students that the McNairy Center and the main campus provide a friendly, caring environment where faculty members know students by name and students experience outstanding academic programs and leadership opportunities, as well as the chance to participate in extracurricular activities of all types. Erin, a sophomore fashion merchandising major, UT Martin cheerleader and member of Chi Omega sorority, says UT Martin was the right choice for her. Ashley Horton, who attends the UT Martin McNairy County Center at Selmer as a non-traditional student, learned that it doesn’t matter if you’re married with kids or right out of high school: “At the center, we’re a family. The faculty is great, and the staff here knows all the students and their particular needs.” In closing, Billy Brown stressed to the crowd the importance of a college education, especially in a global economy where many blue-collar jobs are leaving the United States’ borders. “Years ago, young people could make a living and raise a family without a degree. Today, you need the skills and training that college provides. As a student, I had to drive 100 miles to attend UT Martin, but now UT Martin has come to us.”

Another alumnus, **Dr. Harry Long** of Rockmart, Ga., has quite a different story. He came back to the UT Martin campus for the first time in 30 years for the UTMB Reunion during Homecoming 2003. So many warm memories came flooding back that when he returned home after that weekend in Martin, he felt compelled to put into writing what the university meant to him as a young man during the depression years of the early 1940s. Here’s his story in his own words (See next page.):
I was born in Parsons, Tennessee, February 5, 1933. My home was a small wood-frame house that my father built. I have an older sister and brother, as well as a younger sister, all of whom were born in the same house. We had wood heat and no electricity. I attended Parsons schools from primer through 12th grade (K-12).

After graduation at age 17, I got a job in the local factory where both my parents worked for very low wages. I had worked about a year when a friend asked me to go to Martin and try out for the football team. I never had the slightest dream of going to college. My decision to make that trip was one of the most important decisions of my life. I had very little money, no car, no suitable clothing and no earthly idea what I was going to study. I was given a football scholarship, and Gene Stanford gave me the job of caring for the U.S. flag for $20 per month.

I enrolled in the liberal arts curriculum. To meet entrance requirements and make up a math deficiency, I took a geometry course under Mr. Paul Foote for no credit. Mr. Foote was a very nice man and an excellent instructor. I made the highest grade in the class. The other courses I took happened to be pre-med or pre-dental requirements. I made the Dean’s List and was I ever pleased! I tell this story, not to boast, but to give praise and my belated sincere thanks to the university, the faculty and the supportive staff who allowed me to be a part of something that changed my life forever. They gave me direction, pride and excitement about where I could go and what I could do with my life that would be beneficial to others. I entered UT Dental School in March 1958 and completed a four-year program in three years. And for 45 years my wife, Fran, has been my biggest supporter and constant companion. I could not have done it without her. We have three sons, of whom we are very proud, and four grandchildren.

This letter does not come close to describing the appreciation and, yes, the emotion I still feel when I walk on the campus at UT Martin. The day I registered for classes was a pinnacle in my life that has not been duplicated to date. Again I thank those people who were there for me and helped me prepare for more and better things that were to come.

My life has been blessed, and it has all come about because of a small college that made a big difference in my life!

Matching gifts: What’s better than a generous gift to UT Martin? A gift that is twice as generous, thanks to a third party’s matching gift program! Many companies offer employees a matching gift benefit that, in effect, could actually double, or even triple, your gift.

Matching gifts added $17,642.50 to total dollars raised for UT Martin in FY 2002-03. So when making a gift, please consider earmarking UT Martin for a corporate match. Companies have various methods by which you can submit your matching gift request: online forms, automated phone systems or a paper form that you submit to UT Martin. Contact your company’s human resources officer or Web site to explore your options.

If you are using a matching gift form, please send it with your gift to the UT Martin Development Office, 328 Administration Bldg., UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238.

Harry and his wife, Fran, made a reunion gift to help name one of the beautiful palladium windows in Alumni Gym. A Scroll of Benefactors will hang in the lobby of the newly renovated gym listing the names of all the benefactors from the UTMB classes of 1952-1968.

While there are only two stories featured here, we know there are many more to be told. Let us know your story and why UT Martin is important to you by sending in a letter or communicating with our new alumni director, Charley Deal at cdeal@utm.edu or by accessing the alumni Website from the UT Martin home page at www.utm.edu.

We are proud to welcome Charley as the new Director of Alumni Relations beginning Jan. 1, 2004. Charley succeeds Jacky Gullett, who has served his university well in this capacity for the last eight years. We appreciate Jacky’s dedicated service and wish him the very best in his new career.

Like Jacky, Charley is a UT Martin alumnus. He graduated in 1992 with a B.S. degree in business and in 1996 with an M.B.A. He has worked with the university ever since then and in fall 2002 was named UT Martin Outstanding Exempt Employee for the semester. Charley and the entire staff in Alumni and Development look forward to working with each of you as we enter a new era in the history of UT Martin Alumni Relations. We welcome your input, ideas and continued support. Let us hear from you soon!
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Warren Webb and his wife, Celia, currently reside in Nashville, Tenn. He is professor emeritus of psychiatry and psychology at Vanderbilt University and was with the State of Tennessee as consultant for the Disability Determination Department of Human Services. Celia is an archivist for the University of Tennessee and her husband, Jerry Morgan, resides in Leavenworth, Kan. He is a retired army lieutenant colonel who now serves as a defense contractor, and she is a home decorator. E-mail: morganj1@leavenworth.army.mil.

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Charles Gregory and his wife, Amy, currently reside in Crestview, Fla. He retired from Okaloosa County School System in 1988 and is still teaching in a Christian School. They have three children: Gina, 45; Lori, 38; and Gayli, 30.

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Margaret Colville Bellamy Payne and her husband, James Logan Payne (’58), reside in Bartlett, Tenn. Both are retired. The two grew up together and dated but drifted apart. They were married in January 2003. Margaret has three children and 10 grandchildren, while James has five children and 11 grandchildren. E-mail: jmpayne@midsouth.rr.com.

1962

R.J. “Hank” Thompson has been elected to a four-year term as county executive of Sumner County, Tenn. He previously served as mayor of Hendersonville, Tenn., for 10 years after retiring from TVA with more than 28 years of service. As county executive, Thompson is chairman of the Four Lake Regional Industrial Development Board and serves on the boards of the Greater Nashville Regional Council, the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Regional Transportation Authority.

1963

Ronnie Riley is serving his fifth term as the county executive of Gibson County and his wife, Diana, is the owner of Merle Norman Cosmetics. They reside in Trenton, Tenn., and have one child: Tracy Schultz, 29.

1965

Kay Roberts Smith and her husband, Joseph (’64), reside in Union City, Tenn. She is a retired teacher and now an education consultant, while he is a teacher for the Tennessee Department of Corrections. Kay recently published her first children’s book titled Pickin’ Petunia and both participate in plays at Masquerade Theatre in Union City. They have three children and four grandchildren. E-mail: kayjsmith1@aol.com.

1966

Perry Heatherly is a self-employed craftsman at Plans by P-H. He and his wife, Barbara, reside in Union City, Tenn., and have three children: Brian, 34; Kristi, 28; and stepdaughter Melissa, 29. E-mail: perry.heatherly@homeplanexpert.com.

1967

Robert Paschall is an assistant professor of pediatrics, Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and the medical director of the Child Protection Program at St. Louis Children’s Hospital. He and his wife, Sandra, have two children: Jeremy, 26; and Julie, 22.

1968

James “Jim” Atchison serves as president and CEO of Bank of Hayti in Missouri. He was elected chair of the Missouri Bankers Association during its 113th annual convention last summer. Atchison also serves as director and vice chair of the board for First State Bancorp, Inc., and director, vice chair of the board, for First State Bank and Trust, all of Caruthersville, Mo.

1969

Jerry Morgan and his wife, Donna Richards Morgan (’71), reside in Leavenworth, Kan. He is a retired army lieutenant colonel who now serves as a defense contractor, and she is a home decorator. E-mail: morganj1@leavenworth.army.mil.

1970

Stewart Nelson recently started his third term as mayor of Morrilton, Ark., where he resides. His wife, Martha, is a nurse. E-mail: mayor@morilton.org.

1971

Ronald Lembo spent 17 years with the IRS and then opened his own accounting firm last year. He provides general accounting for seniors, small business and individuals. He resides in Wanaque, N.J. E-mail: RonaldLembo@optonline.net.

1973

James Eugene Davis of Birmingham, Ala., is the national warehousing and traffic manager for the crop science division of the Bayer Corp. He retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as a full colonel in 1998 after 30 years of service. Jim and his wife, Gina, have five children: Jackie, 35; Heather, 32; Danielle, 25; Lynsey, 16; and Carey, 12. E-mail: coljed@bellsouth.com.

Susan Elaine Knight (Tice) Gore is an archivist for the Historical Foundation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tenn. She and her husband, Matthew, have a daughter, Allison, 20.

Paul Moore is a principal and teacher at Kanesaun College in Khon Kaen, Thailand. He has two children: Joshua, 22; and
Daniel, 18. E-mail: paul-moore222@hotmail.com.

1974

**Anita Carol Chambers Boscaccy** is a psychologist for the Memphis City Schools, Division of Exceptional Children. She and her husband, Michael, live in Cordova, Tenn., and have a son, Bret, 27. E-mail: ACBoscaccy@aol.com.

**Dr. Jana Fuqua** received the 2003 Outstanding Alumna Award last fall during the University of Tennessee Alumni Homecoming Weekend. The award recognizes distinguished service at the College of Pharmacy and the university. A Martin native, Fuqua completed pre-pharmacy studies at UT Martin and graduated from the UT College of Pharmacy in 1977. She has been active in the Memphis and Shelby County Chapter of the UT National Alumni Association for more than a decade, serving as chapter president in 1996-97. She is the daughter of Eva Nell Fuqua of Martin.

**Thomas Alton Ross** and his wife, Doretha, reside in Meridianville, Ala. A retired Army lieutenant colonel, Ross was recalled to active duty to serve a year in the Military District of Washington, D.C. He was awarded the Legion of Merit and retired in September 2002 after 28 years of active and reserve military service.

1975

**Marcia Gorman Coleman** graduated from Trevecca Nazarene University with a master’s degree in educational leadership in May 2003. As a teacher at West Carroll Jr./Sr. High School, Coleman chaperoned three of her students on a naval survey ship last summer to observe protocols, procedures and surveys of the NAVOCEANO scientists. She resides in Atwood, Tenn., and has one child: Christi, 21. E-mail: colemmann@charter.net.

**1977**

**Catherine Lynne Lake Black** is a communications specialist with the Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative. She lives in Jasper, Tenn., is married to Michael Black, and has two children: Chelsea, 15; and Jesse, 5. E-mail: clblack2@aol.com.

**LaDonna Carole Lawson Moorehead** and her husband, Henry Moorehead Jr., reside in Hickory Flat, Miss. She is a special education teacher at Benton County Schools where she was chosen as teacher of the year for North Mississippi in 2001, and he is in loss prevention for Wal-Mart D.C. E-mail: muirhead@dixie-net.com.

**Col. Jeffrey Record** is a U.S. Army veterinarian and is currently assigned as the commander of the Southeast Regional Army Veterinary Command. He is responsible for all department of defense veterinarians in the southeast United States, Puerto Rico and Cuba. He and his wife, Ellen, reside in Martinez, Ga., and have two children: Jason, 20; and Jessica, 17. E-mail: jwrecord@email.com.

**1978**

**T. Brad Ray** is the special projects facility manager with Young Touchstone in Lexington, Tenn. He and his wife, Nancy, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on an Alaskan cruise. Their daughter, Amy, 13, is an eighth-grade honor student. Nancy volunteers and substitute teaches at the local
elementary school. E-mail: tbrad@charter.net

1979
Dr. Cathy Denise Meredith is the director of undergraduate teacher education at Christian Brothers University. She was recently named to the board of a reading initiative in Memphis called, “It's Time To Read.” Dr. Meredith trains volunteers for the Reading Bridge of Bridges, Inc. and also was recently elected to the White Station High School Leadership Council. She is serving her last year of a term on the Tennessee Association of Middle Schools. She has two children: Curtis Parker, 17; and Meredith Parker, 15.

Sheila Cherry Wiggins is a special education teacher at Hardeman County Schools, and her husband, Glenn, is a line foreman at Bolivar Electric. She is a T.I.P.S. parent advisor. They reside in Bolivar, Tenn., and have two children: Gina, 19; and Monica, 16. E-mail: wiggins.shel@aol.com.

1980
Darenda Walker is a neonatal nurse practitioner. She and her husband, Gary, reside in Colorado Springs, Colo., have a successful home business and want to expand in Tennessee. E-mail: walkergary1@katwwob.com.

1981
Theresa Bryson-Donald and her husband, Roy, reside in Humboldt, Tenn. She has been a special education teacher for 19 years, is the gifted testing coordinator and was the Teacher of the Year for 2002 at Main Street Elementary. He works at Awning Brite Cleaning Systems. They have two children: Erin, 15; and James-William, 10. E-mail: peasweet1@hotmail.com.

Edith Springfield is an office manager at Emory University. She is a freelance writer and author of two unpublished manuscripts. She currently resides in Snellville, Ga. E-mail: edspring@emory.edu.

1982
Koji Yamauchi and Yumi Yamauchi reside in Numazu-shi, Japan. They own their own business, Kaneyo-shoten. They have one child: Kent, 15. E-mail: kent@hw.tnc.ne.jp.

1983
Joella Ross Bates became the first woman bowhunter to successfully take an African Cape Buffalo with only a bow and arrow. She has won five 3-D Archery World Championship titles. She travels more than 200 days a year conducting archery/hunting seminars, workshops, tournament and motivational programs. She resides in Waverly, Tenn., and has two children: Bo, 18; and Jana, 16. E-mail: joellabows@aol.com.

Charles Gagen, Ph.D., and his wife, Lisha Taylor (’83), reside in Arkansas. He is professor of fisheries biology and head of the biology department at Arkansas Tech University. She is grounds supervisor at the University of the Ozarks. They have three children: Stewart, 17; George, 15; and Colin, 13.

1984
Jacqueline Delissa Barber-Nelson is a teacher at Dickinson High School and resides in Jersey City, N.J. She also serves as a loan officer for residential and commercial properties. She has three children: Tyffanie, 21; Jamil, 17; and Terrance, 11.

Dr. Jay Queen and his wife, Monica, reside in Herndon, Va. He is a dentist and she is a programmer. They have three children: Catherine, 4; Grace, 2; and Amelia, 1.

1985
Scott Brink and his wife, Lachele, recently bought the Charleston Flower and Gift Shop. He has been a farmer for 18 years at Brink Farms and serves as treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Charleston, Mo. They have two children: Jettie Kate, 12; and Janeellen, 9. E-mail: shrink@ltd.net.

1986
Michael Moore is an assistant basketball coach and the boys and girls bowling coach for Ridgeway High School. His wife, Kim Moore, is a business manager at Unique Antiques. They reside in Bartlett, Tenn., and have two children: Brad Cook, 16; and Shannon Moore, 3. E-mail: mooreut@aol.com.

Auburn Fletcher Rickman and Cindy McCartney Rickman (’84), are living in Blythewood, S.C., where Auburn became general manager at American Standard/Trane’s new Center of Excellence in 2003. They have five children: Auburn, 18; Emma, 16; Keleigh, 11; Paige, 4; and Issac, 1. E-mail: fletch_richman@hotmail.com.

James W. Wilson Jr. and his wife, Joan, reside in Nashville, Tenn. He is a general counsel for the Tennessee State Board of Education and she is a realtor.

1987
Lisa Hudson Holladay is a pre-school teacher at Learn-A-Lot Playschool, and her husband, Steven, is with Erachem-Comilog. They reside in Camden, Tenn., and have two children: Ryan, 11; and Hannah, 9. E-mail: ryansdad@charter.net.

William McCartney earned a doctor of ministry degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary earlier this year and is a pastor. He and his wife, Mary Anne, reside in Shreveport, La.

1988
Kimberly Henry Deaton and her husband, Gregory (’85), reside in Eads, Tenn. She is a senior communications specialist, and he is an engineer with the Memphis Light, Gas and Water. They have two children: Drew, 7; and Lauren, 3. E-mail: kdeaton@mlgw.org.

1989
Amanda Arnold Huckaba is a cytogenetic technologist at the University of Tennessee Hospital. Her husband, Dennis (’87), is a civil engineer with S&ME Engineering. They reside in Knoxville, Tenn., and have two children: Holly, 8; and Hayden, 6.

1990
Don Goodlow Jr. is the market director for AT&T Wireless and his wife, Joann Cotton
Goodlow (’91), is a homemaker. They reside in Maumelle, Ark. They have two children: Morgan, 8; and Alex, 5. E-mail: don.goodlow@attws.com.

Johnny Pearson and his wife, Lori Deverell (’93), reside in Huntingdon, Tenn. He is a factory focus manager for Mark IV Automotive, and she is an instructor of education and head softball coach at Jackson State Community College. They have two children: John, 3; and Konnor, 18 months. E-mail: jpearson@aeneas.net.

Kent Sandidge IV is a client manager-business banking for Bank of America, and his wife, Angela, is an account executive with istudysmart.com. They reside in Nashville, Tenn.

James K. Sovine lives in Pegram, Tenn., where he is in insurance sales with Sovine & Associates. E-mail: sovine@edge.net.

Dr. Michael Jenkins is a urologist and his wife, Larissa, is in pharmaceutical sales at Eli Lilly. They reside in Panama City, Fla. E-mail: majenkins1@msn.com.

Kristi Jernigan Townes and her husband, James, reside in Union City, Tenn. She is an administrative specialist for Northwest Community Services Agency, and her husband is self-employed at Townes Welding. They have two children: Jake, 3; and Davie Kristin, 18 months. E-mail: kristi.townes@state.tn.us.

1991

Billie Metcalfe resides in Memphis, Tenn., and is a corporate account manager for OfficeMax Document Services. Billie taught in Memphis City Schools for four years and recently went into outside sales. E-mail: bjdwtn@aol.com.

Amy Fowler is an intelligence officer for the U.S. Air Force. She resides in Tucson, Ariz.

Rev. Corey Johnson is a minister at Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. Prior to this, he served as pastor of the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church and as adjunct faculty at Walsh University and Malone College. Republican Governor Bob Taft appointed Johnson to the Commission on African-American Males for a two-year term. He and his wife, Tenikki Willeese Johnson (’93), reside in Massillon, Ohio. They have two children: Ashera, 9; and Caleb, 3. E-mail: apostle06@aol.com.

1993

Tamara Hane Manes is a senior accounting financial analyst for FedEx Express and her husband, Thomas, is an engineering manager for Logical Systems, Inc. They reside in Cordova, Tenn. They have one child; Olivia, 10 months, and three stepchildren: Nicole, 12; Carmen, 10; and Sebastian, 8. E-mail: tlmanes@hotmail.com.

Lynette Johnson Nelson and her husband, Andrew, reside in Arlington, Tenn. She is a grants coordinator for the Shelby County sheriff’s office, and he is a system trainer. They have two children: Jalen, 4; and Joshua, 1.

Dr. Melanie Foley Smith, is an ophthalmologist for Magic Mabrey Eye Clinic, and her husband, Scott, is an orthopedic surgeon for Conway Orthopedic and Sports Medicine. They were married last year and recently moved to Conway, Ark., to establish their respective practices.

1994

Kimberly Bryant-Holman is a pharmacist at Fred’s, Inc., and her husband, Derrick, is a telecommunications crew leader for Memphis Light, Gas and Water. They reside in Somerville, Tenn. They have two children: Niya, 3; and Danielle, who was born in September 2003.

Lee Downing moved to Marion, Ohio, last August to become the regional vice president for Family Dollar. For the previous year, he was a director of operations at the national headquarters of Family Dollar in Charlotte, N.C.

Dana Clement Rose is a forensic scientist for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Dana resides in Ripley, Tenn., and has one child: Trent, 20 months.

1995

Dr. Julie Lumpkins Basler is an assistant professor of English/speech at Columbia State Community College in Columbia, Tenn., and was recently appointed the department chair of fine arts and humanities. Her husband, Anthony, is a district sales manager for Shelter Insurance. They have one child: Hannah, 14 months. E-mail: jlumpkins@columbiastate.edu.

Shaun Crowell is a veterinarian at Lakeway Animal Clinic, who specializes in small animal medicine and surgery. His wife, Christine, is a housewife. They reside in Camden, Tenn., and have three children: Elizabeth, 3; Ashley, 2; and Ethan, 1. E-mail: sccrow@bellsouth.net.

Yolanda Siples is currently a law student at Florida State University. She resides in Tallahassee, Fla. E-mail: yogi26@aol.com.
1996

Stephanie Goodman McGrath and her husband, Thomas (’96), reside in The Netherlands. Tom is the commander of the U.S. Army support element at the Allied Forces Northern Europe NATO installation in Brunssum. They have one child: Catie, 2. E-mail: DawnHugo@aol.com.

Leslie Godbold Ragan is a regional sales manager for Schering-Plough Healthcare and her husband, Kevin, is owner of The UPS Store. They reside in Franklin, Tenn., and have one child: Adley, 3 months. E-mail: lesragan@aol.com.

Steven Todd Rainey and Leigh Ann Goodwin Rainey (’96), live in Collierville, Tenn. He is a national sales manager with Radians, Inc., and she is a high school teacher. They have two children: Taylor Anne, 4; and Thomas Daneil, who is newborn.

Jay Thedford is a project advisor for Dell Computer Corp. Jay resides in Austin, Texas. E-mail: jay_thedford@dell.com.

Dr. Lane Boyte is a visiting assistant professor at Auburn University. She resides in Auburn, Ala., and completed a Ph.D. in economics last summer. E-mail: boytemr@auburn.edu.

Melissa Byrd graduated with an MBA degree from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota and started in e-marketing at Guidant Corp. She recently married Steve Paris of Massachusetts. E-mail: mbyrd@mn.rr.com.

Paige Robertson Evans and her husband, Jody, reside in Humboldt, Tenn. She is a mother and he is a coach/teacher at University School of Jackson. They have one child: Jackson, 6 months. E-mail: paigevans19@yahoo.com.

1997

Shad Adams spent five years in the sports and entertainment industry before leaving it to accept the position of district marketing manager with Yamaha Motor Corporation’s Marine Division. Shad resides in Delray Beach, Fla. E-mail: shadryan@aol.com.

Jay Thedford is a project advisor for Dell Computer Corp. Jay resides in Austin, Texas. E-mail: jay_thedford@dell.com.

Melissa Byrd graduated with an MBA degree from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota and started in e-marketing at Guidant Corp. She recently married Steve Paris of Massachusetts. E-mail: mbyrd@mn.rr.com.

Brian Holland is a copy editor for the Salt Lake Tribune and his wife, Mell-Marie Holland, is a child and family therapist. They reside in Salt Lake City, Utah. E-mail: utbrianh@yahoo.com.

Andrew Douglas is an assistant professor of finance at Loras College. His wife, Amy Rochell Douglas (’99), is

Former UT Martin football player Emmanuel “Big Mac” McNeil has found another foe to tackle. McNeil, now a teacher and coach in Virginia, is helping his daughter, Moriah, overcome FibroSarcoma.

Because of Moriah’s illness, Moriah’s mother, Nicole, quit her job to move to San Antonio where Moriah sees a specialist.

“Big Mac,” students and athletes at his school are helping Moriah and her family with a Sparrow Fund. The fund will help the family with medical expenses, travel costs and related needs while Moriah is being treated.

“Big Mac” played defensive tackle at UT Martin from 1985-88. He was one of four players from UT Martin selected in the NFL draft, the most ever in a year from a Division II school. He was drafted by the New England Patriots in 1989, picked up by the New York Jets in 1990 and played for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the Canadian Football League in 1991 and 1992.
a librarian. They reside in Dubuque, Iowa. E-mail: never_behind@hotmail.com and acdouglas@hotmail.com.

Jay Goss and Elisa Hodges Goss, (’98), live in Southaven, Miss. He is in industrial equipment sales, and she is an SAT coordinator for DeSoto County Schools.

Shon Johnson is completing the last year at the University of Memphis Cecil G. Humphreys School of Law and works at Rieves, Rubens & Mayton Law Firm. Shon resides in Memphis, Tenn.

Joshua Laycock recently had his National Guard Unit deployed to Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. He is a first lieutenant in the 175th 29th Infantry Division and is set to marry Kimberly Parent in March of 2004. When not in the national guard, Joshua is a police officer with the Baltimore City Police Department. E-mail: pontoonman@hotmail.com.

Bill Vest is a supervisor of maintenance operations for the City of Sarasota, Fla. His wife, Kelly Campbell Vest (’99), is a third grade teacher at Pine View School for the Gifted. They have one child: Will, 8 months. E-mail: wildvest@comcast.net.

1999

James E. Brown Jr. received his master’s degree in educational leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University and is an elementary school teacher. His wife, Brandy, also is an elementary school teacher and they live in Covington, Tenn. E-mail: jbrown@tipton-county.com.

Julie Exum is a tax accountant for Ernst & Young, LLP. She resides in Franklin, Tenn.

Gene Mullins III is a field engineer for Centex Engineering and Construction. His wife, Ashley, is a registered nurse at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center. They reside in Dyersburg, Tenn. E-mail: gene_ashmullins@hotmail.com.

DeAnn Christian Killion and Thomas Killion (’02) live in Hendersonville, Tenn., where she is a member advocate for Occupational Health Consultants of America, and he is an environmental specialist with the state of Tennessee. DeAnn received a master’s degree in counseling from Freed-Hardeman University in December 2002. She and Tommy were married May 25, 2003. E-mail: deac@work@hotmail.com.

Terrence Williams is a customer relations specialist at Qwest Communications. He resides in Des Moines, Iowa.

2000

Matthew Bowlin was recently hired as the new choral director of Craigmont High School choirs. He also is the new choir mentor of the little boys choir at Calvary Episcopal Church in downtown Memphis. He has two children: Seth, 14; and Aaron, 13. E-mail: first_tenor71@yahoo.com.

Kimberly Hetzel Buie is a student at the UT College of Medicine. She married Raymond Buie (’00) in July 2003. He is a field manager for Mahaffey Tent Co. They reside in Cordova, Tenn. E-mail: kim_buie@yahoo.com.

Kelly MacDonald Duncan is in tourism sales at Portland Spirit. Her husband, Kevin (’98), is a sales consultant for Dell Computers. They reside in Portland, Ore. E-mail: kjlong17@utsouthwestern.edu.

Heather Quick Fisher is a traffic coordinator at Allenberg Cotton Co. Her husband, Kevin (’98), graduated from UT Health Science Center in May from the college of dentistry with honors and will join a practice in Springfield, Tenn. E-mail: hfisher01@hotmail.com.

Kenneth “Wes” Halters is a sales consultant for Dell Computers. He resides in Hermitage, Tenn. E-mail: wes_halters@ dell.com.

Leigh Kowalsky is currently a faculty member in the senior-level coordinated program in dietetics at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. She also teaches nutrition classes at Dallas Community College. E-mail: leigh.kowalsky@utsouthwestern.edu.

Kevin Jeffrey Long and Allyson Layne Long (’00) live in Murfreesboro, Tenn. He is an engineer with The Wiser Company, LLC, and she is a teacher. E-mail: kjlong17@bellsouth.net.

Ginny Nerren is promotions coordinator for Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. She resides in Memphis, Tenn.

Jennifer Holmes Roddy is a resource and referral specialist for Davidson County Child Care Resource and Referral Center. Her husband, David (’99), is an accountant for the state of Tennessee. They have two “children”: Bella, a 3-year-old cocker spaniel; and Ginger, a 15-month-old black lab. E-mail: jholmesroddy@yahoo.com and dgroddy@yahoo.com.

Tevita Williams-Dumas is a teacher for Memphis City Schools. She and her husband, Shedrick Dumas, reside in Memphis. They have one child: Shedrick, 8 months old.

2001

Kenneth Brashier is a law student at the University of Memphis. He resides in Arlington, Tenn.

Carlos L. Dowell and La’Tonya Dowell (’01), have one child, Tamia, who is a year and seven months. They live in Salibury, N.C., where he is a certified athletic trainer with Livingstone College, and she is an LPN. E-mail: dowellcarlos@hotmail.com.

Anthony Daniel Ford and Chastity Hamilton Ford (’00) live in Fairhope, Alas. He
Haley Littleton teaches dance, and her husband, Thomas ('00), is working on a master's degree. They have one child: Gibson, 13 months; and another was due in December 2003. E-mail: haleyll@msn.com.

William Stansul Ragon Jr. and Amelia Wilson Ragon ('01), reside in Memphis, Tenn. Stan was commissioned as a naval officer after accepting the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship. He is in his second year of medical school. Amy recently completed the Series 7 and Series 63 securities licensing exams for her position in the capital markets area of First Tennessee Bank. Email: stanragon@hotmail.com.

Ashlie Sappington McClarin is a registered nurse at University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital. Her husband, Derrick, is a forensic scientist. They reside in Birmingham, Ala. E-mail: ashlirn@hotmail.com.

Kristy Dawn Petty Seccia is a basketball coach at White House Middle School in White House, Tenn. She has a child, Alex, age 6. E-mail: kseccia@hotmail.com.

2002
Mindy McCoy James and Jeremy James ('01), live in Lyles, Tenn., where she is a second-grade teacher, and he is a government contract analyst. E-mail: minqmc@msn.com.

Rebecca Meeker is a registered nurse at Jackson-Madison County Hospital and is working on a master's degree in nursing from Regis University in Denver, Colo. She has one child: Mathew, 6. E-mail: mdannette@hotmail.com.

Jamie Kight Meeks is an executive assistant for AXA Liberty Bowl. Her husband, Holice Meeks, is an outreach counselor at Six50 Health and Fitness Clubs. They reside in Cordova, Tenn. E-mail: jami980@hotmail.com.

Tonia-Marie Najjar is a student at the UT Health Science Center College of Dentistry. She resides in Memphis, Tenn. E-mail: tnajar@utmem.edu.

Sara Nicole Robertson Strickland is a sixth grade teacher for Shelby County Schools. Her husband, Timothy ('01), is an eighth grade science teacher. They reside in Collierville, Tenn.

Amanda Roberts is a certified family and consumer scientist. She is an educator for family and consumer science at Scotts Hill High School. She resides in Wildersville, Tenn. E-mail: robertsa@lki2tn.net.

2003
Matthew Crouch is the manager of media relations for the American Junior Golf Association. He resides in Duluth, Ga.

Ahmed Hassan El-Khattib is in the United Arab Emirates, where he is a civil engineer with the Dubai municipality. E-mail: armani20_0_01@hotmail.com.

Katherine Darnell Grooms is a substitute teacher for Paris Special School District. Her husband, Tracy, just returned home from Kuwait, where he has been for nine months. He is attending UT Martin to finish his engineering degree and is self-employed at Grooms Construction. E-mail: t_grooms@bellsouth.net.
Derek Sean Pate, 36, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Martin, employee of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Investment Division, died recently at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. He was a UT Martin graduate and a member of Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity. He leaves his parents, Mary Betty and Wendell Pate of Martin; a sister, Patti Pate-Schnure of Atlanta, and a brother, Brent Pate, and his grandmother, Mattie Bell Hopper, both of Martin.

Peggy Wall Edmiston, 62, died Sept. 15 at Methodist Healthcare-Germantown after a lengthy illness. A recipient of UT Martin’s 1999 Distinguished Service Award, Edmiston served for all four Shelby County mayors and was county government’s longest-serving division director when she retired as director of the community services in 2002. She is survived by her husband, Wilbur Edmiston, of Memphis.

Don Long, 63, salesperson for Care Petroleum, died Sept. 26 at his home. He was a graduate of UT Martin; member of First United Methodist Church and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity; former president of Kiwanis Club and Dyersburg High School Booster Club; and diplomat with the Dyersburg Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Long, the husband of Peggy S. Long, also leaves a daughter, Lauren Long Arceneaus, of Covington, La., and his father, Scott “Pete” Long, of Trenton.

David Stout, the Paul Meek Library’s media specialist, died Oct. 13 at his home. He was 46.

Services were Oct. 16 at Murphy Funeral Home with burial in Eastside Cemetery in Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Felicia Budzek Stout, a senior dispatcher at the UT Martin Office of Public Safety; two daughters, Nicole Stout, a senior graphics design major at UT Martin; and Tara Garner, a fees control clerk in public safety; a grandson; parents, Bill and Peggy Stout; a brother, Billy Stout, who is the building inspector for the City of Martin; and a sister-in-law, Vicki Stout, a telephone services account specialist at UT Martin. All survivors live in Martin.

A native of Martin, David joined the library staff as an electronics technician in March 1999 after serving as UT Martin physical plant supervisor. In 2001, he was promoted to media specialist and coordinator of the media services department in the Paul Meek Library. He was a graduate of Martin High School and served 20 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as chief warrant officer III. He was completing a degree in business management at UT Martin at the time of his death and was a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society.

Dr. Alicia Welden, retired UT Martin faculty member, died Oct. 18 after a long illness. She was 75.

A funeral mass was conducted Oct. 20 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Martin with burial at Cane Creek Cemetery in Obion County. The family requests that memorials be made to a fund organized by the UT Martin Department of Modern Foreign Languages, which will be used to purchase books in her memory for the university library. Survivors include her husband, Oliver Welden, of Martin; two sons, Arnold Welden, Dinuba, Calif., and Jonathan Welden, Martin; two daughters, Jacqueline Welden and Cynthia Welden, both of Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; two sisters, Gilda Galaz and Lucy Galaz, both of Santiago, Chile; and 12 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Pedro and Juanita Vivar Galaz.

Dr. Welden joined the faculty in 1989 and served as a professor of Spanish in modern foreign languages until spring 2003, when her illness forced her to retire from the university. She was a noted scholar of Latin-American literature, with special expertise in women’s issues, and also a respected poet. Her books, articles and poetry were published in Europe, the United States and South America.
### Men's Tennis Schedule

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