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ABOUT THE COVER

From UTC's "did you know" category, legend has it that if you step on one of the four, smooth-faced seals of Heritage Plaza as a student, you are doomed to fail your next exam, class or even wash out of college altogether. Even though it might just be a campus myth, Mocs are not willing to tempt fate. In fact, during the plaza's busiest foot-traffic, you can see students part like the red sea, veering right or left, careful not to step on the seals which represent the schools that partnered to form the UTC of today. Photographer: Angela Foster

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

In every community, there are shared stories that make up a unique history. Some are better known than others, and all contribute to knowledge passed from one generation to the next that becomes part of the community identity and legacy. The UTC community is no different, and this issue of the *University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Magazine* brings you stories you may not have heard about; important achievements you may not have known.

One noteworthy event not in the magazine is UTC's reclassification to Doctoral/Professional Universities status by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The Doctoral Universities categories were recently reclassified to include "Doctor's degree-professional practice" to recognize the transformation underway in higher education in response to changes in the marketplace and student expectations. This classification is in addition to our designation as a Carnegie Community Engaged University, which was reaffirmed in 2015.

This issue of the magazine introduces you to surprising facts about UTC and its people, some with the most unlikely of backgrounds. For example, you will read about a virtually-blind student photographer and about students learning to use music as therapy. We have added interesting facts about one of the oldest buildings at UTC—Patten Chapel—as it turns 100 this year, along with the history behind the iconic "Earl Winger Broadcast Center" housed at WUTC-FM.



I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as chancellor at this exciting, dynamic time in UTC's history. Together—faculty, students, staff, alumni and community supporters—we are UTC. I hope you enjoy learning more about our great university in this issue of the *University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Magazine*.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven R. Angle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Steven R. Angle
Chancellor



Fact: More than 1,200 undergraduates participated in spring 2019 commencement ceremonies. A total of 305 students earned advanced degrees, including 55 PhDs and 223 master's degrees. Sixty-six students—both undergraduate and graduate—were veterans or military-affiliated. Fifty-eight were student athletes.

GETTING BUSINESS-WORLD READY AT UNUM

BY SHAWN RYAN



As a freshman at UTC,

Jordan Camp was given an honor that no other student has ever received. He was chosen to be an Unum Scholar. Until then, only sophomores and higher were selected.

“It is probably the most rewarding experience I’ve had here at UTC. I have a clearly defined career path now and I’ve had that since my freshman year of college, which is outstanding,” says Camp, a sophomore in business management who plans to change his major to finance with a concentration in investments and a minor in economics.

Working with officials at Unum, the Scholars program, housed in the Joseph F. Decosimo Success Center in the Gary W. Rollins College of Business, offers internships that make students paid, part-time employees at Unum. The internships can last for several semesters, even up to graduation. In spring semester 2019, 41 students were interns at Unum, a Chattanooga-based *Fortune* 500 insurance company formerly known as UnumProvident. Forty or more UTC students as Unum Scholars is a number “on par” with other semesters, says Caitlin Chellis, human resources program manager at the company.

Skills Sought

“In general, we look for students who are eager to learn, hardworking, innovative, curious team players and those who have strong communication skills to participate in our Scholars Program, and UTC has always been a great source for this kind of talent,” she explains.

Fact: 41 UTC students served internships in spring 2019 at this Fortune 500 company.

According to Camp, “It can be challenging at times because they definitely push you to have that real-world experience, so you do things that people who are coming in there from 8-5 every single day are doing. You just know that you’re getting that real-world experience that, if nothing else, you can put it on your resume. You’re really learning what it is to have a real job.”

Getting Unum Scholars “business-world ready” is one of the main goals, says Jaclyn Wooten-York, internship coordinator for the College of Business. She and Irene Hillman, manager of Career Services in the college, are the UTC contacts for the Scholars program. “The main goal for students participating in the Unum Scholars program is to obtain the skills necessary to become ‘business-world ready’ by fostering professional skill sets in one of the largest companies in Chattanooga, which also allows them to grow their professional network,” Wooten-York says. “We want them to land careers they truly enjoy and can grow from throughout their time at the company.”

Letting Students be Students

When choosing Unum Scholars, the company works with Wooten-York and Hillman, hosting luncheons, taking part in UTC’s Resume Week and Moc Interview Week, and conducting student tours through Unum’s downtown offices. “Unum also posts their positions on Handshake (a job platform for campus), and I will send out a targeted email notification to students with a link to apply for the position,” Wooten-York says. “Additionally,

as Irene and I meet with students in individual career-advising appointments, if we feel the student would be a particularly good fit for the Scholars program, we will encourage the student to apply and send the student’s resume to Unum.”

Along with taking five courses in spring semester, Camp worked 19 hours a week at Unum, the most the company allows. During school breaks, that goes up to 30 hours and, with management approval, it can rise to 40 hours. While Camp works 40 hours during holiday and spring breaks, he knows Unum is committed to letting students be students and is careful not to overload them when school is in session. “Unum really pushes the theme You Are a Student First,” he says. “So, I plan my school schedule first, then I plan my work schedule with my boss.”

During spring semester, Camp’s schedule was Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. “That’s just enough time for me to be able to get a nice paycheck and be able to live and also get my studies done,” he says.

Being an Unum Scholar is no guarantee, but the company has hired students who’ve been part of the program. Camp, who is working in the company’s Enterprise Audit division, hopes that path opens for him. “It’s more than likely that, if you pursue a job within Unum, you can find one,” he says. “Having that background as an Unum Scholar definitely helps.” **C**

unum.com/careers/opportunities/internships



JORDAN CAMP

Why did you choose UTC?

I’m from Sequatchie County, Tennessee, and grew up around the area. It’s only about 45 minutes away, so I frequently visited Chattanooga, and I was familiar with the area. So UTC was always very tempting from that aspect, close to home; I still had my friends. And then it’s a well-renowned business college, and that’s exactly what I wanted to go into.

What is your most memorable experience at UTC?

UTC is the best thing that’s happened to me. Coming from an extremely small town, I graduated with 145 students out of the only high school in our entire county. But UTC has bountiful opportunities here. It’s all what you make of it, and you can really accomplish anything here, as long as you’re willing to put in the work.

WUTC TURNS 40

Remembering Radio Pioneer Earl Winger

BY GINA STAFFORD



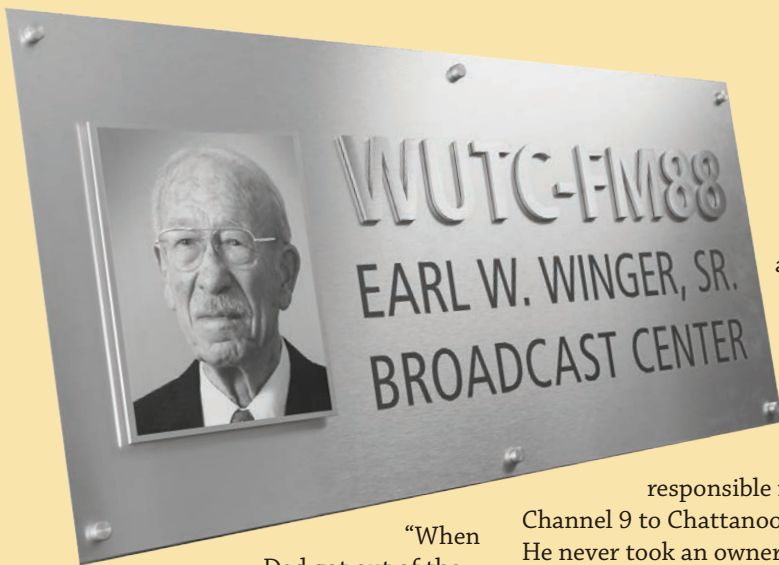
Earl Winger, circa 1942, courtesy of Sam Hall chattanoogahistory.com

“Coming to you from the Earl Winger Broadcast Center...”

If you’ve listened to WUTC-FM 88.1, you’ve surely heard these words, but do you know who Earl Winger was? Or how the studios of Chattanooga’s National Public Radio station came to bear his name? Typical of NPR, there is a good story here—and it begins decades before WUTC was established through the acquisition of its broadcasting license by the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga 40 years ago.

Born in Pennsylvania in 1899, Earl William Winger and his family moved to Chattanooga in 1917 and soon after he enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War I. Coming home after serving as an Army Tank Corps radio operator in France with an in-depth understanding of how to build and use radios, Winger saw a business opportunity then quickly discovered an obstacle to its success. What Winger did to overcome that obstacle became a milestone in Chattanooga history.

Fact: UTC operates a successful National Public Radio station, WUTC-FM 88.1.



Decades later as television emerged, Earl Winger also played a role in its presence in Chattanooga. “He was

responsible for bringing Channel 9 to Chattanooga around 1960. He never took an ownership interest in that station, but it was his management experience and his know-how in working with the FCC that brought the station to Chattanooga,” Alan Winger says.

Earl Winger’s children grew up proud of their father’s pioneering efforts to bring new entertainment and information platforms to their hometown. Which is why, Charley Winger says, everyone was enthusiastic when the university proposed to him and his siblings in 1987 that they fund a WUTC broadcasting suite to be named for their father. “All four of us either attended or graduated from UTC—Virginia Ann Winger McAllester, Betty Winger Hunt, Robert Alan Winger and me,” he says. “Given Dad’s background in radio and my personal interest in radio, I thought it was a great idea.”

Alan Winger adds, “He was honored by the University when he funded about \$70,000 worth of refurbishing and equipment for the station earlier

in the 1980s, and he was pretty proud of himself for being able to help the University that way. It’s a venue that we believe in and are proud to be associated with, and we believe that WUTC is vital both to the campus and in Chattanooga.

“He was beyond thrilled at the naming of the studio, of the legacy that he was leaving,” Charley Winger says. “He had been out of radio, professionally, for 30 years when the broadcast center was named for him. It did his heart good.”

Honoring Dad

Preceded by the 1986 death of his wife, Viva Hood Winger, Earl Winger died in June 1991. Their two daughters also are now deceased. Since their 1987 gift to honor their father, his two surviving sons have established estate gifts. For Charley Winger, his estate gift will follow his current, annual financial support for WUTC. Alan Winger has established an estate gift that will create endowed scholarships in his parents’ names to support military veteran students studying communications at UTC.

“We are very proud of Earl Winger and want to continue honoring him in any way that we can,” Alan Winger says. “The reason I went into this is for my dad’s legacy, to make him shine with his accomplishments in radio in Chattanooga, and for his support of the University.

“What we have done and will >>

“When Dad got out of the Army, he thought he could make a living selling crystal radios, but he had difficulty getting started since there was nothing on the air to listen to,” says his son, Charley Winger. “He started Chattanooga radio station WDOT for the sole purpose of having something for radio owners to listen to.”

First Station

WDOD—call letters said to stand for the “Wonderful Dynamo of Dixie”—was Chattanooga’s first radio station when it signed on the air on April 13, 1925. It was an AM station—FM stations wouldn’t be a factor for decades, but in 1960 WDOT scored another Chattanooga first when it put itself on the FM dial. WDOT was the station Chattanoogaans listened to.

“We were just a radio family,” Charley Winger says. “When I was eight or nine, I remember vividly sitting at a card table and working with Dad, who was intimately familiar with radios—how to build them, talk on them—and he transferred that interest to me and taught me how to build crystal radio sets. My brother, Alan, a ham radio operator, also is a radio enthusiast.”

Alan Winger remarks that his father didn’t just build radios. “He physically built the transmitters and the equipment that enabled WDOT to go on the air.

“His main thrust in Chattanooga was entertainment. He was instrumental in bringing people like George Gobel and Archie Campbell live from a stage in downtown Chattanooga to radio listeners in the ’20s and ’30s. All of that was live because recording was few and far between.”



continue to be doing for the university and the radio station in his name. Because of the business sense he instilled in me, I feel I owe everything I've got to him."

The Winger Children

EARL W. WINGER JR.
(deceased 1986)

VIRGINIA ANN WINGER MCALLESTER
(deceased 2011, graduated from UC 1952)

BETTY WINGER HUNT
(deceased 2000, graduated from UC 1946)

CHARLEY WINGER
(bachelor's degree in psychology from UC 1962;
MBA from UT Knoxville in 1970)

ALAN WINGER
(graduated from UTC in 1969)

How WUTC Came to Be

Ever since its first broadcast in 1979, WUTC-FM has been owned and operated by the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and an affiliate of National Public Radio. The station is on campus on the ground floor of Cadek Hall.

Initially, WUTC rebroadcast the morning programming of WUOT-FM in Knoxville. In 1988, WUTC obtained its own satellite downlink and began airing its own programming



lineup. The station added nationally syndicated programming to what has long been a format that includes a highly diverse variety of music.

In 1995, WUTC became the exclusive Chattanooga market source of NPR programs including *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered* and *Weekend Edition*.

WUTC's broadcast range of approximately 100 miles reaches four states—Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama—but is cut shorter to the west of the station, with its signal limited by Monteagle Mountain. WUTC took its broadcast online in July 2002, making it accessible to anyone with an internet connection.

Four years later, WUTC was the first Chattanooga radio station of any type to simulcast its broadcast in HD—or hybrid digital—radio format. With HD radio, each analog signal you hear (such as how you might hear *Morning Edition* on your car's standard FM radio) also has embedded digital signals that broadcast just as far, but with CD quality sound and no deterioration or sharing with other signals. An HD radio is all that's needed to receive them.

Today, WUTC is increasingly becoming a learning laboratory for students who are creating podcasts and other online and on-air content; a growing source of original programming from talk shows to hosted music presentations to local news; and more specialty features and diversity programming than in the station's history.

A new daily show, *Scenic Roots*, talks to everyone and everything about Chattanooga. *Scenic Roots* brings you conversations with scholars, community leaders, artists, entrepreneurs, experts and ordinary people with extraordinary stories.

And with a new WUTC app that launched in January, you can conveniently take your favorite NPR station along wherever you and your mobile phone go. Download it from the App Store or on Google Play. **C**

utc.edu/radio-history



ONE-OF-A-KIND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE

Tall, but True, Stories About about UTC's Robie Robinson

BY SHAWN RYAN

Something wasn't right with the RV. It just wasn't going as fast as it should.

Robie Robinson and his family were headed out to their ranch in West Texas when his father noticed the glitch in the vehicle. Rather than pull off the road to check things, he had another solution: Flip up the hatch in the floor of the RV—the one that opens to the outside world—and have Robie's brother sit on his legs while the 12-year-old stuck his head underneath the vehicle to try to diagnose the problem. "Robie always said it was disconcerting to see the white stripe on the road whiz by out of the corner of your eye," says his longtime friend Kirk Driver over the phone from Tarrant County College just west of Fort Worth, Texas.

The Director of Safety and Emergency Management at Tarrant,

Driver cracks up as he tells the story, laughter echoed by four other people in the room, all of whom worked with Robinson in emergency services in the early 2000s.

When Robinson, who has been director of emergency services at UTC for over three years, is told about Driver's reaction, he immediately swipes his hand back and forth past his gray-bearded cheek, demonstrating just how close his face was to being sandpapered by the asphalt as he hung from the bottom of the RV. "About two inches," he says. "My Mom was sitting there with both hands cupped over her eyes. She kept saying, 'Is it over? Is it over?'"

The RV tale is just one in a seemingly endless line of stories about Robinson that he and his friends across the country can spin. And they're true. An interesting guy, no doubt, Robinson grew up on a ranch where it was legal to artificially

inseminate cattle; he holds a law school degree; he's served as a county attorney in West Texas; and he left the latter position to join the Texas Forest Service. >>

Fact: Robie Robinson's career has ranged from bouncer to lawyer to firefighter.



Robie Robinson

"A blue-collar Renaissance man, well-read, well-educated, but he will get his hands dirty if he needs to, no questions asked."

Renaissance Man

Certified by multiple organizations as an emergency management expert who has, among other things, fought forest fires, dealt with floods and coordinated emergency shelters after hurricanes, Robinson is an internationally recognized expert in emergency management situations. He has been invited to China, Dubai and many other countries to give seminars. He has been a college professor, a bar bouncer, an admiral in the Texas Navy (yes, there is such a thing) and a colonel in the Kentucky National Guard. He's also an ordained minister with a license to marry people. "The more time you spend around him, you find things that you go, 'There's no way in the world he did that.' But he did," Driver says.

When Sharon Smalley, safety and risk specialist at Tarrant Community College, mentions that Robinson also was an intern at Disney World, the tone of her voice indicates that, not only does it make perfect sense that he would work at a place where the unreal becomes real, it would be weird if he hadn't. "I would describe him as a blue-collar Renaissance man, well-read, well-educated, but he will get his hands dirty if he needs to, no questions asked," she says.

At his office in the UTC Administrative Services Building, the walls are filled with framed certificates that recognize his membership in the emergency management division of the Texas Forest Service, his standing as a "Founding Member" of U.S. Homeland Security and as an "Honorary Calgarian" (Calgary, the city in Canada). On a credenza is a desk plaque that reads: "Yes, doing your job is part of your job"; another on his wall reads: "If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you."

His office is a testament to his dedication to Disney with four posters that feature either Mickey or Minnie Mouse, Goofy and Donald Duck. All are decked out in Red Cross gear and involved in emergency operations. Goofy and Donald, for instance, are carrying sandbags and shovels; Minnie holds a sleeping child on her shoulder. "The three most important things in my life are God, my country and Mickey Mouse," Robinson says. When he says it, you're not sure if he's kidding.

Campus Duties

Robinson is in charge of all safety procedures at UTC, which include managing the campus police department,



making sure all hazardous materials in chemistry labs are properly handled, ensuring that any construction on campus has the necessary safety equipment and issuing text and email alerts in case of inclement weather, on-campus crimes and —although, thankfully, it has never happened—an active shooter. "When somebody asks me, 'So what do you do for a living?', I always say that anything that can hurt, maim or kill you is my fault on campus," Robinson says. "There's not anything you can give us that we will not handle somehow, some way. We're not going to say it's somebody else's job and pass the buck."

That includes a rabid animal.

"We had a rabid possum outside the campus Starbucks about a year ago," he says with a smile. "We had a police officer go keep an eye on it and keep people from getting close because, when you've got a possum out in the middle of the day, there's a problem." Richard Brown, UTC executive vice chancellor for finance and administration who hired Robinson, says he has a ready line when it comes to Robinson's role on campus. "If it blinks, breaks or stinks, pretty much Robie is the guy that I call," Brown says with a laugh. "Robie brings a broad range of experience, not only in emergency services but within a college setting, as well. For example, he has a



Robinson led mock training on campus in March, preparing a response to an active shooter.

legal background and often a lot of the issues in emergency services in the 21st century have legal ramifications. His ethics are outstanding, and one needs that when running public safety and risk management functions.”

‘Invisible’ Safety

Sitting in his office, Robinson shrugs off the praise, saying he’d rather “stay invisible” when it comes to doing his job. Beyond defending against dangerous marsupials, the overall goal of Emergency Services is to make everyone—students, faculty, staff, visitors—feel safe when they’re at UTC, he says. “In fact, if our department is doing its

job, people won’t even think about their safety; they’ll simply assume they are. Our job is to make sure that if that bad thing happens, whatever it is, that we have plans in place. It won’t ever match our plans exactly, but if we have plans in place, we can more effectively modify our plans rather than starting from scratch.”

In the job, he uses lessons learned in previous emergency management jobs, including how to run a top-down operation similar to a military exercise, everyone knowing they’re assigned to a specific task and everyone sharing the load. He’s also been a feet-on-the-ground forest firefighter, pickaxe in hand, carving out a fire break to stop the forward movement of the flames. “Speed gardening,” he says. Even though he has been the man-in-charge in emergency situations dozens of times, he insists that, at UTC, he’s just “a guy in the seat.”

“The people that are really doing the work are the people below me, and my job is to support them and give them what they need to get the job done,” he says. “Whether it’s financial resources; whether it’s policy support; or whether it’s the knowledge that I’m going to back them.”

Helping with Humor

Beth Armstrong met Robinson in 2001 when he joined

the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), a nonprofit that represents more than 8,000 emergency management and homeland security professionals. She is president of Association and Society Management International, which helps with the minutiae of administrative duties for emergency management organizations.

Robinson has served in several administrative jobs at IAEM, including president of the organization. After coming to UTC, he told Armstrong that their jobs weren’t all that different. “You have presidents, and I have a rabid possum to deal with outside the campus Starbucks. Same thing,” she recalls. But beneath his self-deprecation is “an extremely intelligent, talented leader,” she says. “His low-key approach and pragmatism always reassure. ‘The world will continue to rotate regardless of our actions.’ Robie has a remarkable ability to read people and situations and recognize priorities,” she says. “During a stressful issue, he reminded, ‘Just remember, attitude is the difference between ordeal and adventure.’ I have never seen him lose his cool and will forever admire his focus to do the right thing.”

Despite the sometimes seriousness of the work, humor always finds a place in Robinson’s demeanor, friends say. “He can laugh at himself or find humor in himself and be comfortable with it and that’s very rare,” says Steve Kleppes, director of environmental management at Tarrant County College. “He was in some pretty hairy situations, but Robie has never lost his sense of humor in things. He can flat out laugh about it,” Driver says. “His quick wit and colorful turn of phrase always entertain: ‘Rome wasn’t built in a day, but Caesar bled out pretty fast’ and ‘I feel as spry as a walrus on a mountaintop’ are two recent witticisms from Robie,” she says.

Armstrong recalls a stodgy black-tie affair last year in which Robinson refused to be stodgy. “He pulled off a tuxedo with a tasteful Hawaiian ‘dress’ shirt and black cowboy boots,” she says. Robinson insists he wasn’t trying to make a statement with his outfit or tweak the noses of the other tuxedo-wearing men at the event. “I had a Hawaiian shirt, but it was a white shirt and the flowers were black, so it was appropriate,” he says, then adds that the tie he was wearing sported Mickey Mouse in a cowboy hat.

“Basically, if you think a rodeo clown will be comfortable wearing it, I would like the shirt,” he says. **C**



VIRTUALLY BLIND, BUT UNDAUNTED

Alex Ogle's Amazing Effort to Pursue Photojournalism at UTC

BY MEGAN SHADRICK **Alex Ogle** is a communication major pursuing a career in photojournalism. She is also legally blind. Ogle has 20/60 vision in her right eye, which means she must be 20 feet away from an object that a person with normal vision can see at 60 feet. Her left eye, though, barely sees anything at all. "It's kind of useless," she says. "I see out of it but not clearly."

Her love of photography came unexpectedly. "I took photojournalism and didn't think I would like it, but it's amazing." Classmates who had taken the course, Photojournalism 1, kept raving about it being the best class ever and Ogle decided she had to take the course. While her main motivation was to learn, there also was this one, little nagging matter at home. Ogle's sister had complained about Ogle's photos. She wanted to prove she could improve to sis.

Ironically, Ogle couldn't figure out how to turn on the camera when she started, but she quickly learned the basics. Because of her challenged eyesight and lack of peripheral vision, Ogle uses a camera with autofocus to take clear photos. "I need to be able to zoom in and make sure it's sharp," she says.

A Battle from Birth

It might seem obvious that she would struggle in photography, but Billy Weeks, UTC lecturer in communication and a professional photographer, says differently. "Her images were unique from the beginning," he says. "She's really able to simplify what a photograph should be."

Ogle was born at 24 weeks into her mother's pregnancy, when around 40 weeks is normal. She weighed one pound, five ounces and lived in a neonatal intensive care unit for

“One of my favorite parts about photojournalism is the empathy.”

three months. “We were told at the time that she had a 15 to 20 percent chance of survival,” says her dad, Scott.

She lived but didn’t escape difficulties.

Doctors learned Ogle had retinopathy of prematurity, a blinding disorder that affects premature infants weighing around 2½ pounds or less. It usually develops in both eyes and is the most common form of vision loss in children. There are varying stages of the disease, which repairs itself in some children while others have severe visual impairments for life.

Ogle’s doctors suggested laser eye surgery when she was one month old to correct or at least save the small amount of eyesight she had. The family okayed surgery.

Close-Ups

When she takes on photography projects, Ogle concentrates on a single subject, getting her lens very close to what she’s shooting to make sure the shot is in focus. The technique helps her tell a visual story through a series of photo projects that involve multiple photos taken over time, she says. It also allows her to show the empathy behind the subject.

“Those to me have the most impact,” she says. “One of my favorite parts about photojournalism is the empathy. I endeavor to create photos that show depth, human character and emotion in every still image.”

There are times when her eyesight means she can’t tell whether the photo is in focus before she takes it. It can be aggravating and disheartening, she says. “I see it differently, and sometimes it can be really frustrating,” she says.

Her parents say that, even though their daughter’s eyesight issues have always been in the back of their minds, they’ve never treated her differently or tried to overprotect. She played T-ball with

her neighborhood friends and joined some classmates on her high school color guard. Her grades were never an issue, either. She’d sit on the front row of classrooms to be able to see better, and it would take her a bit longer to get assignments done.

“She works harder for everything she has,” says her mother, Lisa Ogle, “and has always been a perfectionist. It’s not surprising she does the same with her photography.”

Commencement Coming

Yet there have been a few health scares. There’s a relatively high possibility that Ogle’s retina will detach from her good eye, taking her sight away entirely. In one horrifying incident, she and her friends were playing baseball in the yard when a friend swung back with the bat and accidentally hit Ogle in her good eye. Luckily, no serious damage was done. “It was the one thing we were always told to protect,” her mother says.

Transportation also can be an issue since Ogle is unable to drive, but she rides her bike or walks to classes.

Ogle plans to graduate in fall 2019 and is hoping to land a photojournalism job, hopefully in a metropolitan area so she can use public transportation. “I would love to travel in really cool places and possibly live in New York,” she says.

Her parents support their daughter, but they also have concerns. Her father knows there are inherent risks with her future plans, but “I just want her to be able to do things she loves to do and be self-sufficient,” he says.

Even without her photography skills, Ogle is special, Weeks says. “Take away all of her great writing and photography and she’s just a great person.” **C**

Fact: Photojournalism classes are popular offerings of the Communications Department



ALEX OGLE

What attracted you to UTC in the first place?

I loved the campus. I’m originally from Knoxville, and so I wanted to be somewhere that wasn’t home, but close enough to come home if I wanted. UTC immediately felt like home. Also, UTC is a very walkable campus and super-close to downtown, which was important to me because I don’t drive.

What is the best experience you’ve had at UTC?

The best experience I’ve had at UTC is finding and being involved with The House ministry. I’ve found a community with The House for the first time in my life, and they have a special place in my heart.

Take me out to the ballgame. Take me out to the crowd. Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack, I don't care if I never get back. So it's root,



April 2, 1931, 17-year-old Jackie Mitchell, left, struck out both Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig during an exhibition game against the Yankees. A few days later, her contract was voided and women were declared unfit to play baseball.



Engel Stadium's "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" History

Summer has arrived and with it comes outdoor fun in the sun. One of the most popular ways to enjoy the season is watching America's pastime, baseball. Chattanooga is home to one of the oldest baseball parks in the country, Engel Stadium, which opened to the public in 1930 and was the home of the city's minor league baseball team, the Chattanooga Lookouts, for 68 years. Today, Engel Stadium is owned by UTC.

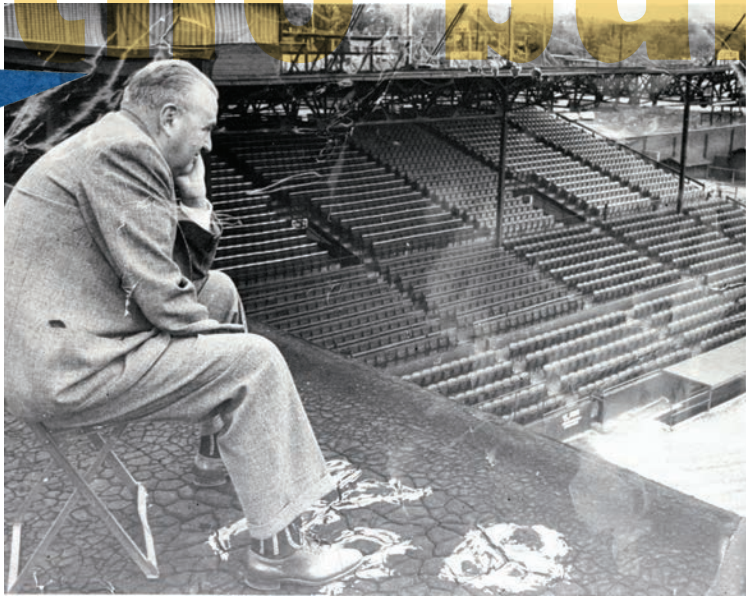
When viewing photos of the stadium, one can feel its storied past emanating from the architecture by imagining again the crack of the bat wielded by some of baseball's greatest players, the smell of popcorn and hot dogs, and practically see the fans of decades past cheering on their team from the stands.

Engel Stadium was the stage for many momentous events in baseball history. One of the greatest moments came in an exhibition game. In 1931, the Lookouts signed a 17-year-old pitching phenom named Jackie Mitchell, a woman. Later that year on April 2, Mitchell made history during an exhibition at Engel between the New York Yankees and their farm team at the time, the Lookouts, when she famously struck out Yankee legends Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig to the roaring thrill of the crowd.

A young Willie Mays, playing for the Chattanooga Choo-choos of the Southern Negro League, ran wild on the bases at Engel Stadium in 1947. Today, few minor league baseball stadiums can boast of such memorable moments and Hall of Fame players who graced their playing fields. During the 1960s and 1970s the stadium began to fall on hard times, and on Sept. 10, 1999, the Lookouts played their last home game at Engel. The ball field briefly experienced renewed interest in 2012, when filmmakers selected it as one of the locations for the motion picture "42: The Jackie Robinson Story."

Due to Engel Stadium's undeniable historical significance, the National Register of Historic Places approved it as a structure worthy of preservation in 2014. UTC partnered with the Engel Foundation and Cornerstones, a local historic preservation nonprofit organization to maintain the stadium's integrity as a historical landmark. Engel Stadium is not only the historical home of the Scenic City's beloved Lookouts, it's a landmark where generations of Chattanoogaans have gathered and cheered for the home team. **C**

root, root for the home team. If they don't win it's a shame. For it's one, two, three strikes you're out at the old ball game.



Photograph of Joe Engel seated on roof of Engel Stadium overlooking empty bleachers. This was near the time that the fate of the Lookouts as a ball club was in question.



Above right, 1908 Rossville City League baseball team champions. Team photo by E.G. Carroll, fourth from right. Players in uniform in one line with coach in center wearing suit and hat. Young boy on ground with bats and gloves, is the bat boy.



Home of the Lookouts, Chattanooga, Tennessee postcard, circa 1945 left.



Left, 1952 Southern League Champion Chattanooga Lookouts. Photographed in Engel Stadium.

ALUMNUS STEPS AWAY FROM **M** DIVINITY COLLEGE HE FOUNDED

BY SHAWN RYAN

Timothy George's professors at UTC didn't just insist that he ask them questions. When they gave their answers, he had to question those, too.

It didn't stop there. When he asked himself questions, they said, he should question the answers he gave himself. "They taught me how to think critically, creatively, to ask questions and to question my questions. Teachers at UTC were not allowing me to get away with easy answers," says George, a 1972 graduate in history who mentions professors Larry Ingle, Bill Wright and Donald Klinefelter by name. >>





“For many years, the truth is what you’ve heard in your family or from friends or other adults,” George continues. “But eventually you reach a deeper or higher level of engagement where you begin to question what you’ve been told and even what you’ve believed in.”

A native of Chattanooga, George has taken the love of learning instilled in him at UTC and carried it throughout his life, through the master of divinity and doctorate of theology he earned at Harvard Divinity School and University and into his current role as dean of the Beeson College of Divinity at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, which he co-founded in 1988.

Time to Go

After 31 years, however, he is stepping down from that role, slowing his pace—sort of—to pursue more teaching, research and writing. An expert on the Catholic Reformation, he has written or co-written 11 books that are now available on Amazon.com. He says he has contracts for seven more. Although being dean at Beeson is “the best job in America,” he says, “I need to complete some of the tasks I’ve taken on while the gray cells are still working.”

As one of the newest faculty members at Beeson, Stephana Laing says George “has a great sense of humor and is a quick wit.” As evidence, she recalls a lecture that George gave in February 2016 in Houston, Texas. That same night, the Republican nominees for U.S. president also were in Houston for a town hall meeting. The freeway was jam-packed that evening,” Laing recalls. “When Dr. George thanked me for coming out to hear him, I joked with him that I had thought I might attend

the Republican debates instead, so I could hear Donald Trump. Dr. George laughed and properly feigned hurt and outrage, then he turned to me and said dramatically, “Tonight’s gonna be HUGE! And it was.”

Frank Thielman has worked with George for more than 30 years, joining the Beeson faculty at the very start. He says George established a philosophy in the beginning days of the school that is still followed today. “In those early days, as Timothy was setting the Divinity School’s sails and charting its direction, he often emphasized that, whereas we were a graduate school of theology with an academically rigorous curriculum, we were certainly not merely that,” says Thielman, now the Presbyterian Professor of Divinity at Beeson. “We were also a worshiping community of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Thielman recalls that, 10 years after Beeson opened, George held a faculty retreat “for the express purpose of taking stock of ourselves.”

We had certainly faced some challenges in those 10 years but, thanks to Timothy’s leadership, we had made the decision not to compromise our standards when the easy way out of troublesome, momentary difficulties would perhaps have been to compromise.”

For George, the climb has been fairly smooth for someone who says he “kind of grew up on the wrong side of the street, wrong side of the tracks” with an alcoholic father and polio-stricken mother who couldn’t take care of him and his sister. They were mostly raised by a pair of great aunts in the neighborhood then known as Hell’s Half Acre between East 23rd Street and Main Street in Chattanooga, George says. The city

dump was nearby. “We used to get old toys there that had been thrown out,” he says. “I thought it was normal. You don’t really know that you’re in an unusual situation. These were great people; they had a lot of love in their home. They cared deeply and dearly for us. They did the best they could with what they had.”

While attending local schools, George also found his way to the public library, where he could lose himself in books and a chance to learn even more. “I am a product of the public schools and the public library,” he says. “Whatever is wrong with me, I cannot blame on Chattanooga public schools.”

When it comes to co-founding his own school, “You wouldn’t believe everything that’s involved with it,” George says with a laugh. “I wouldn’t want to do it again. I’m glad I did it, but once is enough.”

Disagreements, Diversity

Although it’s located on the campus of Samford University, a Baptist-affiliated school, Beeson is interdenominational and evangelical, “a new model of theological education,” George says. By not adhering to any specific Christian denomination’s doctrines, Beeson was born with “built-in disagreements,” and that’s a good thing, he says. “Along with the disagreement, there’s also diversity, and I think this is very important for a school like ours,” George says.

But for everyone at Beeson, which caps its enrollment at about 200 students annually, the core belief is the same as it’s ever been in Christianity, he says. “The gospel of Jesus, to go into the world and make disciples of all nations. To take that mandate, which has to do with living in a certain way, embodying love in a certain way. Faith, hope and love, we live that out in our work.”

Whatever the school, religious or otherwise, there are two absolute requirements, he says. “You need great teachers who are passionate about the disciplines they teach, and you need eager students who are willing to work and learn. Buildings and books and money, all those have their role, but you must put them secondary to students and teachers.” **C**

MUSIC AS THERAPY

We Now Know Music Can Have Healing Effects



Left to right, Katie Goforth Elverd, Stuart Benkert and Lee Harris

BY SHAWN RYAN

Until research studied the matter, the idea that music could be therapeutic was just that. An idea.

Now we know much more. According to UTC faculty members Stuart Benkert, interim head of the Department of Performing Arts, and Lee Harris, professor in the same department and coordinator of the music education program, a new degree program at UTC beginning this fall will teach what most did not know—music therapy can address all the bullet points listed on the opposite page.

The new, four-year Music Therapy program is the first of its kind at the University. A board-certified therapist, Katie Goforth Elverd, helped create the program. She relays an interesting story.

Fact: UTC's new Music Therapy program seeks to help cognition.

Evidence-based benefits of music therapy:

- Regulate physiologic measures
- Reduce pain, anxiety and agitation
- Facilitate functional movement
- Improve communication skills
- Decrease behavioral distress
- Regulate attention, memory and executive functioning
- Enhance self-expression and coping skills
- Cost-effective reimbursable treatment
- Decrease length of hospital stay
- Decrease length of medical procedures and need for sedation
- Elevate mood
- Improve patient and family satisfaction

“A six-year-old wasn’t feeling well, understandable since he’d just gone through a round of chemotherapy to treat his bone cancer. He wasn’t really saying anything. It was a quiet room,” recalls Elverd.

Her job, though, was to help him feel better. Or at least not as bad. She asked if he would like to sing a song. Yes, he said, sitting up and choosing “Eye of the Tiger” by Survivor. “We sang it and his behavior changes,” Elverd says. “It really affected him physiologically. It improved the way he felt because it got his mind off what his body had been through. It uplifted his mood and it normalized his environment because, for him, being in a hospital was not a normal thing.”

New Program’s Beginnings

And that, she says, is the whole point of music therapy.

The Music Therapy program began with a request to explore the idea from officials at Erlanger Health System. Currently there are no board-certified music therapists in Chattanooga, Elverd says. There are music enrichment programs, she notes, but those are not the same. The UTC program’s goal is for graduates to be certified to work in three specific areas of music therapy: pediatrics, geriatrics and with those suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Benkert says.

“Part of it is a very physically-based therapy session that uses instruments to increase your fine motor skills,” Benkert says. For example, he says, a patient has had hand surgery and needs physical therapy but hates the standard exercise of squeezing a ball over and over to increase the ability to grip. Because of that, the patient stops doing the therapy. “So instead of squeezing, maybe we put drumsticks in their hands or mallets for a xylophone or something,” Benkert says. “Say you need some fine shoulder work done. strumming a guitar will give you that.”

Helps Young and Old

For children in hospitals, music therapy can lead to shorter stays, he says. “You get an earlier release where you have certified music therapists,” which is especially cost-effective in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

For the elderly, music therapy can help physically and mentally, Benkert explains. “Lots of time you can put a tambourine in their hands and they can keep time and make music,” he says, “They’re not able to recuperate the fine motor skills they had, but they still want to try. If someone is having a hard time breathing and we get them singing, they’re taking in more oxygen. I can sit here and say, ‘Hey, let’s work on our breathing’ or I can say, ‘Let’s sing a song,’ which is also going to have you working on your breathing.”

Mentally, it helps them feel as if they’re accomplishing something and being involved, not just sitting in their room alone, he adds.

Benkert says treating PTSD is one of his dream goals for the program, but he acknowledges that it will take a few years before it’s ready to tackle the task. “I feel that, ultimately, PTSD is an important issue that we’re not facing well as a nation. Someone needs to do something, right?”

“Say someone is suffering from PTSD. Cognitively we can help them write songs about how they’re feeling. We can help them identify music that physiologically calms them down. Kind of the same way that sometimes when you get in rush-hour traffic, the last thing you should be listening to is heavy metal. Sometimes you just need to turn on Beethoven.” **C**



ENGINEER, INVENTOR, ENTREPRENEUR

Brock Kolls Helped Invent Popular Coca-Cola Freestyle Machine

Fact: Coca-Cola Freestyle is the dispensing machine, not a drink.



Brock Kolls

BY SHAWN RYAN

The project was so secret,

Brock Kolls couldn't even tell his family. "We had signed confidentiality agreements inside the company to not even talk about the project with other employees. So a lot of people didn't even know," recalls Kolls, a 1991 UTC graduate in electrical engineering.

That might sound a bit over-the-top and dramatic since the project was just a new machine to dispense soft drinks at movie theaters, restaurants and the like. Truth is, though, it wasn't just another machine that squirts Coke or Sprite or Mello Yello into a cup. It was the one that wows you the first time you use it. A touchscreen is dotted with circular icons for various soft drinks. Press one, let it squirt into your cup for a moment, then stop it and put in another flavor ... and another ... and another. It has the ability to make 100 different flavor combinations.

A Soft-Drink Dispenser

They call it the Coca-Cola Freestyle and, since debuting in 2009, it has revolutionized soft-drink dispensing. In Chattanooga, you can find it in AMC Theatres, Zaxby's, Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Burger King and Moe's Southwest Grill, among others. Nationwide, there now are about 50,000 dispensers pouring 14 million drinks per day. "It took about 18 months in order to get the prototype together. It had a great design challenge," says Kolls, who helped lead the research and development team that designed the Freestyle.

"If you remember, they did the boxes of (soft drink) syrup and each box was roughly about a cubic foot. And they had figured out that, in order to dispense 100 drinks, they needed 44 different ingredients. So our challenge was to take 44 cubic feet of liquid and get it into 44 cubic inches of space because that's what it took in order to be able to mix all the syrups and the drinks in there and everything. Awesome challenge."

With great secrecy, the first working prototype was put in a Mexican food-style restaurant in downtown Atlanta, he says. Still working under his confidentiality agreement, Kolls couldn't even tell his wife and kids. "My family didn't even know it was there until I told them that, 'Hey, we're going to go have dinner tonight at a new Mexican restaurant,' you know?" he recalls.

After moving to Atlanta to work with Coke in 2007, Kolls remained and now is president and CEO of Gr8BigIdeas and its website, TechConnectHub.com. Describing himself as a "serial entrepreneur," he has worked with Coke as well as such companies as Wells Fargo and USA Technologies, among others, and is a registered U.S. patent agent with more than 85 patents as an inventor. "You're patenting ideas," he explains. "They really break them into two categories. One is that they've either been reduced to practice, meaning that they've actually been physically built, or it's just a construction on paper

of what could be possible. And you can patent both.

"I think a lot of times with these innovations, your mind and your pencil can run much faster than the engineers can build the ideas. So it's perfectly normal to be maybe thinking about Generation Two and Three while you're perfecting Generation One. And it also gives an opportunity for ideas to evolve over time, where you've tried things, and think of new things, and that type of thing."

Business Facilitator

Filing for patents is an offshoot of his larger business, which is connecting large corporations with inventors and innovators, a task that sometimes involves working with companies that are in the early stages of creating themselves. "I understood exactly how hard it was for startups to work with big companies," he says. But having worked with Coca-Cola, he also knew "exactly how hard it is for big companies to work with startups." In short, he created a career by seeing a need in two separate industries and being the go-between.

"I've positioned myself right in the center to help big companies be able to access and connect with the young talent that they're trying to get to in the community. Connecting companies with each other revolves around three categories, he explains: Talent, knowledge and solutions.

"It's either around talent where they're looking for a specific talent to come in through an intern program, to work on some sort of technical challenge," he says. "It could be building an app, could be solving a problem, could be writing algorithms for a health care company. It could be all sorts of different things, but ultimately they're looking for talent.

"The other is they're looking for knowledge. It means that they might be an industry and they're very interested in how this particular technology— like artificial intelligence or blockchain—is going to change their industry, and they would like to get ahead of it. They want to find people who are researching these areas, who have knowledge of these areas, and bring them in for workshops and for the executives to interact with so you can bring knowledge into the company about new technologies.

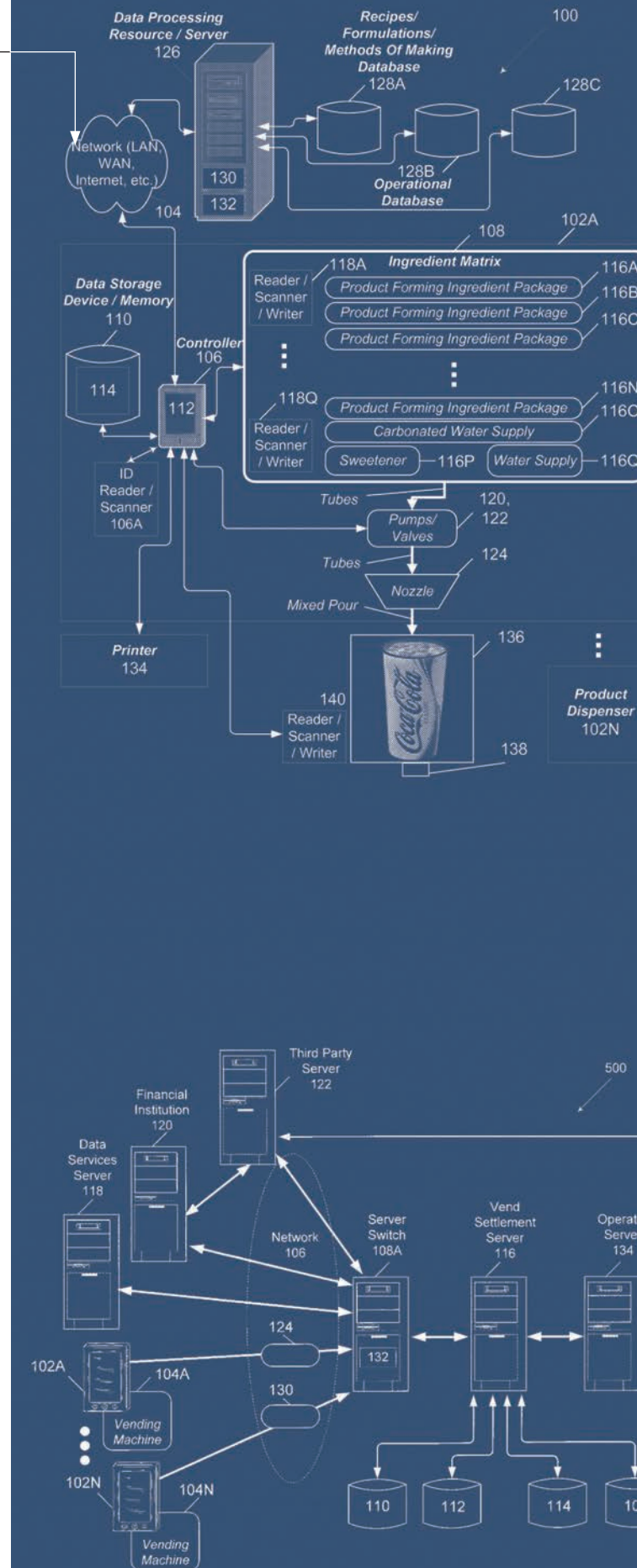
Tapping Chattanooga's Growth

"Or it's about solutions. They've got a particular need; they're looking for particular technology; and they want to find somebody who's already been there and done that, that they can move quickly to commercialization on."

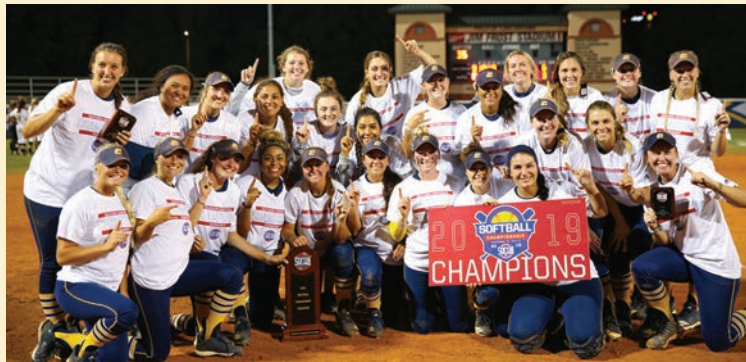
Part of solving those issues is developing relationships with universities across the country because a great deal of tech research is going on in the schools. He comes to Chattanooga on a regular basis to maintain his relationships with faculty and staff at UTC and with Chattanooga as a whole. "The startup community is emerging here in Chattanooga incredibly fast, right? There are a lot of companies trying to understand exactly how to engage. They are asking such questions as: 'How do I explain what I need them to do? How do I bring that technology into my company?'" he says. "I've focused these last four or five years on just that subject matter. Just helping big companies access talent in the startup community."

But not everyone quite understands what he does. Not even those closest to him.

"Like my parents said, 'Is that a real job? I thought you went to school for engineering.'" **C**



Softball Success Earns NCAA Bid



Following its 14th Southern Conference tournament championship, UTC's softball team under Coach Frank Reed clinched a spot in the NCAA Championship Tournament for the 11th time when the program was selected to participate in the Oxford Regional, hosted by nationally-ranked Ole Miss. The team, 37-17 (a .685 winning percentage) on the year, had its memorable 2019 season come to a close after falling 2-1 to Southeast Missouri State in the first elimination game of the tournament.

The 37 wins are the most since 2012, and the win-loss percentage is the best since 2015. Junior Celie Hudson was named the Southern Conference Pitcher of the Year, while freshman Emily Coltharp was tabbed as SoCon Freshman of the Year, both UTC firsts in their respective categories since 2008. Senior Emma Sturdivant earned a spot alongside Hudson and Coltharp on the All-SoCon first team, highlighting the only league member with three honorees on the top team.

Seniors Amanda Beltran and Morgan Kazerooni, juniors Aly Walker and Hayleigh Weissenbach and freshman Mariah Ramirez were voted to the All-SoCon second team. Ramirez and Coltharp received SoCon All-Freshman honors.



Celie Hudson

Dual-Purpose Grad

Wil Young didn't go to college to make history. He just wanted to play football and earn a degree. Young did both at UTC, where he picked up a bachelor's degree in May, along with a place in history as the first Mocs football player ever to receive an electrical engineering degree. Young's college career included membership (and serving as an officer) in Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

A Mobile, Alabama high school receiver, Young was rated a three-star recruit. He sat out the 2014 football season as a redshirt freshman. In 2015, he played in all 13 games and started in two of the last three games. In 2016, he missed five games because of injury. In 2017, he played in 10 games, making 16 catches for 128 yards. In 2018, Young made all four of his collegiate career touchdowns, part of 46 catches for 535 yards.

Throughout his time with the Mocs, Young's academic performance routinely placed him on the UTC Dean's List and the Athletics Director's Honor Roll. Young says being on hand for Mocs football's Southern Conference championship win in 2014 is the favorite memory he'll take from campus. "Definitely," he says when asked about returning to campus as an alumnus. "I'm definitely proud to be a Moc, and I will be back."



Wil Young



Connor Nolan

Men's Golf

The men's golf program completed its 2019 season with a third-place finish at the Southern Conference Championships. The squad captured the Memphis Intercollegiate behind a school-record 21-under par performance by sophomore Oliver Simonsen. Simonsen earned All-SoCon honors. He was just shy of only the fourth par or better season in school history, ending up

5 over. Simonsen (71.97), Will Porter (73.37) and Connor Nolan (73.93) will form a solid returning trio atop the lineup as all three made significant strides from their 2018 performances. Simonsen (-3.88), Nolan (-2.50) and Porter (-2.39) bettered their 2018 averages by more than two-and-a-quarter strokes.

Women's Golf

The women's golf team tied for second at the Southern Conference Championships behind individual winner Monica San Juan. San Juan, a senior from Pamplona, Spain, is the sixth Moc to win the event joining Emma de Groot (2011), Jordan Britt (2012), Agathe Sauzon (2013), Emily McLennan (2014) and Megan Woods (2016). It was the 11th straight year the women finished first (2010-14) or second (2009), (2015-19) in the event. San Juan earned a berth in the NCAA Championships for her outstanding play. She ended her career third in career scoring (75.11) behind de Groot (74.58) and McLennan (74.71). San Juan and junior Maddy McDanel earned

All-SoCon recognition. McDanel, whose 74.77 average in 2019 was more than three shots better than her first two campaigns combined (77.78), headlines a six-player group returning for 2020. Next year's squad will also include 2019 May graduate Kirsty Beckwith, who has eligibility remaining, and she will be joined by McDanel and sophomores Rheagan Hall, Esme Hamilton, Michaela Kulhankova and Dorota Zaleweska.



Monica San Juan

Track and Field



In women's outdoor track and field, the Mocs placed ninth at the year-ending SoCon championships with seven different athletes scoring and six personal records achieved. Kennedy Thomson's performance was a highlight as she set three school records and was named the Southern Conference Track Athlete of the Week for her performance in the 800 meter at the Emory Invitational in March. Just one week later, she bettered that performance with a 2:08.33 time at the prestigious Raleigh Relays. Thomson also achieved a personal record in the 1,500 meters with a fifth-place finish at the championships. In the 4x400 meter relay, her effort in

the final leg pushed the Mocs to seventh place in a come-from-behind performance. Nicole Buehrle just missed all-conference honors with a fourth place finish in the steeplechase.

In the season opener at Jackson State March 9, UTC had 22 Top 10 finishes and four individual wins. Sage Davis won her first collegiate race in the 100-meter dash, while Abby Bateman took the 800-meter. Buehrle won two events, capturing the 400-meter dash then winning her inaugural 3,000-meter steeplechase. At the JSU Girl's Day Out, the team competed in unconventional events with Thomson winning the 400-meter dash. Buehrle was third in the race and Katie Coker finished seventh. Ashlynd Broling ran a personal best to win the 1,500-meter with Julia Henderson finishing third and Sophia Neglia fifth.

Tennis

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga men's tennis team had one of its best seasons in recent memory. The Mocs finished with a 14-9 overall record and third place in the Southern Conference race with a 4-3 league tally. The 14 wins for Chattanooga were the most since 2012, while UTC also posted its most SoCon victories since 2013. The No. 3 finish in the league was the best for the Mocs since 1999. Second-year head coach Chuck Merzbacher was named the SoCon Coach of the Year. He is just the second Chattanooga coach to win the award, as former coach Tommy Bartlett was recognized five times between 1980 and 1989.

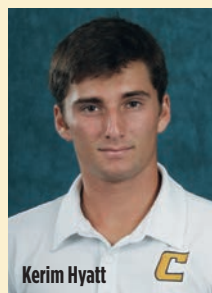
Kerim Hyatt was named SoCon Freshman of the Year after posting a 21-14 record in singles play and 18-6 marks in doubles. He is the fifth Moc to earn the honor and the first since Roberto Vieira in 2010. Junior Niklas Gerdes repeated as the winner of the Don Bunch/Buddy Hartsell Sportsmanship Award. He was 20-10 on the year and 5-2 in conference play at No. 1, good enough to also earn first-team all-conference honors.

The women's tennis team posted an 8-13 record under third-year head coach Chad Camper. Senior Caroline Hall led the team with a 10-10 mark in singles play.

Athletics Academic Achievements

The Mocs set a program record for overall student-athlete grade-point-average for the second semester in a row with a 3.178 GPA in spring 2019. A total 46 student-athletes had a 4.0, equaling the school record. High marks were also set with 55% of all student-athletes posting a 3.0 and 68% making the Dean's List with a 3.2 GPA. Chattanooga tied for the SoCon lead with four programs earning honors for finishing in the top 10 percent of their respective sports for the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate scores. Men's tennis, women's basketball, women's cross country and volleyball teams all made the list for recognition based on the most recent data collected. The APR measures eligibility, graduation and retention each semester or academic term and provides a clear picture of the academic performance for each team in every sport. In addition, men's cross country, women's tennis and women's track and field all beat the national averages for APR scores.

UTC also saw 58 current and former Mocs earn degrees from 28 different programs at Spring Commencement ceremonies. Highlighting the group were three student-athletes who took home top academic honors from his or her majors. Cross Country's Mark Britt earned the Highest Honors in Health & Human Performance. He is a Brock Scholar as well as a Latin Honors candidate. Soccer had two graduates take Highest Honors in their majors, including Masey Fox in History and Bailey Coppedge in Business Entrepreneurship. Coppedge was an Innovation Scholar and both were Latin Honors candidates. All totaled, there were 21 honors graduates among the student-athletes, 15 who won at least one Southern Conference title and six who were honored on an All-SoCon team. Men's basketball standout Thomas Smallwood earned a master's degree in public administration.



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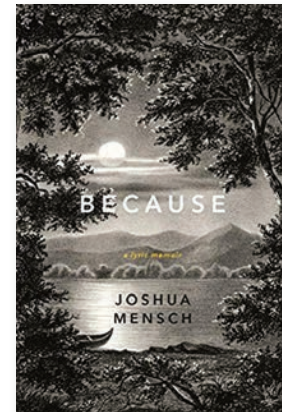
JOSHUA MENSCH

UTC Brock Scholar '01

Because: A Lyric Memoir

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May 2018



Joshua Mensch graduated from the UTC Honors Program (now Brock Scholars) in 2001 with a major in humanities. His first book of poetry, *Because: A Lyric Memoir*, was published by W.W. Norton in May 2018 and was a finalist for the 2018 Governor General's Literary Award, Canada's top literary honor.

Because is a narrative long poem that explores, with vividness and precision, the shifting and uncertain landscapes of childhood memory. Unflinching and clear-eyed, *Because* explores the vulnerabilities and dangers of childhood in a way that succumbs neither to self-pity nor platitudes, but instead finds consolation in the healing power of its own narrative act.

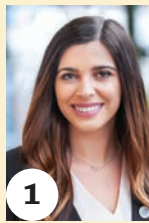
Mensch is a poet, visual artist, and a founding editor of the literary journal B O D Y. He grew up in Nova Scotia, Canada, and lives and works in Prague, Czech Republic.

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Eddie Christopher '15 has been offered a position at Unum as an advanced people analytics consultant. While at Purdue University, he earned a certification in statistics and earned it more quickly than anyone in the history of the program.

Ashley Commander, principal engineer for the bulk planning group at the Tennessee Valley Authority, won the Gen. Robert Neyland Young Engineer of the Year award that recognizes young engineers who have made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession and their communities during the early years of their career.

First Tennessee Bank has named **David Barrett** '00 as portfolio manager for commercial banking in the Chattanooga market. He will be responsible for acquisition, retention and expansion of First Tennessee Bank's commercial banking clients.



Vision Hospitality Group named **Brooke Dillard** '10 digital marketing manager. She has developed, implemented and managed numerous marketing campaigns for companies such as the American Heart Association, Atomic Films and Vicinity Software. *Photo 1*

Charlie Steinhice '86, a member of American Mensa for two decades, has been appointed vice president of the Mensa Foundation Board of Trustees. He is the manager of Medicaid analytics and reporting at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee. While a student at UTC, he was coach of the school's Quizbowl team and also has been a "Jeopardy!" contestant.



Photo 2

Haley Doss '18 and **Julia Bursch** '15 have joined the staff of River City Company, expanding the business' employees to 10 persons. Doss was named venue manager and executive assistant to oversee all private rentals of River City properties. Bursch was named to the newly created position of director of operations and special projects.

Let Us Die Like Men: The Battle of Franklin, November 30, 1864, a book written by **William Lee White** '96 has been published.

Justin Ritchey '12 has joined LBMC as a senior tax accountant. He previously was a senior accountant for Arnett, Kirksey, Kimsey, Sullivan, Lay & Hall.

La'Keithia Caldwell '14 is a new staff auditor in LBMC's audit department. She previously served as a staff accountant for Elliot Davis.

Jeff Westbrook '87, a 27-year industry veteran and mechanical engineer who joined engineering firm March Adams in 2002, has been named president of the company.

Photo 3



Zach Jenkins '18 has joined the mechanical team at engineering firm March Adams.



Michael Hutcherson '06 is now chief financial officer at engineering firm March Adams. He has more than 15 years of experience in site civil design and site planning, including road design, parking lot layout, grading, storm water management, utility design and erosion control.

Photo 4

Physical therapist **Caitlin Cavarra** '15 joined Chattanooga Physical Therapy. She specializes in treating low back pain, neck pain, rotator cuff pathology and knee pain. *Photo 5*



Charles Wilson III '77 recently was inducted into the Reserve Officers Training Corps Hall of Fame. He is currently assistant chief of staff for the U.S. Army Cadet Command at Fort Knox.

CHI Memorial Center for Healthy Aging has added **Deborah Ballard** to its staff. She is board-certified by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. CHI Memorial Center for Healthy Aging specializes in geriatric medicine.

Kristen Barczak '15 '19 has been accepted into the Miami University of Ohio doctoral program in education on a full scholarship. Her husband, **Timothy Barczak**, '15 '19 has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at the same university to study philosophy and the history of education.

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IN MEMORIAM



Steven Randall "Randy" Wilson passed away March 14. He worked in the UTC Central Energy Plant for 32 years and maintained the water chemistry in the plant boilers and building heating and cooling systems. His co-workers say he was probably the most conscientious employee to operate the plant since its start up in 1974. On the days that he was the lead operator, it was "his plant" and he controlled all aspects of the operation, colleagues reported. He talked often of his two boxers, Rex and Roxanne, and after they passed away, he adopted a small dog named Gus.

Robert "Bob" Edgar Mayes passed away on May 5. He worked at UTC from 1971 until his retirement as director of Business Services in 2001. A military service was held May 9 in Chattanooga National Cemetery. His friends and co-workers say he was a talented professional dedicated to his work and a friend to all he knew.



Paul Watson, professor emeritus in the Department of Psychology, died in March. He served UTC and its students with distinction for 41 years. He joined UTC in 1977 as an assistant professor of psychology and was promoted to full professor in 1989. He also served as department head from 2004 to 2011.



Watson retired in December 2018, having taught an estimated 35,000 students while at UTC. Generations of students can reflect on his enthusiasm, professionalism and humanity in presenting the basics of psychology in a fun, clear and understandable manner.

He also was among the most productive researchers on campus. Trained as a physiological psychologist, his early research focused on animal behavior based on data from a rat lab on the third floor of Holt Hall. He recently completed his culminating research project, a book titled *Psychology and Religion Within an Ideological Sound* which will be published posthumously as the first in a new series titled *Brill Perspectives in Psychology and Religion*.

Victor W. Bumphus passed away on May 24. A member of the Department of Social, Cultural and Justice Studies since 2002, he taught criminal justice, mentoring undergraduate and graduate students as well as his junior colleagues in the department. He was nationally and internationally recognized for his research on policing, police accountability and ethics and examined issues such as race, bias and attitudes on drug control policy and sentencing. His work was published in such journals as *International Journal of Criminology and Sociology*, *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*, *Criminal Justice Policy Review* and *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. He served as an evaluator for a UTC Violence Against Women grant and most recently was chair of the UTC Police Hiring and Promotion Board. Bumphus was always the first person to offer someone a helping hand, words of encouragement or a smile.

Valerie Rutledge Wins First-Ever UT System President's Award for Diversity



Valerie Rutledge doesn't just talk about the value of diversity. Her actions demonstrate her commitment, and her leadership led to her receiving the first-ever UT President's Award for support of diversity.

The award category debuted in March at the 2019 UT President's Awards, a statewide employee recognition program launched in 2015 to honor one winner for each of the UT

system-wide mission focus areas of education, research and outreach. A category to recognize employee contributions in support of fulfilling the statewide UT system mission was added in 2017.

Nominees come from the more than 12,000 employees of UT system-affiliated enterprises statewide. Interim UT President Randy Boyd recognized the award recipients at a luncheon in their honor prior to making the fourth annual State of the University address.

As dean of the College of Health, Education and Professional Studies at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Rutledge in 2018 coordinated a strategic drive to increase recruitment, retention and promotion of underrepresented minority faculty.

Chancellor Steve Angle nominated Rutledge for the 2019 President's Award, noting "her ever-present smile, enthusiastic attitude and never-ending devotion to increase UTC's goal of welcoming a broad mixture of people, ideas and attitudes," adding that Valerie Rutledge embodies the highest degree of commitment to diversity of opportunity and experience.

Rutledge says the award "represents all of those across our many branches who work daily to develop an atmosphere that values everyone. "This award is evidence of the efforts on each campus across our system to celebrate the diverse dimensions of our students, our colleagues and our communities."

As chair of the UTC Diversity Advisory Committee and a proponent of diversity and inclusion in the entire UTC campus community, from students to faculty to staff, Rutledge leads ongoing review of documents, policies and practices to ensure the university's continued progress toward a campus that is welcoming, inclusive and offers a diverse environment for living, learning and working.

"In higher education, one of our responsibilities is to help foster opportunities for all individuals to succeed and to be a repository of new and creative ideas," she says. "The variety of races, values, cultures, abilities, interests, lifestyles and ideas represented on our campuses is a vital part of how we establish an atmosphere which creates not just acceptance of, but value for diversity, equity and inclusion of all persons." **C**

New Provost Hale Begins UTC Tenure

Jerold L. "Jerry" Hale began serving as provost and senior vice chancellor for academic affairs for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on June 1. Hale came to UTC from the position he held since 2013, dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the College of Charleston. He brings more than 35 years' experience as an educator, administrator and leader in higher education.

"Dr. Hale is exceptionally well-qualified to serve as UTC's chief academic officer, with a long and distinguished record of both establishing and leading successful initiatives to increase retention and graduation rates and to build diversity, equity and inclusion," UTC Chancellor Steve Angle says.

Prior to his appointment at the College of Charleston, Hale had been dean of the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters at the University of Michigan-Dearborn beginning in 2010. From



1991 until 2010, Hale was a faculty member of the Department of Speech Communication at the University of Georgia and was head of that department from 2000 to 2008.

He has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California Los Angeles, and master's and doctoral degrees in communication from Michigan State University. He succeeds former UTC Interim Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs George Hynd who has retired. "UTC's commitment to community engagement

is clear and one that I share," Hale said, "because I really believe a metropolitan university ought to be to a metropolitan area, while land-grant universities were established to be to rural areas. The entire community is seen as a part of the learning environment at UTC, and with that emphasis and the focus on student success, I believe UTC's priorities and mine mesh well."

A native of Santa Maria, California, Jerry and Janet Hale are the parents of three adult children, Andrew, William and Theresa. **C**

THE OTHER BELL STORY

BY CHUCK WASSERSTROM

Ten years ago, this would have been a story about Gen. B.B. Bell's triumphant return to Chattanooga. After moving his family 33 times during 39 years of military service, it was time for the four-star general, a 1969 graduate of the University of Chattanooga, to settle down and call it a career.

Bell and his wife, Katie, who first met as UC students, decided to spend their retirement years in her hometown of Chattanooga as Bell's long and distinguished military career was ending. Bell had served as Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf's executive officer during the Desert Shield and Desert Storm campaigns, as a brigade commander under Gen. Barry McCaffrey, commanded the U.S. Army's Armor Center at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and led the Army's Third Corps based at Fort Hood, Texas. As a four-star general, Bell commanded the U.S. Army in Europe and NATO's Land Component Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany. He later served as the commander of U.S. forces in Korea as well as commander of all allied forces in Korea.

Before the Bells could unpack boxes and acquaint themselves with Chattanooga, the return home took a dramatic, life-or-death twist. Katie was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease that was destroying her lungs. She could get air in, but it wouldn't go out. She couldn't breathe. "After a continued inability for the doctors at the Mayo Clinic to stop that process, they informed us that she might not make it, and there was little else they could do," Bell says. "They said the only chance she had was potentially a double lung transplant and that such procedures were performed at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, much closer to our home in Chattanooga than was Mayo."

The only way the doctors at Vanderbilt could perform this type of surgery was if Katie met all the requirements, including being medically fit; if a donor match could be found in time; if she could get to the hospital within four hours once that match was located; and if the Bells agreed to live in Nashville for at least four months post-surgery.

Assuming all those boxes were checked, there was the biggest if of all. How much time would Katie have if

she survived the surgery? Statistics said her life expectancy would be, on average, five more years. "When she first got the diagnosis, I looked at the whole thing clinically as a military mission," Bell says. "I love my wife, and I wanted to protect her. My first reaction was we have to do everything we could to give her the best chance for survival and to have an extended life on this earth. I helped her go through the process so that we could set ourselves up as good as possible to be considered for a transplant. In that sense, it was a bit clinical. I had a military way of doing it, and by golly, we followed the military planning process.

"On the other hand, she's my bride and she's family. The emotions were exactly like they were when I lost a close friend in combat. Even more so, because when you have someone in your family that you're close to, you can't divorce yourself from it clinically. You can only accept the emotion of it, and if you have a strong faith as our family does, you do a lot of praying. I will admit that the emotions were stronger than any situation I ever faced in the military."

While they waited for a miracle match, the Bells basically were holed up in Chattanooga, never settling in, leaving 39 years' worth of boxes stacked to the ceiling. "We never got more than two hours away from Nashville, that was Rule No. 1," he says. "We always had our car packed and full of gasoline. When we did get the call at 8:30 in the evening on the 24th of March 2009, we literally jumped in the car and took off."

A bit over two hours later, they were in the Vanderbilt Emergency Room. The transplant team conducted final tests before performing the life-saving surgery to harvest the lungs from the donor and transplant them into Katie.

So here we are in 2019, and the general gets to share the tale about the 10th anniversary of his wife's transplant and their recent 50th wedding anniversary. Katie beat the five-year life expectancy average. She, too, made a triumphant return to Chattanooga.

"As Katie and I have always said, to get an average, you have to have some that are more than that," Bell says. "We were prayerful and hopeful that she might be granted more time on this planet, and she has. So we're blessed." **C**





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