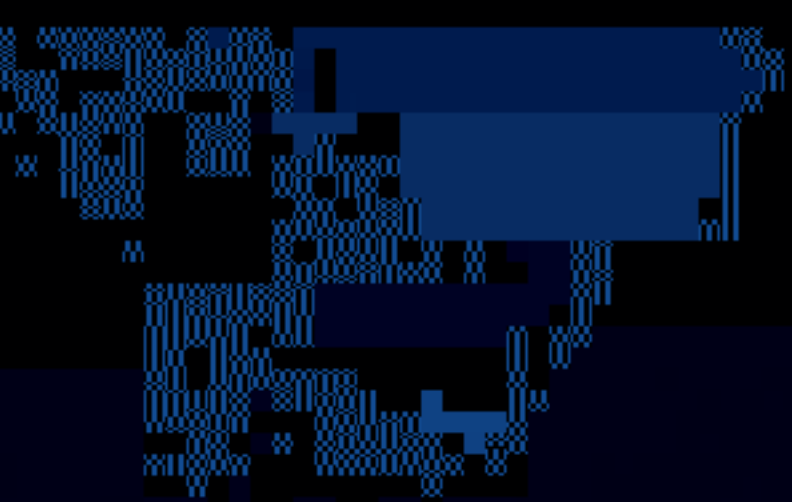


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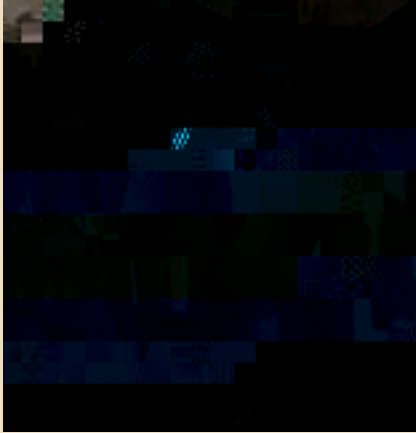


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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RONALD L. VAUGHN

Often I am asked how the challenging national and global



Jenine Rossington '11 was chosen for a prestigious State Department program this summer.

ACADEMICS

The strength of an institution lies in its people, especially in its faculty. In past years the faculty ranks have grown steadily, and this year was no exception as we recruited 34 full-time faculty members. This large transfusion of talent helps lead UT into the future and supports our emphasis on quality teaching/learning and educational excellence. It also allows us to build new programs, which this year included minors in leadership and speech and five new majors in Continuing Studies. UT now offers 125 program areas of study.

Our academic success is striking, as the following examples in each of our colleges bear:

■ In the College of Business, approximately 600 students participated in more than 120 consulting assignments with area organizations through the Naimoli Institute.

■ Faculty in the College of Social Sciences, Mathematics and Education reported 40 articles, 42 conference papers, seven chapters and six books.

■ One of the College of Arts and Letters most popular majors, Film and media arts, saw students screen prize-

winning films at the Young Florida Filmmakers and Sunscreen Film Festival.

■ In the College of Natural and Health Sciences 100 percent of our graduating nursing students passed their licensing board exam on the first try. Only one other Florida institution achieved that.

The American Chemical Society granted UT specialized accreditation, upping our institution-wide licensing and accreditations to eight. These attest to our educational quality and enhance our soaring reputation.

UT's international focus has been particularly strong this past year. We contracted to open an ELS Language Center to support international student language skills and strengthen worldwide recruitment of students. We also have launched a unique new freshmen year abroad program with Roehampton University in London that is targeted at our top incoming freshmen.

Finally, we made progress in planning new academic facilities. Con-



The Cass Science Annex is a candidate for LEED certification.

struction is now complete on the Cass Science Annex, which houses chemistry and biology; new anatomy and physiology labs; and faculty offices and classrooms.

ENROLLMENT

Traditional undergraduate admissions faced another very competitive year

and we were able to attract a record number of students.



Hundreds of students participated in Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

The PEACE Volunteer Center expanded its alternative break program, offering students the opportunity to volunteer at such locations as Horses and the Handicapped in Boca Raton and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Students also traveled to an impoverished region in Peru to work with orphans and other children from poor families. UT was again named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

As you'll read elsewhere in this issue, the Greek organization community developed and implemented a strategic plan with one-, three-, and five-year goals to focus on academics, accountability, alumni/advisors, campus/community involvement and member education as strategic priorities.

Construction of a new health and wellness center is under way and will be completed later this fall.

Two-thirds of UT students participated in career services programs this past year, and our Office of Career Services continues to provide opportunities despite the challenging economy:

- ▣ Several hundred employers came for on-campus interviews, information sessions, workshop presentations and career fairs.

- ▣ More than 1,000 employers directly accessed our HIRE-UT website

to look at students' resumes and for other services.

- ▣ UT students had access to 295,750 full- and part-time jobs and internships throughout the U.S. and beyond in the Experience network of our HIRE-UT site.

- ▣ UT graduates in this difficult global economy still reported success in finding jobs. Ninety-six percent of the undergraduate Class of 2009 reported success in achieving their post-graduate goals.

Lastly, for the first time in UT's history the sitting president and vice president of the United States made an official visit to campus. Barack Obama and Joe Biden held a town hall meeting in the Martinez Sports Center and approximately 3,000 people, including many UT students, attended. This visit added to the intellectual dialogue on campus, provided students a once-in-a-lifetime experience and gave UT international exposure.

ATHLETICS

UT athletics had a banner year with seven of our 14 teams winning conference championships and eight competing in NCAA post-season play.

- ▣ Twenty-four students were recognized as Athletic All-Americans.



Mike Blanke '11 runs in a grand slam, which gave UT the lead in the South Regional championship.

- ▣ Five of our athletics staff members were recognized as Coaches of the Year.

- ▣ Our athletes had a cumulative GPA of 3.10 and our nearly 500 student-athletes maintained a 96 percent average graduation rate. Seventy-six of those students were named to the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll for the Spring 2010 semester, and 66 were named for the Fall 2009 semester.

- ▣ Student athletes also set records for community service with more than 5,000 hours and \$15,000 in donations raised.

OPERATIONS

Over the past 15 years, UT's operating budget has grown from \$28 million to \$160 million. UT once again ended the fiscal year in the black — our 15th successive year. Plus, we were able to balance the budget while continuing transformations to the educational experience and campus.

UT's Office of Information Technology expanded the wireless computer network (with more than 200 campus sites as well as full wireless buildings), continued to upgrade our four dozen computer labs, strengthened network, identity and virus security, collaborated on specialized instructional software, and enhanced disaster recovery and business continuity plans.

The University continued to be very active with energy and water conservation and general sustainability efforts:

- ▣ We replaced light fixtures with more efficient options (e.g., LED and induction lighting systems).

- ▣ We continue to expand campus recycling programs.

- ▣ We completed a central air renovation of Smiley Hall to replace numerous window air conditioner units.

- ▣ We hosted Earth Charter's annual Sustainability Awards Program.

- ▣ Two new buildings under construction meet the requirements for

