UTM honors top engineering students

Leslie Bailey, of Medon, received the Outstanding Engineering Upper Division Student Award at the 40th annual Engineering Awards Banquet held at the University of Tennessee Martin. Richard Heigeson, associate professor of engineering and interim chair of the department of engineering at UT Martin, presented the award. The award is given to two upper division students in the department of engineering with outstanding academic and leadership achievements.

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8 OPERA SCENES
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Presented by UT Martin Department of Music. 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at UT Martin. Students from the UT Martin Lyric Operas Theatre will perform. Admission is $5. Children under 12 are admitted free.

UT Martin student/soldier to speak

University of Tennessee at Martin student Adam Roy, of Jackson, will speak about his experiences in Iraq at 4 p.m., April 11, in the Legislative Chamber of the Boling University Center. Roy returned from the war in November. Roy hopes to raise awareness for the troops and relate how his experiences at UT Martin have helped him.
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Teachers may apply for IMEGS

West Tennessee middle school teachers may still apply for the Institutes for Middle Grade Science Education in West Tennessee (IMEGS), made available by the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Education at the University of Tennessee at Martin in partnership with 11 school districts in West Tennessee. The $1,095,769 program is funded through the Tennessee Department of Education.

Dr. Michael Gibson, professor in the Department of Geology, Geography and Physics, serves IMEGS as project director. Dr. Brenda Gulledge, assistant professor and chair, Department of Educational Studies, and Marcia Coleman, eighth grade science teacher, West Carroll Junior/Senior High School, are co-project directors for the project.

IMEGS will offer two-week summer institutes with supporting follow-up throughout the following year. A potential total of 108 teachers will receive instruction from eight science faculty and two education faculty spanning life sciences, earth and planetary science, physical science and chemistry designed to help middle school science teachers reach content proficiency in all of these areas. The content will also stress inquiry-based learning techniques. Participants can accrue up to nine hours of graduate science credit and six hours of corresponding education graduate credit.

Teachers also will participate in at least one follow-upcontent workshop at the annual Tennessee Science Teachers Association (TSTA) meeting as part of the program and will receive teaching kits for their classrooms. Field and laboratory learning is stressed using facilities associated with the UT Martin campus, the Reelfoot Biological Station and Coon Creek Science Center.

Post-institute instruction will include asynchronous online content delivery and intensive daylong sessions run in conjunction with the TSTA annual meeting. Emphasis of IMEGS is increased content knowledge of teacher participants as demonstrated through teacher performance in the program and increased student achievement.
ROPING LESSON – Cody Gonsowski, Martin Primary School student, learns a thing or two about roping from Andrew Wilhite, a University of Tennessee at Martin senior from Bolivar during the recent Farm Festival. The festival is an educational program for children, sponsored by the UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Center of Excellence for Experiential Learning in Agriculture. The festival, at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex on campus, included soil art work, wildlife identification, farm equipment, a petting zone with farm animals, games and hayrides.

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Vanguard Theatre presents ‘Voices of the South’

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Vanguard Theatre will present “Voices of the South,” at 8 p.m., April 21, 22, 28 and 29 in the Lab Theatre, Room 127, in the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus. The Voices of the South Theatre Company will stage two narrative theatre presentations on those dates and also will present a workshop on narrative theatre at 1 p.m., April 22, in the Lab Theatre.

Known for lyrical stagings of classic southern literature, “Voices of the South” brings audiences an evening of theatre dedicated to the inspiring words of two great southern literary minds. These performances will feature “Voices of the South” founders, Alice Berry and Jenny Odle Madden, in Eudora Welty’s, “One Writer’s Beginnings” and Memphis author Eleanor Glaze’s “Humming Song.”

Eudora Welty was in her mid-70s when she penned her autobiography, “One Writer’s Beginnings,” a memoir dedicated to her parents. A southern voice, Welty writes with clarity and wit to give a glimpse into her childhood and her beginnings as a writer. Welty won most of the major literary prizes during her career, including the Pulitzer Prize and the French Légion d’Honneur.

Memphis writer Eleanor Glaze uses images and songs of Memphis to weave a narrative tale about the city of the blues. This story flows like a river as remembrances of the past are woven with the complexities of the present. Her use of metaphor helps audiences remember a time when the Memphis Zoo was almost demolished. She also recalls the inferno that the city felt when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Glaze says it best with, “Ole Dixie. In one and the same breath, we damn and praise.”

Tickets will be sold at the door only; seating is general. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and children. The workshop is free. For more information, contact Doug Cook, professor and chair of the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at UT Martin, at 881-7406.

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PIKE FIGHTS BENEFIT READING RAILROAD – Members of UT Martin's Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity gathered with some Reading Railroad participants at the Margaret N. Perry Children's Center on campus to promote Pike Fights XVII. Those on hand were (from left, back) Steven Scott; Deion Hammond; Blake Gillespie holding Sophia Hammond; Johnny Vincent, Reading Railroad co-chair; Ethan Gallien; Lucas Wilds holding Anna Claire Gallien; John Hatler, Pike adviser holding daughter Cara Brooke Hatler; and Chad McMahan; (front) Joseph Pelren, Caroline Schuster, Davin Merritt and Lauren Merritt. Dr. Nick Dunagan (not pictured), UT Martin chancellor, is the program’s other co-chair.

The event, to benefit Weakley County Reading Railroad, is slated for 7 p.m., April 7, in Skyhawk Fieldhouse. The event includes up to eight bouts of three one-minute rounds each. All of the participants are UT Martin fraternity members. Admission is $8 for general, $10 for ringside. Tickets are on sale at the Boling University Center Information Desk, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library sponsors the reading program, which provides a free book each month to Weakley County participants, ages birth to 5 years. More than 1,200 children in the county are currently enrolled. Anyone interested in the Weakley County Reading Railroad program may contact a library in the county.

DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee, April 5, 2006

Candidates for countywide offices featured in forum, April 11

“Forum on the Future,” an event featuring candidates for contested countywide elections in the Weakley County May Primary Election, will be at 7 p.m., April 11, in Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event is free and open to the public.

The forum is being sponsored by Weakley County WestStar alumni, and the Student Government Association, LEAP Academy, and American Democracy Project at UT Martin. Bad Grimes, UT Martin director of university relations, will be the moderator.

Candidates in contested races include the following: County Mayor, Ron Gifford, incumbent, and Houston Patrick, challenger; County Trustee, Donald Doster, incumbent, and challengers, Tony Prince and Patsy Mangum.

The candidates for county trustee will be featured first, followed by the County Mayor candidates. The formats will be the same. Candidates will be given three to five minutes for an introduction and then Grimes will read previously submitted questions. Candidates will have two to three minutes to respond with no rebuttals. At the conclusion of each segment, there will be time for two questions from the audience, with the candidates' responses lasting two to three minutes.

Between the two segments, all candidates for county offices will be introduced.

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**Conservation biologist, author of "Shoveling Fuel for a Runaway Train," Earth Week speaker**

Brian Czech, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conservation biologist and author of the book, "Shoveling Fuel for a Runaway Train: Errant Economists, Shameful Spenders, and a Plan to Stop Them All," will be the keynote speaker for Earth Week events in April at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Speakers and discussions are scheduled throughout the week to educate participants about preserving the earth.

Czech's presentation, "Earth Day 2006: The Mounting Conflict between Economic Growth and Environmental Protection, and the Role of International Diplomacy in Establishing an American Steady State Economy," will be at 7 p.m., April 20, in the Norman Campbell Auditorium of the Andy Holt Humanities Building. It is free and open to the public. Czech's book will be available for purchase and signing following his presentation.

Czech has a bachelor's degree in wildlife ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a master's degree in wildlife science from the University of Washington and a doctorate in renewable natural resources from the University of Arizona. He serves the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the headquarters office of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Czech is also president of the Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy (CASSE), a non-profit organization in Arlington, Virginia. The mission of CASSE is to educate the public and policy-makers on the fundamental conflict between economic growth and environmental protection, economic security and international stability. Czech is an adjunct professor at Virginia Tech, where he teaches ecological economics and endangered species policy and management.

He and Paul R. Krausman are the authors of "The Endangered Species Act: History, Conservation Biology, and Public Policy." He also has produced a video, "The Steady State Revolution: Uniting Scientists and Citizens for a Sustainable Society."

Czech is involved in issues pertaining to ecological and economic sustainability. He serves on several "sustainability roundtables" pertaining to forests, rangelands and water. He is a member of The Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society, Society for Conservation Biology, International Society for Ecological Economics and Ecological Society of America. He has led efforts to get these societies to adopt positions on economic growth.

Czech's presentation is co-sponsored by the UT Martin Title VI Business and International Education Grant, the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and the UT Martin Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Other events, sponsored by the UT Martin American Democracy Project, include the following presentations:

- On April 17, two speakers are scheduled. Stephanie McCullough, of Americorps, Knoxville, will give a hands-on presentation about composting and recycling at 1 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.
- From 2:30-3:30 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium, Dr. Marge Davis, sponsor of the Tennessee Bottle Bill, will speak on the bill.
- From 6-7 p.m., April 18, in Room 111, Boling University Center, Dr. Kevin Stevens, of Louisiana Tech University, will speak on service learning and green architecture.
- On April 19, from 2-3 p.m., Dr. Peggy Hamlett, of UTK Profitable Agriculture, Jackson, will speak on the value-added agriculture project in West Tennessee. She assists farmers with projects ranging from hydroponic tomatoes to beef cattle. From 3:30-4:30 p.m., Andrew Couch, of Clean Cities, Memphis, will speak on biofuels in Watkins Auditorium.
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Artists of 21st Century featured at West Tennessee Regional Art Center

The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at the University of Tennessee at Martin and the West Tennessee Regional Art Center (WTRAC) in Humboldt will present the Sixth Annual Artists of the 21st Century exhibition of college artists from all southeastern states. This year's juror was Marina Pacini, curator at the Brooks Museum in Memphis. Pacini selected 17 works of art that will be displayed in the exhibition and range from painting and photography to various three-dimensional media. Artists from seven states submitted works for the competition.

The exhibition will be from April 3-28. The opening reception is from 5:30-7 p.m., April 6. Awards will be announced at 6:30 p.m. The exhibition is open to the public.

The West Tennessee Regional Art Center is located at 1200 Main St. in Humboldt. Regular hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday.

Bill Hickerson, director of WTRAC, will answer questions concerning the exhibition, directions or the opening event at 731-784-1787.

Annual Leadership Conference set for Tuesday at UT Martin

"Challenges and Opportunities" is the theme for the Eighth Annual African-American Leadership Conference to be held 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the West Tennessee Center for Agricultural Research, located at 615 Airways Blvd. in Jackson.

WestStar Leadership Program, BellSouth, the City of Brownsville, The Jackson Sun, USDA Rural Development, First South Bank and West Tennessee Healthcare are sponsors.

The conference is designed to appeal to African-Americans in leadership roles and diverse work environments throughout West Tennessee.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Kenneth Whalum Jr., pastor of New Olivet Baptist Church in Memphis, will begin at 9:15 a.m. He is a 1978 graduate of Atlanta's Morehouse College and a 1981 graduate of Philadelphia's Temple University School of Law and is currently a senior at Memphis Theological Seminary.

Prior to coming to Memphis, he was pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Sunset, Ark. Whalum is founder of "Bust-A-Move Monday," which economically empowers a selected black-owned business on the first Monday of every month by directing members of his congregation and others to place their dollars in that business.

Virginia Stackens-Crump, principal of Jackson Central-Merry High School, will speak at 10 a.m. Her topic will be "Challenges and Opportunities in Advancing Education in the 21st Century."

Also featured will be Andre Gist, president of Manufacturers Industrial Group in Lexington; Sharon Taylor McKinney of the Tennessee Department of Economic Development's Business Enterprise Resource Office in Memphis; and Michael Cherry, owner of EarthCom in Lawrenceburg. They will speak at 11 a.m., using the topic "Pursuing Your Financial Dream."

Other speakers will include Dr. Elizabeth Williams, associate director of minority affairs at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center in Nashville, who will speak on "The Power of Leadership"; and Harllyn Hardin, program director of the American Diabetes Association for Tennessee and Kentucky, who will speak on "The Importance of Health."

Dr. Nick Dunagan, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor and WestStar executive director, will welcome the group at 9 a.m. and Evelyn Robertson Jr., executive director of the Southwest Tennessee Development District in Jackson, will be the master of ceremonies.

Cost of the conference is $35 per person or $60 per two. The fee includes breakfast, the seminar and lunch.

For information about the conference, contact Virginia Grimes by telephone at (731) 881-7298 or by e-mail at vgrimes@utm.tn.edu.
Acree to offer business advice

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will return to the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center (REED) from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., April 13. He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs. This is an opportunity for existing business owners to get advice on marketing, customer service or cash flow issues. Budding entrepreneurs may receive advice on developing a business plan, marketing and record keeping. Acree is knowledgeable about state and national resources that are available for businesses.

Acree will be available the second Thursday of each month from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., but the REED Center offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at 731-587-REED (7333). The REED Center is located at 920 University St., Martin, Tenn. 38237.

For additional services offered by the REED Center go to www.utm.edu/reed.

Spanish seminar planned

A Spanish seminar for banking professionals is planned for April 26, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE), the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and Tennessee Bankers Association, the seminar will be from 1-4:30 p.m., in Room 111, of Boling University Center.

The cost is $165, which includes a banking handbook and refreshments. To register, call ECCE at 800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.

Seminar participants will learn to use familiar phrases and greetings, utilize key "question words" to obtain needed information, use communication techniques to find out what products best fit each Hispanic customer's needs, better understand Hispanic culture, habits and beliefs as they relate to banking and how to obtain follow-up training and support when working with a growing Hispanic customer base.

Instructor will be Eduardo Gumucio, a native of Cochabamba, Bolivia. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas A and M University.

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Improved math knowledge, teaching methodologies are goals of Project IMPACT

Project IMPACT (Immersion in Mathematics Pedagogy, Application, Content and Technology) is being offered to West Tennessee middle school mathematics teachers (grades 5-8) by the University of Tennessee at Martin. The project will focus on geometry, data analysis, probability and engineering and mathematics applications in the context of the Tennessee State Framework and Blueprint for Learning by blending technology, standards, applications, instructional methods and research on adolescent learning.

Participants are expected to come away with improved content knowledge and teaching methodologies for middle school math teachers, increased student achievement and enhanced utilization of technology as an instructional tool. Project IMPACT also is being offered in Southwest Tennessee at the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer.

Applicants are required to apply in pairs and to make a three-year commitment to the project. Each year, participants will enroll in a two-week summer institute. Institute I will focus on geometry, Institute II will focus on probability and data analysis and Institute III will focus on engineering and mathematics applications. Three hours of graduate credit are available for each of these three institutes.

Project IMPACT will provide computers, calculators, software, training and materials. These resources will become the property of the participants upon completion of all grant activities. Tuition and fees are provided by Project IMPACT and UT Martin.

For more information, contact Stephanie Kolitsch, project director, Project IMPACT, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, 424 Andy Holt Humanities Building, University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN 38238. The phone number is 731-881-7356, and the e-mail address is styler@utm.edu.

UTM plans a tour of China this summer

A tour of China, planned June 4-18, will feature sites in Beijing and Shanghai, among others.

Travelers will visit the Temple of Heaven, Forbidden City, Huating Hot Spring, Summer Palace, Xiashan Park, Bridge of Nine Turns, Shanghai Museum, Yu Gardesns and Bazaar, several manufacturing facilities, the Terra Cotta soldiers in Xi'an and more.

This trip will require at least 10 travelers with a maximum of 20.

The cost of transportation, lodging, several meals, visas and guides is approximately $3,200.

For more information, contact Dr. John Overby at joverby@utm.edu or phone at 881-7268.

Dr. Overby is chair of the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science.
Land donation gives rodeo team ‘home’

John and Mary Wooten of Dresden have spent the past 20 years contributing to the success of the rodeo program at the University of Tennessee at Martin — recently making a gift of property for the rodeo team “home.”

“We try to support the college,” said Wooten. “Mainly it’s been in the name of our son, John Herbert. That’s the reason it came about.”

Wooten said his late son graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and always liked rodeo. “When he’d come home, he go over to Martin and get acquainted with the team.”

“Johnny loved the rodeo,” Mrs. Wooten added.

At UT Knoxville, the Wootens’ son was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho, the National Block and Bridle Club and the rodeo team. He also held a national membership in the International Rodeo Association.

After graduation in 1976, he eventually became a franchised Chevrolet dealer with Wooten Chevrolet in Dresden.

From the first gift in 1986 in memory of their son that helped construct an agriculture classroom at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex, to the most recent gift of property, the couple thinks the donations are well placed.

And, while he considers the UT Martin rodeo team one of the top teams in the nation, it really is the character of the coach and the quality of the students that have strengthened the couple’s ties to the program through the years.

“I hope someday they’ll win the world championship. I’d like to see that,” he said, but added more importantly, “It’s a great bunch of kids. They have been every year I’ve had anything to do with it.”

Wooten credits coach John Luthi with fostering and supporting good qualities, along with honing rodeo skills. “He’s a very nice fellow. You get the idea, he wouldn’t have any other way.”

JOHN AND MARY WOOTEN

son made possible the academic section at the agricultural complex. Included is a 90-person classroom, four offices, agriculture and mechanics bays for welding repair and woodworking, men’s and women’s locker rooms and indoor and outdoor equipment wash racks.

A bronze plaque with John Herbert Wooten’s likeness is displayed in the complex marking the gift and dedication.

About that same time, the rodeo team qualified for national competition and members approached Wooten, longtime Chevrolet dealer in Dresden, for $5,000 to help pay expenses to compete.

“I told them, ‘I’ll make a deal with you. Any time you all make the finals, I’ll give you $5,000 to go,’ and they haven’t missed a year since,” he said, admitting that initially, he did not think it would be an annual occurrence.

Later, the Wootens donated a needed bucking machine, a truck and a spreader wagon.

Wooten said his longtime friendship with UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan also was an impetus for the gifts. “Nick has a way of asking you for it and making you like it,” Wooten said jokingly.

The most recent gift evolved following the Wootens’ purchase of a farm about seven years ago. At that time, he leased the property to UT Martin, for use by the rodeo team. Last fall, he decided to pursue one of the gift programs that would allow him to go ahead and donate the property and receive a monthly income from it.

“We have accumulated a few things and don’t have anyone to leave it to, except our daugh- ter (Linda Sue Highers, of Madison, a graduate of the UT Health Science Center and a hospital director of pharmacy),” Wooten said.

“We worked out a deal (with the rodeo team) and they seem to be very well satisfied with it. They can make some improvements that they wouldn’t if they were just renting it.” He added, “It’s quite a layout out there. At one time, I thought I wouldn’t mind living there myself.”

The rodeo facility on about 80 acres has a main barn with more than 60 stalls and seven additional outbuildings serving a variety of purposes. “They can raise their own hay and have their own horses and cattle. There are pens for training.”

He added, “It’ll be there when we’re gone.”

“This is a generous show of support to our campus and to the rodeo team,” said Dunagan. “The Wootens’ support began years ago as a tribute to their son and has spanned more than 20 years. The rodeo team now has a permanent home because of them.”

Coach Luthi agreed. “They’ve been very good to us in a lot of ways,” he said, citing all the donations through the years. “The property donation is huge because it lets us know we have a home. It’s part of us.”

The culmination of the plan to give the rodeo team a permanent home couldn’t have happened at a more appropriate time.

The 38th Annual Spring Rodeo is slated for April 6-8, and the Wootens will be among the supporters.
Speaker included in Earth Week events

Brian Czech, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conservation biologist and author of the book “Shoveling Fuel for a Runaway Train: Errant Economists, Shameful Spenders, and a Plan to Stop Them All,” will be the keynote speaker for Earth Week events this month at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Speakers and discussions are scheduled throughout the week to educate participants about preserving the earth.

Czech’s presentation, “Earth Day 2006: The Mounting Conflict between Economic Growth and Environmental Protection, and the Role of International Diplomacy in Establishing an American Steady State Economy,” will be at 7 p.m. April 20 in the Norman Campbell Auditorium of the Andy Holt Humanities Building.

It is free of charge and open to the public.

Czech’s book will be available for purchase and signing following his presentation.

Czech is president of the Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy (CASSE), a non-profit organization in Arlington, Va.

Czech is an adjunct professor at Virginia Tech, where he teaches ecological economics and endangered species policy and management.

He and Paul R. Krausman are the authors of “The Endangered Species Act: History, Conservation Biology, and Public Policy.” He also has produced a video, “The Steady State Revolution: Uniting Scientists and Citizens for a Sustainable Society.”

Czech is involved in issues pertaining to ecological and economic sustainability.

Czech’s presentation is co-sponsored by the UT Martin Title VI Business and International Education Grant, the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and the UT Martin Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Other events, sponsored by the UT Martin American Democracy Project, include the following:

• April 17 — Stephanie McCullough of Americorps, Knoxville, will give a hands-on presentation about composting and recycling at 1 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center. From 2:30-3:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium, Dr. Marge Davis, sponsor of the Tennessee Bottle Bill, will speak on the bill.

• April 18 — From 6-7 p.m. in Room 111 of Boling University Center, Dr. Kevin Stevens of Louisiana Tech University will speak on service learning and green architecture.

• April 19 — From 2-3 p.m., Dr. Peggy Hamlett of UTK Profitable Agriculture in Jackson will speak on the value-added agriculture project in West Tennessee. She assists farmers with projects ranging from hydroponic tomatoes to beef cattle. From 3:30-4:30 p.m., Good Conduct Medal, the Army of Clean Cities, Memphis, will speak on biofuels in Watkins Auditorium.

• April 20 — From 4-5:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium, a panel discussion will be held to discuss the environment and how it can be improved.

International Food Fair set

The public is invited to sample foods from a variety of countries at the 31st Annual International Food Fair from noon to 1 p.m. Monday in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The UT Martin Office of International Programs and Admissions is sponsoring the event to give UT Martin’s international community the opportunity to share a part of their cultures with faculty, staff, students and local residents.

Students prepare food from their native countries and sell it for nominal charges. The students are encouraged to wear native dress and some groups include recorded music in their presentations.

Regions/countries to be represented include China, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, Senegal and possibly other African countries.

Groups usually prepare small portions so guests can sample many different dishes. Prices range from 25 cents to $2.50. Soft drinks will be available for $1.

For more information, contact John Mathenia, UT Martin instructor of English as a Second Language, at (731) 881-7349.

All-Sing slated at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin 46th annual All Sing competition — featuring student organizations singing gospel — is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

The event is sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega and Phi Mu Alpha.

Advanced ticket prices are $8 for reserved seating and $5 for general admission.

Tickets are on sale and may be purchased at the information desk in Boling University Center.

All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

For more information, contact Steve Vantrease by telephone at (731) 881-7766 or by e-mail at stevev@utm.edu.

Jackson man will talk about Iraq experience

University of Tennessee Martin student Adam Roy, of Jackson, will speak about his experiences in Iraq at 4 p.m., Tuesday in the Legislative Chamber of the Boling University Center. Roy returned from the war in November.

Roy hopes to raise awareness for the troops and relate how his experiences at UT Martin have helped him. While serving in the Army, Roy received the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal. Since his tour of duty, Roy has been honorably discharged.

His appearance is sponsored by the American Democracy Project. ADP’s initiative is to create intellectual and experiential understandings of civic engagement.
Tips for flea control

Here a flea, there a flea, everywhere FLEAS!

Spring is a wonderful time of the year. The flowers are blooming and the sun is shining. My dog, Lacy, loves the spring. She loves to go outside and enjoy long, lazy naps in the sun. I just always hope she doesn’t bring a little ‘visitor’ back in the house with her D the flea.

For everyone who has pets, we know that the flea is a hearty creature. Sometimes it almost seems like hundreds of them suddenly appear on your pets and in your house. One can dip, spray, and bathe, and still they are there. Understanding where the flea lives and how good flea control products work helps in getting rid of this stubborn pest.

Most people don’t realize that only the adult fleas live on your pet. The adult female flea lays her eggs on your pet. The eggs fall off the pet and onto the environment. The egg then hatches, and the immature flea goes through several development stages before it hops back on your pet. Since a single female flea may lay up to 1,000 eggs in her lifetime, one can see how their numbers can quickly increase. One can also see that if you only treat your pet, you are not killing all those immature fleas in the environment. If one has a flea problem, you have to treat all the pets in the household, the environment and be persistent to be successful.

There are many wonderful products for flea control. As with anything else, you usually get what you pay for. I always start Lacy’s monthly flea control in February and continue usually through November, depending on the weather. I may see one or two fleas a year on her, but I have never had a flea problem and she is 11 years old.

Your veterinarian can help you decide which flea control is best for your pet so neither you nor your pets have to really worry about those wonderful sunny spring naps.

Dr. Janet Bailey is a veterinarian and assistant professor of animal science with a B.S. from Freed-Hardeman University and a D.V.M. from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Bailey, who is married to Jim ‘Crow’ Bailey, has three dogs, Lacy, Bedford and Kate. Lacy, the senior citizen, runs the household. Dr. Bailey was formerly in private practice at the Huntingdon Animal Clinic before moving to UT Martin in January 2005.

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INTRODUCTION TO ACTING
5 p.m. today for students, ages 7 and older at The Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at UT Martin. The fee is $45. To register, call ECCE at (731) 881-7082 or (800) 482-5199.

BEGINNING YOGA
5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through April 25 at UT Martin. Cost: $55 for six-week course.

ALL SING COMPETITION
7 p.m. Saturday at the Skyhawk Fieldhouse. Advanced tickets: $8 for reserved seating and $5 for general admission, may be purchased at the information desk in Boiling University Center. All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

‘HANSEL AND GRETEL’
8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in the Harriet Fulton Theatre, UT Martin. Admission is $3. Children under 12 are admitted free.
Getting along with your child's coach

It is that wonderful time of year again. The spectator sport that extends through long johns and fleece blankets and ends in shorts and flip flops. It has been described as America's pass time. That's right, it's baseball time in Tennessee!

As parents we sign our children up for youth league sports for many reasons such as skill development, the opportunity to participate in organized competition, as well as the development of collaboration and teamwork. Alternatively, coaches generally have a different point of view. They want to win.

Decisions made by coaches can sometimes be frustrating to parents. It is similar to the relationship between a parent and a classroom teacher. Parents need to be supportive of classroom teachers so their child will maintain respect for their teacher and give their best effort.

Youth league sport coaches do not get paid. These coaches volunteer their time in order to spend time with their child as well as teach other children about the rules and skills of the game. Sometimes these coaches are not the most skilled nor are they the person that we would choose to coach our child. However, if you do not like their style or their lack of skills, then you need to volunteer your time to be the coach.

As parents we may not always agree with the decisions that coaches make. For example, we do not want to sit outside during a lightning storm while our child is on the field. Many decisions will be made by the coach that we do not agree with, but as long as they do not endanger your child’s well being or self-esteem then we should do our best to be supportive.

I have been on ‘dugout mom duty’ many times and witnessed parents give advice to their child that is completely opposite of the coach’s advice. For example, the coach will instruct the players to have a good level swing, and as soon the coach leaves the dugout to coach first base, a parent will come over and tell their child to get under the ball. Sometimes the parents say things like this because they do not know any better; other times it is because they have a different game plan than the coach does. The coach may be looking for a base hit, while the parent wants to show off the swing that can earn his child a triple.

In order to get a better understanding of knowing where to set the boundaries, I interviewed Jason Moore, the short stop for the University of Tennessee at Martin Skyhawks. Jason has experienced both sides of the foul lines. He has coached summer league teams and played on a varsity team.

Jason told me that it is important to always listen to your coach first and foremost. When you are younger, you are sometimes torn between what your parents and your coaches tell you. But as you mature, you begin to realize that your coach is teaching you to perform skills/drills his way for a reason.

After talking with Jason, I have decided as a parent that I will try my best to keep my mouth shut and not give my son any, ‘What I think you should do’ advice. Youth league coaches are giving up valuable time to teach our children. As parents we do not always have to agree with them, but we do need to be supportive and appreciative of their time and effort. Now let’s get out there and PLAY BALL!

Dr. Laura Brown has been an assistant professor of pedagogy at the University of Tennessee at Martin for three years. She received her B.S. from UT Martin, her M.A. from Murray State University, and her doctorate from Union University. She teaches people to be physical education teachers. She’s the mother of two children.
COLLEGE PREP!

Getting ready for college starting at age 12 is not too young, say the experts

By JACQUE HILLMAN
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Alexandra Harlan, 13, a student at St. Mary's School, is thinking about college while she's in the seventh grade. "I'd like to be far away - but not too far away."

She's already taken her SAT at Union University as part of the Duke University Talent Search program.

"Lots of kids were there," she said. "Everybody else took the ACT. You could choose which one you wanted. They didn't have to write an essay, but I did very well."

She added, "I was really nervous, but I won't be as nervous the next time because I've done it before."

Oh, and there is one more thing - as she thinks about college, she considers that it might be "cool to go to a university in Europe."

Twelve is too young to be thinking about all of this, you say? Not anymore.

Oh, sure, she's already thought about not being too far away from home and then expanded her horizon to include Europe. That's part of it - just opening her eyes to the possibilities.

Being comfortable helps

Freed-Hardeman University president Milton Sewell said that "the goal of college can be a great motivation during these crucial middle- and high-school years."

He knows that students who visit the FHU campus in Henderson come away from it feeling better about what lies ahead, whether they come to "Conserve-A-Nation" held recently, or "Makin' Music" in the spring.

Conserve-A-Nation was a competition for environmental art projects brought by 147 West Tennessee seventh- and eighth-graders, who were participants in the environmental-awareness program. At one point, the lobby of Freed-Hardeman University's Brown-Kopel Business Center was spread with tin cans, cereal boxes, milk cartons and other recyclables. It was just one way FHU invites younger students to campus.

"When students have been introduced to college early, they can visualize themselves as college students," Sewell said. "They can see themselves in the classrooms and walking across campus."

Some students will have more opportunities that others - because they've worked hard, achieving early academic success, and because their parents have placed emphasis on being ready for college.

Anjali Sood, 15, who has been accepted to the Governor's School for the Humanities being held at the University of Tennessee Martin this summer, will get to spend several weeks on the campus. Anjali, the daughter of Mary and Vinay Sood, wants to be a writer.

"I had to send in three samples of my writing - why I wanted to go and two random articles. I found out about a week ago that I was accepted. I'm so excited," said Anjali, a sophomore at Madison Academic. "Last semester, English was my favorite class. I just like to see how the words come together. It's fun to make things happen the way you want them to."

"..."
She's visited on campus at Union during the physics camp for kids, at Lambuth and the University of Illinois at Champaign, but she just wants to go to a college with a great writing program, she said.

UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan knows that the earlier exposure a child gets to college, the more likely they are to think in terms of continuing past high school.

The Governor's School is for slightly older kids, but many others are for younger students. They hold the Mathcounts Competition, the Middle School Math Contest, Brain Awareness Day and various sports camps, plus choral/band programs and art exhibits.

In the ideal situation, "elementary and middle school students would have numerous opportunities to attend camps, cultural events and other activities on campuses with friends and parents. This should provide a level of comfort, especially if the children have the opportunity to interact with someone from the university," he said.

University presidents' advice

West Tennessee Parent & Family magazine asked university presidents and their public relations staff to answer the questions listed below. We provide the full text here, which we didn't have room for in the print version of the April magazine.

The university presidents are Dr. Wesley McClure, Lane College; Dr. Bob Prosser, Bethel College; Dr. Fred Zuker, Lambuth University; Dr. Shirley Raines, University of Memphis; Dr. Bruce Blanding, Jackson

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- Dr. Nick Dunagan, University of Tennessee Martin

1. Ideally, elementary and middle school students would have numerous opportunities to attend camps, cultural events and other activities on campuses with friends and parents. This should provide a level of comfort, especially if the children have the opportunity to interact with someone from the university. In any event, parents should make a concerted effort to talk to their children as they prepare to enter high school about what they will take to be admitted and hopefully qualify for scholarships when they get ready to choose their future university. The sophomore year should be used to focus the discussion about what type of university they might like to visit. The college visit should be conducted during the junior year and no later than early in the senior year. You can learn so much from an actual visit and I recommend that the parents also attend the visit and ask lots of questions.

2. The earlier the exposure to the idea that college is in your child's future, the more likely that child is to think in terms of some post secondary experience after high school. I see parents that try to push too hard toward a particular college or a certain curriculum. The most effective parent is one that is supportive, encourages high goals and lets that son or daughter know that college is going to be different from high school, but in many ways the best time of their life.

I see two major issues where parents can be helpful: (1) During that first semester, let your son or daughter know that you support them. That does not mean that you go to class for them or settle their disputes. Let them manage their own situations, but be there for them when they call or come home for the weekend. (2) Set high expectations about the effort they make toward their studies and social life. Every student will not make all A's. Let them know that you expect good effort in the classroom and responsible behavior in social situations.

In-state tuition at UT Martin:

Here are the costs for the 2005-2006 academic year for an incoming fulltime freshman (resident of Tennessee) per semester:

- Tuition and fees $2246.50
- Dorm $1000.00 semi private room
- Meal Plan $1010.00
- Estimated Cost of Books $500.00

A student is considered fulltime if they have 12 credit hours or more.

-- Source: Carroll C. Lewis, Bursar, University of Tennessee Martin

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It is never too early to plan for college. One of the better sites for college planning for students and families is www.mapping-your-future.org

This site provides a "roadmap" for students to follow from middle school on through the end of college. Also, http://www.collegepaytstn.com

TSAC's website provides helpful information about Financial Aid.

Another helpful site is http://www.xap.com/
A word to the wise... NEVER Pay anyone to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. If families need assistance they should check with their High School guidance counselor or the Financial Aid Office at the school in which they plan to enroll or at a local college. That is what are some questions:

For your president:

1. What is your academic institution's philosophy on what is the right age to begin introducing students to college?

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2. What are the benefits that you believe both the university and the students achieve?

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Campus events for early introduction

- Mathcounts Competition
- Middle School Math Contest
- Brain Awareness Day
- Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society Boy Scout and Girl Scout Merit Badge Day (experiments and activities for scouts to earn science-related merit badges)
• Teen Summit
• Youth Leadership Summit (youngest - high school sophomores)
• Various sports camps (detailed listing on the Excel document I sent in February)
• Extended Campus and Continuing Education courses (ex. horsemanship, photography, acting painting, ACT help)
• Choral/band programs and competitions
• Pre-College piano competition
• Foreign Languages Day
• Agriculture-related programs and competitions
• Conferences on a variety of topics
• Art Exhibits
• Plays
• Homecoming activities

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Jefferson Awards luncheon salutes ‘unsung heroes’

For the third year in a row, The Jackson Sun recognized “the unsung heroes” with the presentation of The Jefferson Awards for Public Service.

Premier Place Catering on North Highland Avenue was a hub of activity as the winners and their guests packed the dining area for last Tuesday’s luncheon.

The recipients were awarded $1,000 from the Gannett Foundation, which they donated to a charity of their choice.

■ Libby Murphy, nominated by Frank McMeen, was the Community Enrichment winner and donated her prize to the West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation for the care of Dianne Odell, the nation’s longest living iron lung survivor.

■ Taking home the prize for Health & Well-Being was Dr. Evanna Proctor, nominated by Dr. Charles Hyre. Her award went to ACTS of West Tennessee.

■ Trey Climer was named Outstanding Youth. Nominated by his grandmother, Sylvia Henson, his gift went to the Tennessee Hemophilia & Bleeding Disorders Foundation.

■ Renee Swift nominated her mother, Edith Taylor, for the Education & Literacy award, which is going to Shriner’s Hospitals for Children. Her husband, Jerry Taylor, also at the reception, is a Shriner.

■ Hazel Pearson, nominated by Ozeal Mitchell, was recognized for her Support for Children & Family. The award goes to Operation HOPE.

Pearson, at the luncheon with husband Leon, will represent Jackson at the national awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., in June, when the 2006 winner of the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Medal will be named.

Among the guests were Camellia and Stephen Trexler; Charlotte Barnett; LaLa Theus; George Rodgers; and Gary Lockhart, Dr. Proctor’s husband.

Also, Allison Climer, Trey’s mother, and his sister, Crystal Climer; along with Linda Climer, his great-aunt. “I am standing in for his father, Rex, my nephew, who couldn’t be here,” she said.

Among Libby’s guests were her mother, Josephine Murphy; Teresa Murphy, Libby’s sister-in-law from Alabama; Dottie Moore; and Gay and Bobby Gregson.

Program participants included Ed Graves, president and publisher of The Jackson Sun; the Rev. Paul Clayton, retired senior pastor of First United Methodist Church; and Dr. Fred Zuker, president of Lambuth University, who spoke on “The Importance of Community Service.”

Tom Bohs, Carol Dix and Autumn Hardie were co-chairpersons of The Sun committee that reviewed several dozen nominations, narrowed the choices and submitted them to the Board of Selectors composed of Jim Ayers, chairman of the Board of First Bank; Susan Bunch, superintendent of the Henderson County School System; the Rev. Paul Clayton; Greer Lashlee, president of Lashlee-Rich Inc.

Also, Dr. Wesley McClure, president of Lane College; James Ross, vice president of hospital services at West Tennessee Healthcare; Beverly Vos, director of promotional strategies at Union University; Dr. Jerry Woods, associate professor of education at the University of Tennessee Martin; and Dr. Fred Zuker.
Lacey Hipps of Cordova, a member of Chi Omega sorority, received a University Service Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin's annual Greek Awards Ceremony, held during Greekfest 2006. The award went to Greeks who have been an important part of UT-Martin student life, through their chapter, the Greek councils or through involvement on campus. With her are UT-Martin chancellor Nick Dunagan (left) and UT-Martin provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs Tom Rakes.

Name: Lacey Hipps
Born: Porto Alegre, Brazil
Family: Richard Hipps (father), Patricia Hipps (mother), Alex Hipps (sister, deceased), Justin Hipps (brother)
Occupation: Nursing/Spanish student at the University of Tennessee at Martin
Hobbies: Piano, traveling, writing
Faith: Christian

How did you get started in Chi Omega sorority? I pledged Chi Omega my first semester of college (2003). I love to meet new people and I feel that my sorority has made me grow as a person and I've learned so much from all of my experiences in Chi Omega.

What is the most rewarding part about your life's work? Our philanthropy — Make-A-Wish Foundation. We raise money for terminally ill children and help to grant their wishes. This is especially close to my heart because I lost my younger sister when she was only 4 years old.

How can others get involved in volunteering for Make-A-Wish or other organizations? Others can get involved by donating money or by participating in community service projects in their own area.

When you were a kid, what did you think you would grow up to be? I grew up as a missionary kid in Brazil, so from the time I was a little girl my parents have taught me about serving others. I've always wanted to help other people and that's why I'm double majoring in nursing and Spanish. I want to use my language capability to help others through my nursing.

What advice do you have for others who want to follow in your footsteps? Someone once told me that the heart beats the strongest when it beats for others. And that is so true, I encourage everyone to give of themselves and use their individual God-given talents to help other people. That is what service is all about.

Who is your personal hero? My parents. They are my role models. They truly know that service is all about. They were missionaries in Brazil for 11 years and now my dad is pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Cordova and my mom is a counselor for the Med-Health Loop Downtown. I admire the way that they
open up their hearts not only to their own community, but to the world.

What book or song speaks to your philosophy on life? “We Can Make a Difference” by Jaci Velasquez. It is a wonderful song about reaching out to others and loving them. The greatest emotion of all is love. This song is a great inspiration to me.

What do you hope your legacy will be? I hope to touch the lives of everyone around me. Whether it be family, friends, colleagues, church members, my patients or even people I don’t know. I want to be remembered as a person who gave of herself to better the lives of others. My main goal is to love others like God loves me, because I have been so blessed with my life and the opportunities that I have to help others, and to show God’s love to the world!

— Compiled by Cassandra Kimberly

Do you know someone whose service or life's work inspires you? If so, nominate this great person for our People Who Make a Difference spotlight by calling My Life editor Steve O'Dell at 829-2044 or e-mail at mylife@commercialappeal.com.

Candidates’ forum

"Forum on the Future," set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, will feature candidates for contested countywide elections in the Weakley County May primary. The event is free and open to the public. It will be held at Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center on campus. Contested races include those for county mayor and county trustee. For more information about the forum, contact Steve Vantress at stevev@utm.edu or (731) 881-7755.

Wild horse and burro adoption set

The University of Tennessee at Martin will be hosting the Wild Horse and Burro Adoption April 21-23. A preview will be held from 1-5 p.m. Friday. Adoption will be from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sunday. Competitive bid adoption begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 22. Afterwards, adoptions will be on a first come, first served basis. To get to the adoption site, take Highway 45E into Martin, turn east onto Highway 431 (University Street), go 1/2 mile and follow signs to arena.

Teachers sought for program to enhance history education

West Tennessee teachers may still apply for a program funded by a $981,949 grant to enhance student knowledge and achievement in American History by improving their own knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the subject. The Teaching American History Grant program is part of Tennessee’s $3.5 million allocation through the U.S. Department of Education. Partners include the Dyersburg City School System, the University of Tennessee at Martin, the Pink Palace Museum, the Professional Development Center in Dyersburg, the Tennessee State Library and Archives and other West Tennessee school systems.

Sixty teachers from grades 4 or 5, 8, 11 or 12 will be involved in the program, which will provide professional development enabling them to develop further expertise in traditional American history content, teaching strategies and other essential elements of teaching to higher standards. The goal of the program is to demonstrate how school districts and institutions with expertise in American history can collaborate over a three-year period to ensure that teachers develop the knowledge and skills necessary to teach traditional American history in an exciting and engaging way.

The fact that participating teachers will be depositing teaching modules with the Professional Development Center will allow teachers from throughout the region access to their experiences and impressions.

The Teaching American History Grant program is a discretionary grant program funded under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Teachers who are interested in participating in the professional development program may contact Dr. Dan McDonough, grant project director, at (731) 881-7466.

Woodwind ensemble to perform

The University of Tennessee at Martin flute choir, clarinet choir, saxophone quartet and woodwind quintet will present a varied program of chamber music for winds at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Harriet Fulton Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

The flute choir is under the direction of Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music. The clarinet choir, saxophone quartet and woodwind quintet are under the direction of Dr. Amy Simmons, assistant professor of music. The concert is free of charge and open to the public.

ECCE offers Access class

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering Beginning Microsoft Access, from 9 a.m.-noon, May 16 and 18. The instructor is Shannon Burgin. The fee is $149.

Learn to design and create a database and what relational databases can do for you. Design and set up tables and relationships. Edit your data. Sort and filter. Learn how queries can give you answers. Create quick forms for data entry. Create quick reports that can be customized to your needs.

To register, contact ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.
REED Center gets boost from Rural Development

University of Tennessee at Martin representatives recently joined local, state and federal officials at a funding announcement for the city of Martin which received $60,000 in Rural Development assistance to help relocate the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center.

“Rural Development understands the importance of rural business entrepreneurship,” said James Sanders, USDA Rural Development area director. “By serving as a resource to new entrepreneurs, this center will also help stimulate job growth in the region. I would like to acknowledge the participation of the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) in making this grant possible through set aside funds received from Rural Development. This application was selected for funding from among the many requests that were received by DRA.”

The city of Martin received a $60,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant to renovate a building in downtown Martin to house the REED Center. The new location will be easier to find, more centrally located in the heart of the business district and will provide a consulting office, seminar room, computer lab and resource library that will be available for REED Center clients. Those attending the funding announcement were (from left) Dr. Tom Payne, University of Tennessee at Martin Dunagan Chair for Excellence in Banking; Brad Thompson, field representative for U.S. Rep. John Tanner; Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, Dr. Phillip Young, Hendrix Chair for Excellence in Free Enterprise; Martin Mayor Randy Brundige; Van Wiley, USDA Rural Development area specialist; James Sanders, USDA Rural Development area director; Sam Lewallen, First State Bank community bank president; UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan; and Paula Lovett, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development/agents program management.

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The center was established by UT Martin and several partners in the region to serve existing and prospective entrepreneurs and support economic development in rural northwest Tennessee. In particular, it will assist entrepreneurs with one-on-one consultations, interactive training programs and technical resources, encourage and support new small-business ventures and promote existing businesses.

Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, called the announcement of the grant “a positive step” aligned with state initiatives in economic development. He noted that the center is an example of the type of partnerships Gov. Phil Bredesen has promoted and will be an asset to regional economic development. He also cited the growth potential of local entrepreneurs who can get assistance from the REED Center.

“It’s all about partnerships,” said Dr. Tom Payne, UT Martin Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking. Payne said the center is a “catalyst to get new businesses off the ground. Small business – that’s where much of the action in job growth and economic development is going to be,” Payne added.

“This is an exciting time for the REED Center,” said Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator. “Since our opening six months ago, we have assisted more than 60 aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners throughout the West Tennessee area. That wouldn’t have happened without the support and partnership of our local banks, USDA Rural Development and our university that have allowed this center to get established. We look forward to making our communities a better place to live by helping to create jobs and new opportunities.”

The grant is funded through Rural Development’s business program which provides assistance to public bodies or not-for-profit entities to finance and facilitate development of private business enterprises and improve community infrastructure such as roads, streets and utilities.

REED Center partners include
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Angelo is academic speaker

Michael Angelo, a senior intellectual property architect at Net IQ in Houston, is the next speaker in the Academic Speaker Series at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

He is very active in the security community and has participated in numerous international advisory councils. He is the holder of more than 40 patents and will speak on “Security and Privacy” at 7:30 p.m., April 10, in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center. The presentation is sponsored by Honors Programs and Sigma Xi at UT Martin. It is free and open to the public.

“The issue of personal privacy has assumed an increasingly prominent role in our national discourse,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, honors programs director. “Michael Angelo will explain to us the various issues involved as we consider the issues of security and personal privacy in this most challenging of times. Mr. Angelo is our final academic speaker in the 2005-06 program and the Sigma XI Distinguished Lecturer and spring banquet speaker.”

For more information, contact McDonough at damonc@utm.edu or call 881-7436.

UTM OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE—Gina McClure, director of campus recreation, received the exempt University of Tennessee at Martin Spring 2006 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Chancellor Nick Dunagan. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to the university, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. McClure’s nomination included the following: “Gina not only gives more than required in her professional capacity, but is sought by student and staff for mentoring, advising, as a confidant, or just a sympathetic ear.”

UTM OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE—Mary Baker, administrative assistant II in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems, received the non-exempt University of Tennessee at Martin Spring 2006 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Chancellor Nick Dunagan. The awards, which recognize outstanding service to the university, are presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of Baker’s nomination were comments such as: “Mary always puts others before herself and truly exemplifies the qualities we should all strive to show.”
Bioligist to speak during Earth Week

Brian Czech, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conservation biologist and author of the book, "Shoveling Fuel for a Runaway Train: Errant Economists, Shameful Spenders, and a Plan to Stop Them All," will be the keynote speaker for Earth Week events in April at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Speakers and discussions are scheduled throughout the week to educate participants about preserving the earth.

Czech's presentation, "Earth Day 2006: The Mounting Conflict between Economic Growth and Environmental Protection, and the Role of International Diplomacy in Establishing an American Steady State Economy," will be at 7 p.m., April 19, in the Norman Campbell Auditorium of the Andy Holt Humanities Building. It is free and open to the public. Czech's book will be available for purchase and signing following his presentation.

He has a bachelor's degree in wildlife ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a master's degree in wildlife science from the University of Washington and a doctorate in renewable natural resources from the University of Arizona. He serves the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the headquarters office of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Czech also is president of the Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy (CASSE), a non-profit organization in Arlington, Va. The mission of CASSE is to educate the public and policy-makers on the fundamental conflict between economic growth and environmental protection, economic security and international stability. Czech is an adjunct professor at Virginia Tech, where he teaches ecological economics and endangered species policy and management.

He and Paul R. Krausman are the authors of "The Endangered Species Act: History, Conservation Biology, and Public Policy." He also has produced a video, "The Steady State Revolution: Uniting Scientists and Citizens for a Sustainable Society."

Czech is involved in issues pertaining to ecological and economic sustainability. He serves on several "sustainability roundtables" pertaining to forests, rangelands and water. He is a member of The Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society, Society for Conservation Biology, International Society for Ecological Economics and Ecological Society of America. He has led efforts to get these societies to adopt positions on economic growth.

Czech's presentation is co-sponsored by the UT Martin Title VI Business and International Education Grant, the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and the UT Martin Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Other events, sponsored by the UT Martin American Democracy Project, include the following presentations:

On April 17, two speakers are scheduled. Stephanie McCullough, of Americorp, Knoxville, will give a hands-on presentation about composting and recycling at 1 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center. From 2:30-3:30 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium, Dr. Marge Davis, sponsor of the Tennessee Bottle Bill, will speak on the bill.

From 6-7 p.m., April 18, in Room 111, Boling University Center, Dr. Kevin Stevens, of Louisiana Tech University, will speak on service learning and green architecture.

On April 19, from 2-3 p.m., Dr. Peggy Hamlett, of UTK Profitable Agriculture, Jackson, will speak on the value-added agriculture project in West Tennessee. She assists farmers with projects ranging from hydroponic tomatoes to beef cattle. From 3:30-4:30 p.m., Andrew Couch, of Clean Cities, Memphis, will speak on biofuels in Watkins Auditorium.

From 4-5:30 p.m., April 20, in Watkins Auditorium, a panel discussion will be held to discuss the environment and how it can be improved.

UT Martin's Nursing Class of 2006 presents Excellence in Nursing through Advanced Practice

This year's group of nursing graduates, along with the sponsorship of the Pi Tau chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, will be presenting an all-day nursing seminar entitled Excellence in Nursing through Advanced Practice on the campus of UT Martin in the Boling University Center's Watkins Auditorium.

Registration for the event will take place from 9-9:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will end at 2 p.m.

The schedule for this event is as follows:
- 9:30-10 a.m. Ruby Black, MSN, RN (Welcome)
- 10-10:30 a.m. Dr. Susan Jacob, PhD, RN (Keynote speaker)
- 10:30-11 a.m. Karen Anderson, CRN (Nurse anesthesia)
- 11-11:30 a.m. Susan Evans, RN, MSN, CCRN and Lisa Mitchell, RN/Clinical manager (Disaster nursing)
- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1-1:20 p.m. Union University's Master's Program
- 1:20-1:40 p.m. Murray State University's Master's Program
- 1:40-2 p.m. Closing and door prizes

The admission is free and refreshments will be served. CEUs will be available at a price of $10.
Bruceton-Hollow Rock Dual-Credit Students Visit UT-Martin

MARTIN, Tenn., April 6, 2006 - Bruceton-Hollow Rock High School students recently visited the University of Tennessee at Martin. The students are enrolled in a dual-credit English composition class that allows them to earn high school and college credit simultaneously. Students are, from left, bottom row, first row, Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor; Amanda Smith, Heaven Wilks, Briana Stevens, Dr. David Carithers, UT Martin assistant professor of English; second row, Derek Kelley, Emily Ulderich, Whitney Higdon, Brian Abbott; third row, Rachael Hollingsworth, Kristin Brooks, Jern Tharpe; fourth row, Matt Roberts; Dodie Parker, facilitator, and Russell Noles.

UT student, soldier talks war

University of Tennessee at Martin student Adam Roy, of Jackson, will speak about his experiences in Iraq at 4 p.m. today in the Legislative Chamber of the Boling University Center. Roy returned from the war in November. He hopes to raise awareness for the troops and relate how his experiences at UT Martin have helped him.

STUDENTS RECEIVE ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS — Bryan Black, of Fulton, Ky., left; Christina Hart, Beach Bluff; Brandon Garcia, Milan; Courtney Cooper, Maury City; recently received the Tennessee Road Builders Association scholarship in the amount of $1,000 for the next academic year. The students are engineering majors at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
Wrong line on registration day leads to triple career

By JOHN BRANNON
Messenger Staff Reporter

Wrong line, right career move.

This profile in print opens with an account of an innocent event years ago that, in retrospect, was a beautiful blunder.

It changed the life of young Roger T. Fisher of Obion, who earlier that year had graduated from the former Obion High School.

It happened on Sept. 6, 1960, at Freed-Hardeman College (now Freed-Hardeman University) at Henderson. Registration day. Baffling bewilderment for any brand new college freshman.

Filling out forms, submitting a class schedule, paying tuition and fees — all the things needed to accomplish matriculation — were all done manually. Slow, and time-consuming.

The Age of Computers was still in the future.

And yet the day is a prominent mile marker on Fisher's high road to a long and distinguished career. Today, at age 64, he is a former teacher, a former FBI agent and an attorney who applies his legal skills in the service of a Union City law firm.

Fisher grins as he tells the tale about what happened at registration that day in September 1960. It's one of his favorite anecdotes.

"I've told that story for years," he said.

He opens with a declarative statement. "I'll tell you how I got into education," he volunteered.

Simply stated: He got into the wrong line. A slow line, at that. As were they all.

"I stood in line all day long," he said. "When I finally got to the end of it, I looked up and saw a sign that said, 'Secondary education majors.' Education? I'd never in my life given a thought to being a teacher. But I said to myself, 'Well, I'm not going to change lines.'"

He characterizes himself at the time as a shy kid who couldn't imagine making a public utterance. Himself a teacher? Why, it would be like a recluse suddenly deciding to run for public office. He just couldn't see it.

But on the other hand...

"Let me give you some background," he said. "I was young, just as country as I could be. Born in Crockett County, grew up in Obion. We were dirt poor. Daddy had been a sharecropper and a common laborer. Mom worked in a factory. I didn't even know if I would be able to go to college."

To say he needed help would be an understatement. And that was in the days before there was any such thing as Rotary scholarships for needy students. But he had done well in school and had a good reputation. And to some people in Obion, that counted a lot.

"They opened some doors for me, made it possible for me to go to school and work, too," he said.

That's how he got to Freed-Hardeman in the first place. And here he was, on campus, registering for classes, albeit in the wrong line.

He thought it over and decided to stay put.

"I'm not going to change lines," he told himself again.

And with that, for whatever reason, he made a commitment. He would cast his lot with the teaching profession.

As it turned out, Fisher did well. It took time and work, of course. But he prevailed. Using a self-imposed work-study plan, he slowly made his way up the ladders of academic and career achievements. One thing led to another. The years fell away.

"I started college in 1960 and completed the college experience in 1968. Twenty-eight years getting educated," he said.

In that 28-year period, he graduated:

- On June 1, 1968, from Tennessee Technological University with a bachelor's degree in education with an endorsement in social science.
- On Aug. 23, 1975, from the University of Tennessee with a master's degree in education administration.
- On May 8, 1988, from Memphis State University (now the University of Memphis) with a juris doctor of laws degree. He has been a practicing attorney 16 years in the law firm, Conley, Campbell, Moss and Smith.

The FBI experience

On a Saturday in November 1970, Fisher went to the post office at Rives to pick up the morning mail. A routine errand that turned out anything but routine.

Among the several envelopes was one from Washington. In the return address, in the upper left corner, were the words, "U.S. Department of Justice." Fisher knew what it was. His pulse rate increased as his eyes scanned the words.

Months earlier, he had applied for a job with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), knowing his chances of selection were slim and none. Still, he gave it a go.

He found the "Bureau," as it was called, was picky. Many are called, few are chosen. That sort of thing.

He had filled out page after page of a nosy questionnaire about him and his family, he'd undergone an extensive background check, he'd taken a plethora of aptitude tests, and he'd been probed and probed and punctured by government doctors who sensitized his blood and bone and sinew.

It seemed that in the selection process, his mind, body, even his soul — were required to pass in review.

He had done his best to do their bidding. Then came the agony of waiting for the ultimate outcome of the application process.

"Would he pass or would he fail? Was he good enough to be a 'G-Man,' as the federal law enforcers were called in the ancient days of Pretty Boy Floyd and Bonnie and Clyde?"

The answer was in that imperial envelope that came in the mail. The moment of truth was at hand.

"I was curious about its contents, yet afraid to open it. I did not know if the Bureau sent letters of rejection to applicants or not," he said. "After returning to my car and sitting there for several minutes, I finally took a deep breath and slowly opened it. I was certain it was a letter of rejection."

He was wrong. It was good news, telling him in formal and polite wording that he had been accepted. And a very famous person had sent it.

The letter contained an offer of a probationary appointment as special agent with the FBI. It also told him how to accept the appointment, what the salary would be and when and where to report for duty.
It was signed by the FBI's legendary director, J. Edgar Hoover.

At that time, Fisher was a faculty member and assistant principal at Union County Central High School. After reading the letter again, after sitting silently and absorbing the impact of the moment, he knew he would accept the offer. He knew, too, that his days as a teacher were over and done. Or so he thought.

On Jan. 4, 1971, Fisher did as ordered and reported to Washington for in-processing and training.

His was not a long tenure with the federal law enforcement agency. His time of service began Jan. 4, 1971, and ended June 1, 1974.

In that time he served in FBI field offices at Milwaukee, and Minneapolis and as a resident agent of the FBI's office at Sioux Falls, S.D. One of the famous cases he worked was that of the American Indian movement at Wounded Knee, S.D.

His reservoir of experience as an FBI agent — some things he can talk about, some things he can't — are being recorded for posterity in memoirs he is writing.

Meanwhile, we asked him to answer two nagging questions:

• What about those northern winters?
• Is it true what they say about J. Edgar Hoover?

Winter weather

Fisher grins — or is it grimaces? — as he tells of winter weather "up there". Minnesota and South Dakota, he said, always got "a horrible amount of snow." And cold, so cold.

Wind chills of 65 degrees below zero were not uncommon.

"People used to ask me, 'What do you do up there in the summer?'" he says. "We usually have a cookout on that day," he quips.

He cites as an example July 4, 1971, Independence Day, at Milwaukee. Some friends had come up from Tennessee to visit. He and his wife took them to Lake Michigan. He remembers it was a beautiful day, a blue skies, sunshine and sailboats kind of day.

"Then we saw this fog bank moving in," he said. "It got cold. We had a July Fourth cookout, all right, but we had to wear coats. Strange weather."

Mr. Hoover

J. Edgar Hoover, whose name has become an icon in the annals of American law enforcement, was FBI director from 1924 to 1972. He was never fired, nor did he resign. He died in his sleep.

Fisher scoffs at assertions that his former boss was far different from the public image of a no-nonsense tough guy. It is true that he was different, but not the way alleged in gossip stories.

"Hoover had a complex personality," Fisher said. "When I say this, I always tell people I don't claim to be a personal friend of his or a confidante or anything like that. I was a street agent. I was hired by him and I worked for him."

He characterizes Hoover as a "bureaucratic genius" whose flair for organization helped shape America's foremost law enforcement organization. Hoover professionalized the Bureau, gave its agents a sense of pride and established a crime lab and training academy. These, and more.

In time, the Bureau came to operate "like a well-oiled machine."

"I believe him to be a genuine American hero," Fisher said.

He took a corrupt organization and turned it into one of the most respected in the world."

But what about those late assertions that he was a crooked dresser?

"That's nonsense," Fisher replied. "Mr. Hoover was curious in a lot of ways. He was a bachelor, he never married. But people don't understand. He was very devoted to his mother, and he took care of her until she died. He was 42 when she passed. So he never married. He was totally devoted to the creation and maintenance of the FBI."

He had resigned from the FBI in 1974, said he didn't leave the Bureau because he was tired of it or didn't like the work.

"The fact that I was a husband and father made it necessary," he said. "I was assigned in South Dakota. I had a fourth of the state by myself, plus two counties in Minnesota. I was gone all the time. My wife and children were left there. And of course, at the time it was very dangerous because of all the violence on the Indian reservations. I had five of them, so I was constantly faced with that."

Besides that, there was illness in the family back home.

YOUNG AGENT — It was a youthful Roger Fisher who posed for a memorable photo one day in January 1971 in front of the FBI building at Washington. Now 64, Fisher is fully retired from three careers. During FBI training, a friend drew the "Join the FBI" cartoon seen at right and gave it to Fisher as a spoof of a Southern boy making the big-time.
recognized him for his dedication and longtime service to the university.

"You wouldn't believe how many people showed up to honor him," said Union City attorney Steve Conley.

Police, sheriffs, sheriffs deputies, TBI, FBI, Secret Service and Border Patrol officials, all of whom were his former students, Fisher characterizes the gathering as "the most well-protected dinner in history."

"I was amazed. It was so gratifying to see all those people. All of them had gone into law enforcement in some capacity, and they were all successful," Fisher said.

Sgt. Andy Gibson, a 30-year veteran of service with the Union City Police Department and a 1976 graduate of UTM, said Fisher is "a great friend and mentor."

"He was the best professor I had at UTM. I took his criminal justice classes. He's a natural teacher," Gibson said. "He always had a kind word and smile for everybody. Made the day go easier. He's a great asset to the community."

While at UTM, Fisher received the UT Alumni Outstanding Teacher Award and the UT Service Award. He has also received Southern Lawman Magazine's Outstanding Public Service Award and other accolades.

Family

Fisher, the son of the late Harvey and Mary Fisher, is married to the former Jane Roberts of Rives. They have two daughters, Joy Cultra of Bowling Green, Ky., and Sherri Hanna of Kenton; and a son, Scott Fisher of Union City, and three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Fisher has a sister, Veronica Thornton of Union City, and a brother, David Fisher of Trimble, a Dyersburg police officer.

Epilogue

"I enjoyed the FBI. It was the most fascinating, most adventurous, most exciting thing I ever did in my life. But I also loved the teaching aspect," Fisher said. "And the law practice has been rewarding, to enable you to help people.

"I will say this and I mean it from the bottom of my heart. I have told people that if I were to drop dead immediately, I couldn't complain because I have had a great life. Everything I've really wanted to do, I've been blessed with being given the opportunity to do it. Can't ask for more than that."

"Voices of the South" to be presented locally

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Vanguard Theatre will present "Voices of the South" at 8 p.m. April 21, 22, 28 and 29 in the Lab Theatre, Room 127, in the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus.

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The workshop is free of charge.

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At the college level

Two Obion County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

They include:
- Thomas Gossett, son of Tom and Lorraine James, both of Union City. He will be a freshman and is recipient of the Chancellor’s Award.
- Lydia Mudd, daughter of Bryan and Pamela Key of Union City. She will be a freshman and is recipient of both the Salutatorian Scholarship and the Chancellor’s Award.

More information on scholarships and other financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. In-state residents may call 1-800-829-UTM and out-of-state residents may call (731) 881-7040.

Piano ensemble sets concert

The University of Tennessee at Martin piano ensemble will present a special concert of music by French composers at 8 p.m. Monday in the Harriet Fulton Theater of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

The event is free of charge and open to the public.

The ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Elaine Harriss, UT Martin professor of music.

Included on the program are Claude Debussy’s “Petite Suite” and Eric Satie’s “Three Pieces in the Form of a Pear,” both for piano duet, and four South American dances from “Huit danses exotiques” by Jean Françaix for two pianos.

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Burnett graduates from UTM, then accepts new position with Carl Perkins Center

Devonna Burnett graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in December 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Burnett transferred to UTM in the fall 2002 semester following graduation from Jackson State Community College where she earned an Associate of Science degree.

Burnett was a recipient of a Workforce Investment Act Needs-Based Scholarship through the Tennessee Career Center in Humboldt and made excellent progress through the program. She completed Nursing clinicals at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital and Pathways in Jackson.

Following graduation in December, Burnett accepted employment with the Exchange Club-Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in Trenton as a case manager. Burnett takes pride in providing support to families and helping to-prevent and deal with child abuse in West Tennessee. She also provides help to both parents and children to meet the practical needs of preserving and improving the quality of family life.

“She is perfect for this position because she is a very caring individual that is able to function well in stressful situations. I know that she will continue to perform exceptionally well and I wish her the best of luck in the field,” stated Career Center Case Manager Wanda Adams. “She is a self-motivated person and nurturing in nature. She has the ability to go far in life.”

Burnett makes her home in Humboldt with her six year old son, Jamaar.

The Workforce Investment Act is a federally funded program. Job seekers can qualify for federally funded training programs, including the Nursing program at UTM, by contacting...
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A wide variety of musical selections for one piano, four hands and two pianos, four and eight hands will be presented. Included on the program are Claude Debussy’s “Petite Suite” and Eric Satie’s “Three Pieces in the Form of a Pear,” both for piano duel, and four South American dances from “Huit danses exotiques” by Jean Françaix for two pianos.

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For more information, contact Harris, at 731-587-7411.

ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS

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DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee, April 12, 2006

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Wootens' donation of land gives rodeo team permanent 'home'

John and Mary Wooten of Dresden have spent the past 20 years contributing to the success of the rodeo program at the University of Tennessee at Martin — recently making a gift of property for the rodeo team "home."

"We try to support the college," said Wooten. "Mainly it's been in the name of our son, John Herbert. That's the reason it came about."

Wooten said his late son graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and always liked rodeo. "When he'd come home, he go over to Martin and get acquainted with the team."

"Johnny loved the rodeo," Mrs. Wooten added.

At UT Knoxville, the Wootens' son was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho, the National Block and Bridle Club and the rodeo team. He also held a national membership in the International Rodeo Association. After graduation in 1976, he eventually became a franchised Chevrolet dealer with Wooten Chevrolet in Dresden.

From the first gift in 1986 in memory of their son that helped construct an agriculture classroom at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex, to the most recent gift of property, the couple thinks the donations are well placed.

And, while he considers the UT Martin rodeo team one of the top teams in the nation, it really is the character of the coach and the quality of the students that have strengthened the couple's ties to the program through the years.

"I hope someday they'll win the world championship. I'd like to see that," he said, but added more importantly, "It's a great bunch of kids. They have been every year I've had anything to do with it."

Wooten credits coach John Luthi with fostering and supporting good qualities, along with honing rodeo skills. "He's a very nice fellow. You get the idea, he wouldn't have any other way."

In combination with state appropriations, the Wooten's 1986 gift in memory of their son made possible the academic section at the agricultural complex. Included is a 90-person classroom, four offices, agriculture and mechanics bays for welding repair and woodworking, men's and women's locker rooms and indoor and outdoor equipment wash racks.

A bronze plaque with John Herbert Wooten's likeness is displayed in the complex marking the gift and dedication.

About that same time, the rodeo team qualified for national competition and members approached Wooten, longtime Chevrolet dealer in Dresden, for $5,000 to help pay expenses to compete. "I told them, 'I'll make a deal with you. Any time you all make the finals, I'll give you $5,000 to go and they haven't missed a year since," he said, admitting that initially, he did not think it would be an annual occurrence.

Later, the Wootens donated a needed bucking machine, a truck and a spreader wagon.

Wooten said his longtime friendship with UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan also was an impetus for the gifts. "Nick has a way of asking you for it and making you like it," Wooten said jokingly.

The most recent gift evolved following the Wootens' purchase of a farm about seven years ago. At that time, he leased the property to UT Martin for use by the rodeo team. Last fall, he decided to pursue one of the gift programs that would allow him to go ahead and donate the property and receive a monthly income from it.

"We have accumulated a few things and don't have anyone to leave it to, except our daughter (Linda Sue Highers, of Madison, a graduate of the UT Health Science Center and a hospital director of pharmacy)," Wooten said.

"We worked out a deal (with the rodeo team) and they seem to be very well satisfied with it. They can make some improvements that they wouldn't if they were just renting it." He added, "It's quite a layout out there. At one time, I thought I wouldn't mind living there myself."

The rodeo facility on about 80 acres has a main barn with more than 60 stalls and seven additional outbuildings serving a variety of purposes. "They can raise their own hay and have their own horses and cattle. There are pens for training," he added, "It'll be there when we're gone."

"This is a generous show of support to our campus and the rodeo team," said Dunagan. "The Wootens' support began years ago as a tribute to their son and has spanned more than 20 years. The rodeo team now has a permanent home because of them."

Coach Luthi agreed. "They've been very good to us in a lot of ways," he said, citing all the donations through the years. "The property donation is huge because it lets us know we have a home. It's part of us."

The culmination of the plan to give the rodeo team a permanent home couldn't have happened at a more appropriate time. The 38th Annual Spring Rodeo is slated for April 6-8, and the Wootens will be among the supporters.
Outstanding employees recognized at UTM

Gina McClure, director of campus recreation, received the exempt University of Tennessee at Martin Spring 2006 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Chancellor Nick Dunagan. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to the university, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. McClure’s nomination included the following: “Gina not only gives more than required in her professional capacity, but is sought by student and staff for mentoring, advising, as a confidant, or just a sympathetic ear.”

Mary Baker, administrative assistant II in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems, received the non-exempt University of Tennessee at Martin Spring 2006 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Chancellor Nick Dunagan. The awards, which recognize outstanding service to the university, are presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of Baker’s nomination were comments such as: “Mary always puts others before herself and truly exemplifies the qualities we should all strive to show.”

Piano ensemble to present “The French Connection”

The University of Tennessee at Martin piano ensemble will present a special concert of music by French composers at 8 p.m., April 17, in the Harriet Fulton Theater of the Fine and Performing Arts Building. It is free and open to the public. The ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Elaine Harriss, UT Martin professor of music.

A wide variety of musical selections for one piano, four hands and two pianos, four and eight hands will be presented. Included on the program are Claude Debussy’s “Petite Suite” and Eric Satie’s “Three Pieces in the Form of a Pear,” both for piano duet, and four South American dances from “Huit danses exotiques” by Jean Françaix for two pianos.

Jacques Ibert’s duet settings of “Histoires” will be performed using a new edition of this work recently prepared by Dr. Allison Nelson, UT Martin professor emeritus of music and published by Alfred Music.

The program will conclude with American composer William Gillock’s “Champagne Toccata,” an eight-hand work, which pays a light-hearted musical tribute to France’s most famous beverage.

UT Martin piano students performing are Linda Farmer of Dresden, Crystal Crockett of Summertown, Valerie Sanderson of Kenton, Rachel Chadwick of Martin and Jung Woo Kim of Korea. Special guests on the program are two area high school students, Andrew Moore of South Fulton and Justin Crouch of Paris. They are from the pre-college studios of Bettie Godfrey and Elaine Harriss.

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An articulation agreement ensures a seamless transfer of credits from one institution to another. Students majoring in teaching at Jackson State will be able to transfer to UT Martin in the human learning (K-6th) program without losing time or credits.

"This agreement will allow a student to complete an associate's degree at Jackson State in two years and go on to UT Martin for the next two years and graduate with a bachelor's degree in education," said Dr. Bruce Blanding, president of Jackson State Community College. "The students are accomplishing their goals in a timely manner and the community benefits from having an increased number of highly qualified teachers - that's a win-win situation for everyone."

"Once again, we are very pleased to be partnering with JSCC to ensure that students who want to be teachers will have a smooth transition to UT Martin," said Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor of UT Martin. "We cooperate in many ways and this is another example of both UT Martin and JSCC striving to facilitate the needs of our students."

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Art Exhibition to show off work

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This student art show is an exhibition juried by the visual art faculty. It is representative of the year's best work created by UT Martin students participating in art studio courses. Cash awards are made for recognition in four separate categories, including painting/mixed media, ceramics/sculpture, graphic design/printmaking and drawing. The announcement of award recipients, including "Best of Show," will be made during the reception.

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Recitals scheduled for April

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An evening of art songs, oratorio and operatic arias performed by University of Tennessee at Martin vocal students will be held at 8 p.m. April 24 at the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus.

The recital will feature 12 vocal students, who will perform one or two songs each. Janet Finch will accompany the performers on piano.

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Spanish class offered in Fulton

A conversational Spanish class will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, April 17, at the First Baptist Church in Fulton.

Teacher for the six-week course is Marie (Mrs. Don) Malone, language faculty member at UT Martin. Each three-hour session will concentrate on practical, business and church use of familiar terms, with a minimum of grammar. The class is offered by Heritage Baptist Bible Consortium and is part of their Christian Service.
GOTTA GO

- The “Easter Egg Scramble Eggstravaganza” planned last weekend was reset for Saturday at Bourne Park, 343 Oakfield Road in Jackson.
- Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the hunt at 10 a.m. Children ages 3-10 years are invited. Bring your own basket.
- For more information, call 968-3850.
- Stephanie McCullough, of Americorps, Knoxville, will give a hands-on presentation about composting and recycling at 1 p.m. Monday in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at UT Martin.
- From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium, Dr. Marge Davis, sponsor of the Tennessee Bottle Bill, will speak.
- The Jackson-Madison County Humane Society Wine and Dine will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. April 29 at Bumpus Harley-Davidson in Jackson. Tickets are $40 in advance or $50 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at Bumpus Harley-Davidson and Bank of Jackson.

Leadership conference, luncheon present challenges, opportunities

A meeting room at the West Tennessee Center for Agricultural Research was filled with people looking for new challenges.

The Eighth Annual Leadership & the African-American Conference took place Tuesday with the theme, “Challenges & Opportunities.”

The daylong event began with registration and a continental breakfast before Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor of the University of Tennessee Martin, gave the welcome.

Dunagan also is executive director of WestStar, a program that was created in 1989 to serve the 21 counties of West Tennessee by providing leadership development and training for selected participants.

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalin Jr., pastor of New Olivet Baptist Church in Memphis, brought the keynote address. He was introduced by Anne Banks, assistant to the mayor of Brownsville. She is also a WestStar Class of ’97 alum and on the WestStar Board of Trustees.

Gill Petty, retired three years from TVA, was enjoying networking with others. As the crowd broke for lunch, he could be heard talking about his new grandson.

He and his wife, Alvyce, a teacher at Madison Academic Magnet School, had recently traveled to Palm Desert, Calif., to be with their oldest daughter, Tamara, after the birth of the Pettry’s first grandbaby, who is now 5 months old.

After going to Tamara’s wedding a few years earlier in Las Vegas, the Pettry said, “Oh, no, why so far?” when the couple moved farther out West to California.

“We’ve told her to send us lots of pictures because by the time our grandson gets here, he’ll be a grown man,” they laughed.

Among others enjoying the luncheon were Pat Gullett and Pamela Utley, co-workers at Madison County Juvenile Court Services; Olean Anderson, of Covington, who is running for a seat on the Obion County Commission in August; Josie and James Bryant, and Jeanette Walker, a regular walker at North Park who has joined a Jackson health club.

“I help prepare teachers to teach,” said Frank Black as he prepared to sink his teeth into barbecue and grilled chicken prepared by Louise and Clarence Boone and their staff at D&L Catering. Black is an education professor at UT.

Educators Opal Hay, of Brownsville, and Lou Vern Tucker, of Stanton, came to the conference together and were impressed with the speech by Virginia Stackens-Crump, principal of Jackson Central-Merry High School.

“She did an excellent job talking about the challenges and opportunities for young people,” Hay said. “I could relate to what she was saying. I like working with kids, because that’s all I know.”

During the lunch, a choral group from JCM entertained with a variety of music, from pop and jazz, to classical and religious.

Luncheon speaker Dr. Elizabeth Williams, associate director of Minority Affairs at the Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center in Nashville, inspired the audience to reach beyond ordinary and strive for leadership.

Other program participants included Evelyn Robertson Jr., executive director of the Southwest Tennessee Development District; Shirley Burford, regional director of BellSouth, Memphis; Minnie Bommer, founding member of the WestStar Board of Trustees.

Also, Glenn Baker; Andre Gist; Sharon Taylor McKinney; Michael Cherry; Harold Nance; Dr. Karen Codjoe; and Harlyn Hardin. Among others spotted in the crowd were Ray Washington and Darryl Pruitt.
EIGHTH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP & THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

From left, Deborah Reed, Diane Winn, Mary Jones and Evelyn Cobbins attended the 8th annual Leadership & The African-American Conference April 11.

From left to right are Maryrenee Moten, Vivian Kelly, Mary Ella Robinson and Ilean Weathers, all from the Southwest Human Resource Agency in Henderson.

Brenda Morris and Dr. Frank Black attended.

EXCELLENCE IN NURSING THROUGH ADVANCED PRACTICE

MARTIN: UT Martin's Nursing Class of 2006 will present Excellence in Nursing Through Advanced Practice on Monday, April 24 at Holing University Center-Watkins Auditorium on the campus of UT Martin, sponsored by Pi Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. Registration will be between 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Guest speakers include: Welcome by Ruby Black, MSN, RN. 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.; Keynote Speaker, Dr. Susan Jacob, Ph.D., RN; Nurse Anesthesia Karen Anderson, CRNA, and Disaster Nursing by Susan Evans, RN, MSN, CCRN and Lisa Mitchell, RN/Clinical Manager. Lunch on your own from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-1:20 p.m. - Union University's Master's Program; 1:20 p.m.-1:40 p.m. - Murray State University's Master's Program; and 1:40 p.m.-2:00 p.m. closing and door prizes. Admission is free and CEUs will be available for $10.

From left are Ramona Lyons from Sivart Realty in Jackson, Stephen Moten, senior at JCM, and William Edwards from the City of Covington.

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Tennessean: $32.5 million gift for UT
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UT's Daily Beacon: Flood of applicants leads UT to tighten admissions
Shelbyville Times-Gazette: Neyland renovations ongoing at UT
Knoxville News Sentinel: Happy campers? You bet. Young people with disabilities benefit from therapeutic experience at UT program
Knoxville News Sentinel: UT program helps kindergarteners keep up
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Jackson Sun: Leadership conference, luncheon present challenges, opportunities, UT official mentioned
CNN: Rangers catch bear after deadly attack; UT facility mentioned
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LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE WHO'S WHO HONOR AT UT MARTIN – Anastasia Umanets, of Milan (upper photo), and Kendra Cole, of Bradford recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Umanets is a member of Phi Chi Theta and University Scholars. Cole is a community and church volunteer and a Vacation Bible School teacher. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. David Belote, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, presented the award.

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UTM to sponsor artists exhibit

The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at the University of Tennessee Martin and the West Tennessee Regional Art Center in Humboldt will sponsor the sixth annual "Artists of the 21st Century" exhibition of college artists from all southeastern states. This year's juror is Marina Pacini, curator at the Brooks Museum in Memphis. Pacini selected 17 works of art that will be on display in the exhibition, ranging from paintings, photography, and various 3-dimensional media. Artists from seven states submitted works for the competition.

The exhibition runs through April 28. West Tennessee Regional Art Center is at 1200 Main St. in Humboldt, with hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bill Hickerson is the director of the WTRAC. He will answer questions concerning the exhibition. Call 784-1787.
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Carroll County Students Receive Scholarships to Attend UT Martin

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Elaine Haw, daughter of Reginald and Phyllis Haw of McKenzie, will be a freshman. She received the Deans Scholarship.

Courtney Henson, daughter of Mike and Pam Henson of Huntington, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.

Derek Kelley, son of Randy and Tami Kelley of Huntington, will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance.

Scholarship established in storm victim’s name

Colleagues of Janie King, a Tennessee Department of Education consultant, who was killed in the recent storms that swept through Northwest Tennessee, have requested that a scholarship be established in her memory. The scholarship will be presented to a single mother enrolled in the Education Administration and Supervision (EDAS) program at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

After serving as a classroom teacher for a number of years, King returned to UT Martin and completed an Education Administration and Supervision licensure in 2002. Her most recent role was as a family-involvement consultant for the Tennessee Department of Education’s division of special education. Her office was located on the UT Martin campus.

Outside the classroom, King had served as past president of the Tennessee Kappa chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Society for Women Educators, past president of the Dyersburg Education Association and in various leadership roles within her church. “Those who knew her describe her as intelligent, witty, and strong in spirit,” said Dr. Mary Lee Hall, UT Martin dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. “Our region and profession have lost a dedicated educator.”

Anyone who would like to make a contribution, may send the check to the UT Martin, Office of Development, 328 Administration Bldg., Martin, TN 38238. The check should designate that the contribution is for the Janie King Memorial Scholarship.

UT Martin Jazz Combo to perform April 19

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UT Martin Concert Band, Wind Ensemble to perform April 25

The University of Tennessee at Martin concert band and wind ensemble will perform a concert at 8:00 p.m., April 25, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus.

The concert band performance will include “Kentucky 1800,” by Clare Grundman; “Cajun Folksongs,” by Frank Ticheli; “Creed,” by William Himes and “Walls of Zion,” by Greg Danner.

The wind ensemble performance will feature Dr. Amy Simmons, professor of clarinet, performing “Fantasy” and “Variations,” by Ludwig Spohr. The ensemble will play “Variations on a Korean Folksong,” by John Barnes Chance; “Elegy for a Young American,” by Ronald L. Presti; “Suite Francaise,” by Darius Milhaud; and “Blue Lake Overture,” by John Barnes Chance.

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Faculty members receive awards at UT Martin T.I.P Banquet

Dr. Brenda Gulledge, chair of educational studies, of Martin, recently received the Charitable Service to the T.I.P. Program Award at the annual Tennessee Pre-Law and Pre-Health Science Fellowship Program (T.I.P.) Banquet hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. T.I.P. is a cooperative program designed to increase the number of African-American students enrolled in and graduating from state-assisted professional law and health science programs in Tennessee. Presenting the award is Chancellor Nick Dunagan.

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The recital is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Amy Yeung, assistant professor of music, at 731-881-7408 or ayeung@utm.edu.

Faculty tuba recital to be held April 23

David Daussat, instructor of music at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will be featured in a tuba recital at 8:00 p.m., April 23, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus. Daussat will perform "Capriccio," by William Penn, for tuba and marimba; "Baroque Brass," by Eugene Andersen, for tuba and euphonium; "New England Reverses," by Neal Corwell, for tuba and tape; "Sonata," by William Schmidt, for tuba and piano; "Serenade" by Jacques Casterede and "From the Shores of the Mighty Pacific," by Herbert L. Clarke. The event is free and open to the public.

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Cookoff to benefit Munkel Scholarship Fund

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Entertainment includes an inflatable obstacle course, live band sponsored by the Student Activities Council, and an Alpha Omicron Pi-sponsored water balloon fight.

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The awards were presented by David Belote, interim vice chancellor of student affairs at UT Martin. (Editor's note: UT Martin has provided several photos of the other local recipients receiving their awards and they will be published in The Messenger's Education Page in upcoming editions.)

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Gibson County students receive scholarships

Four Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

• Mickey Coffman, son of Mickey and Teresa Coffman of Trenton, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor’s Award.
• Emily Rogers, daughter of Bobbie and Nancy Rogers of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the Deans Scholarship.
• Kate Ladd, daughter of Butch and Tammy Ladd of Yorkville, will be a freshman. She received the Deans Scholarship.
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"Once again, we are very pleased to be partnering with JSSC to insure that students who want to be teachers will have a smooth transition to UT Martin," said Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor of UT Martin. "We cooperate in many ways and this is another example of both UT Martin and JSSC striving to facilitate the needs of our students."

Jackson State Community College has a similar agreement with UT Martin in agriculture.

For more information on the education program at Jackson State, call Shirley Martin at 424-3520 x266. For more information about the education program at UT Martin, call the Department of Educational Studies at 731-881-7210.

Sign agreement

Dr. Nick Dunagan (left), University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor, and Dr. Bruce Blanding, Jackson State Community College president, recently signed an articulation agreement between the two schools that will be used by students transferring to UT Martin from JSSC to complete a bachelor's degree in education.

Cole names to Who's Who

Kendra Cole of Bradford recently received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who’s Who Awards Ceremony. Cole is a community and church volunteer and a Vacation Bible School teacher. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. David Belote, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, presented the award.
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Jessica Perrigo, of Bethel Springs, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Perrigo is a student supervisor for Sodexo and a church volunteer.

Healthcare Foundation awards scholarships

Henry County High School seniors Jade Stearnes and Jordan Eaker have been awarded Harold and Opal Plumley Scholarships by the Paris-Henry County Healthcare Foundation.

The four-year, $6,000 scholarships are given to graduating HCHS seniors who plan to pursue careers in healthcare. Jade is the daughter of Michael and Pam Stearnes of Buchanan. She plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and major in biology. After completing her undergraduate degree, she plans to attend pharmacy school.

Jordan is the daughter of Tammy and Gary Vandiver and John Eaker. Scheduled to enroll at UT Knoxville, she plans to major in psychology, with goals of becoming a clinical psychologist.

There are currently four students attending various universities who were awarded Healthcare Foundation scholarships in honor of the Plumleys.
Students receive scholarships

Seven Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Bethany Dane, daughter of Gary Dane of Martin and Cindy Dane of Dresden, will be a freshman. She received the Deans Scholarship.

Lana Lozada, daughter of Regina Lozada of Martin and Jose Lozada of Sharon, will be a freshman. She received the Harold Conner African-American Scholarship.

Maci Mount, daughter of Tommy and Debbie Mount of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Deans Scholarship.

Brandon Pate, son of Brent and Pam Pate of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Deans Scholarship.

Jordan Skoda, son of Greta Paugh of Martin and Kenneth Skoda, will be a freshman. He received the Deans Scholarship.

Matthew Thomas, son of Tommy and Paula Thomas of Dresden, will be a freshman. He received the Deans Scholarship.

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The recital is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Amy Yeung, assistant professor of music, at 881-7408 or ayeung@utm.edu.

UT Martin concert band, wind ensemble to perform

The University of Tennessee at Martin concert band and wind ensemble will perform a concert at 8 p.m., April 25, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus.

The concert band performance will include “Kentucky 1800,” by Clare Grundman; “Cajun Folksongs,” by Frank Ticheli; “Creed,” by William Himes and “Walls of Zion,” by Greg Danner.

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Swimming lessons offered at UTM

The Office of Campus Recreation will be offering swimming lessons at the Elam Center Swimming Pool this summer. The first session will be May 30 - June 9 (Monday through Friday). The second session will be June 26-29 (Monday through Friday). The cost is $65 per session per child. IPAP classes are $40 per session per child.

The lessons will teach proper aquatic skills to students ages 6 months to adults. All lessons are taught by a certified Water Safety Instructor. Registration begins April 24 at the Office of Campus Recreation, 1020 Elam Center. Registration must be done in person between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information call 881-7745.

Several Obion County students who attend the University of Tennessee at Martin recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at an annual Who's Who awards ceremony.

The honorees include D.J. Caudle, Laura Gray, Valerie Mounce and Tina Wharton, all of Union City; Thomas Killion of Troy; Mark Malin Jr. of South Fulton; and Jordan Tinkle of Fulton. Miss Caudle is in the Interior Design Club and the Visual Arts Society at UT Martin, while Miss Gray is a member of the Student Dietetic Association and Phi Upsilon Omicron.

Ms. Mounce is induction chair of Phi Upsilon Omicron and Ms. Wharton is president of the Student Nurses Association and a member of the Nursing Christian Fellowship.

Killion is a member of Gamma Beta Phi and is on the Dean's List; Malin is the assistant webmaster for the UT Martin Web site and a member of the National Science Foundation; and Tinkle is a member of the Broadcasting Guild and the program director for WUTM-FM.

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Scholarship established in storm victim’s name

Colleagues of Janie King, a Tennessee Department of Education consultant who was killed in the recent storms that swept through northwest Tennessee, have requested that a scholarship be established in her memory.

The scholarship will be presented to a single mother enrolled in the Education Administration and Supervision (EDAS) program at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

After serving as a classroom teacher for a number of years, Ms. King returned to UT Martin and completed an Education Administration and Supervision license in 2002. Her most recent role was as a family-involvement consultant for the Tennessee Department of Education’s division of special education. Her office was located on the UT Martin campus.

Outside the classroom, Ms. King had served as past president of the Tennessee Kappa chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Society for Women Educators, past president of the Dyersburg Education Association and in various leadership roles within her church.

Concerts to be held this month at UT Martin

A pair of concerts are planned at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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ECCE offers various online training courses

The Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) at the University of Tennessee at Martin is offering several online training courses.

They include courses in healthcare; business; construction/automotive technology; Networking and CompTIA®; Internet; design and technical; Microsoft® Certification and video game design and development.

The courses are all open enrollment and self-paced, and students are paired with a personal instructor. Online training courses take an average of 90 days to complete and provide training for entry-level positions.

UT Martin has partnered with Gatlin Education Services to provide these programs. For enrollment information, contact Debby Mount by telephone at (731) 881-7104 or by e-mail at dmount@utm.edu.
**Ensemble to perform**

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The event is free and a library spokesman encourages the public to attend and bring lawn chairs or blankets for the entire family to enjoy the music.

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**VOICES OF THE SOUTH**

Presented by UT Martin Vanguard Theatre, 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday and April 28 and 29 in the Lab Theatre, Room 127, in the Fine and Performing Arts Building, UT Martin. Tickets will be sold at the door only; seating is general.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and children.

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**BEGINNING YOGA**

5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through April 25 at UT Martin. Cost: $55 for six-week course.

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**YOGA AND YOU**

5:30 p.m. Monday at Extended Campus and Continuing Education at UT Martin. For beginners. Fee: $55. Call (800) 482-5199 or 881-7067.

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**UT-Martin to help job seekers**

MARTIN, Tenn. — Online training for first-time job seekers and people switching careers is available in at least seven categories through the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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**Good job, Karen**

Karen Payne of Millington, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, received a University Service Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin's annual Greek Awards Ceremony during Greekfest 2006. Sharing the joy are UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan (left) and UT Martin provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs Tom Rakes.
STUDENT RECEIVES OUTSTANDING STUDENT EMPLOYEE AWARD
Jason Adkins, of Clarksville, recently received the spring 2006 Beth Maloan Outstanding University of Tennessee at Martin Student Employee Award and $500. Adkins, a senior English major with a 3.97 GPA, has worked in the Hortense Parrish English Writing Center at UT Martin since the fall of 2003. His primary duties include Web site maintenance and design, computer instruction and peer tutoring, assisting in workshop presentations and development of workshop materials, special projects with the online writing center and support for English 100-110 classes. Additionally, he maintains writing center attendance records and is the time sheet coordinator for all writing center student workers. His nomination noted he “particularly excels in computer skills training sessions. Jason’s positive, interested attitude is best reflected in the fact that all writing center assistants wanted to contribute to this nomination. His work ethic and personal motivation have strengthened the center, proving him to be a truly valuable employee.” He is a University Scholar and a campus leader and has served as president of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. “Jason is the model University Scholar,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director. “He is involved in many campus activities, in service to the university and in community service.” The student employee award is given in memory of Beth Maloan, former longtime director of UT Martin budgeting and payroll and a strong advocate for student employment. Pictured from left are Adkins and David Belote, interim vice chancellor for student affairs.

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Reed Center offers seminars for entrepreneurs

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center is offering seminars for entrepreneurs at the Boling University Center on campus. “Government Contracting” is from 4-6 p.m., April 27, in Room 231. “Starting a Home-Based Business” is from 4-6 p.m., May 2, Room 206AB. “Utilizing the Small Business Administration for Small Business Success” is from 9-11 a.m., May 9, Room 206AB. There is no fee for attending. Continuing education credits are available for $10.

For more information or to register, contact Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, at 587-7333, or visit www.utm.edu/reed.

Jazz It Up at the library

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UTM FEATUERED SCHOLAR — Dr. David Coffey (center) chair of the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of History and Philosophy, was recently named the featured scholar for the spring semester. Each semester, the university recognizes outstanding faculty for excellence in teaching and outstanding scholarship. Coffey received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees and doctorate from Texas Christian University. He joined the UT Martin faculty in 2001 and teaches classes in military, U.S. and Latin American history. His books include "John Bell Hood and the Struggle for Atlanta," "Historic Abilene: An Illustrated History," and "Soldier Princess: The Life and Legend of Agnes Salm-Salm in North America, 1861-1867." He has contributed to eight major historical reference works and is associate editor of two award-winning, three-volume projects: the Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War and the Encyclopedia of American Military History. Additionally, Coffey has chapters published in critically acclaimed anthologies of Civil War and Mexican history. His latest book, "Sheridan's Lieutenants: Phil Sheridan, His Generals, and the Final Year of the Civil War," was published in 2005. Coffey's books are displayed at the Paul Meek Library on campus. Joining Coffey at a reception are UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan, right, and Dr. Tom Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES" — The recent eighth annual Leadership and the African American "Challenges and Opportunities Conference" in Jackson drew participants from UT Martin, including Vishenia Huey (from left) Division of Student Affairs student conduct officer; Jackie Trice, Division of Student Affairs administrative specialist II; Magadalene Patterson Hampton, Head Start Program specialist III; and Natalie Dickerson-Boyd, Therapeutic Services program director. The conference was sponsored by WestStar Leadership Program in partnership with BellSouth, City of Brownsville, The Jackson Sun, USDA Rural Development, West Tennessee Healthcare and First South Bank, Brownsville.

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For enrollment information, contact Debbie Mount at 881-7104 or dmount@utm.edu.
UTM business seminars start Thursday

MARTIN, Tenn. — Starting Thursday, the University of Tennessee at Martin's Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center will offer free seminars for entrepreneurs for three straight weeks at the Boling University Center on campus.

The schedule: "Government Contracting," 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Room 231; "Starting a Home-Based Business," 4-6 p.m. May 2, Room 206AB; "Utilizing the Small Business Administration for Small Business Success," 9-11 a.m. May 9, Room 206AB. Continuing education credits are available for $10.

Information/registration: Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, 731-587-7333, or visit www.utm.edu/reed.
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Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Fact vs. fancy, UT mentioned
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The Pacer: Gov. Bredesen to speak at May 13 commencement, UTM breaks record for graduating class
New York Daily News: A bloody and mysterious ending for Alabama sports figure, UT referenced
Daily Press: Help for the paunchy pooch, UT facility mentioned
UT's Daily Beacon: Questions remain in bear attack, UT expert comments
Tennessean: UT researchers breed disease-resistant dogwoods for distribution
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DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee, April 26, 2006

Business consultant returns with advice May 11; consulting available every day

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will return to the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center (REED) from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., May 11. He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs.

This is an opportunity for existing business owners to get advice on marketing, customer service or cash flow issues. Budding entrepreneurs may receive advice on developing a business plan, marketing and record keeping. Acree is knowledgeable about state and national resources that are available for businesses.

Acree will be available the second Thursday of each month from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., but the REED Center offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at 731-587-REED (7333). The REED Center is located at 920 University St., Martin, TN 38237.

For additional services offered by the REED Center go to www.utm.edu/reed.

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Local students receives award at UT Martin T.I.P. Banquet

Meghan Green, of Martin, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Green is a PEP Leader and is on the Dean's List. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. David Belote, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, presented the award.

Markei Guy, of Martin, recently received the High School Academic Award at the annual Tennessee Pre-Law and Pre-Health Science Fellowship Program (T.I.P.) Banquet hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. T.I.P. is a cooperative program designed to increase the number of African-American students enrolled in and graduating from state-assisted professional law and health science programs in Tennessee. Pictured, from left, are Chancellor Nick Dunagan, Guy and David Belote, interim vice chancellor for student affairs.

Linda Farmer, of Dresden, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Farmer is a University Scholar and a part of the UT Martin Piano Ensemble. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. David Belote, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, presented the award.
JSCC and UT Martin sign articulation agreement for education degree

Officials from Jackson State Community College and the University of Tennessee at Martin recently met to sign an articulation agreement between the two schools. The agreement will be utilized by students from Jackson State transferring to UT Martin to complete a bachelor’s degree in education.

An articulation agreement ensures a seamless transfer of credits from one institution to another. Students majoring in teaching at Jackson State will be able to transfer to UT Martin in the human learning (K-Sixth) program without losing time or credits.

“This agreement will allow a student to complete an associate’s degree at Jackson State in two years and continue on to UT Martin for the next two years and graduate with a bachelor’s degree in education,” said Dr. Bruce Blanding, president of Jackson State Community College. “The students are accomplishing their goals in a timely manner and the community benefits from having an increased number of highly qualified teachers – that’s a win-win situation for everyone.”

“Once again, we are very pleased to be partnering with JSCC to insure that students who want to be teachers will have a smooth transition to UT Martin,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor of UT Martin. “We cooperate in many ways and this is another example of both UT Martin and JSCC striving to facilitate the needs of our students.”

Jackson State Community College has a similar agreement with UT Martin in agriculture.

For more information on the education program at Jackson State, call Shirley Martin at 424-3520 x266. For more information about the education program at UT Martin, call the Department of Educational Studies at 731-881-7210.

Delbra Stacy, of Greenfield, recently received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who’s Who Awards Ceremony. Stacy is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and the Student Teacher Education Association. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. David Belote, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, presented the award.
Golden Iris Award winners announced

By David Fisher
Staff Reporter

The three individuals named as Golden Iris Award winners this year are Rev. Harold T. Conner, Rebecca McClain King and Nancy Matlock.

Rev. Harold T. Conner, Sr.

Rev. Harold T. Conner, Sr., a native of South Fulton, Tennessee, has had a long and impressive career in both education and religion. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. Conner began his career in the field of education in Hardeman County Tennessee, where he taught and coached. He later taught in the Weakley County School System and later became principal.

In April of 1969, Conner was hired by the University of Tennessee at Martin, where in 1979, he was appointed to the position of assistant vice-chancellor of student affairs and director of minority affairs. His outstanding contributions in the area of human relations, university policy development, and special programs for students enhanced his promotion.

Conner retired from his position at UTM in 1981, but remained actively involved in community and university life. He is a member of the National Education Association (NEA), Tennessee Education Association (TEA), a former member of the Board of Regents, and the full-time pastor at Fuller Street Baptist Church in Dresden.

Conner is married to the former Florence Bell of McKenzie, who is a retired educator. The couple have three children - Harold, vice-president and general manager at Westinghouse Savannah River Company in Aiken, South Carolina; Marshall, a CMP senior buyer for the electronic products division of ORTEC Company in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and Cathie, a school counselor in the Weakley County School System. All three of Mr. and Mrs. Conner's children are married; and they have six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Ballroom dancing offered at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering Ballroom Dance for a third session this semester.

The class is planned again from 7-8 p.m., May 8-June 12 (no class May 29) with instructors Fran and Richard Robinson at the Obion County Senior Citizen Center, 622 S. Depot St., Union City. The fee is $60 for a single and $110 for a couple.

Advance registration is required. To register, please call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.

Dresden Middle School student takes science project to regionals

A Dresden Middle School student's science project placed second in regional competition. Ahmad Robinson, an eighth grade student from Dresden Middle School, won second place in his division of the University of Tennessee at Martin Science Bowl on April 19. His topic was "Which Fruit has the Highest Level of Vitamins?" Robinson took his project to the regional competition at Union University on April 7. Dr. Phil Bright, director of the Office of the Human Resources and Gary Mansfield, academic support specialist III in the Department of Chemistry, aided Robinson with some of the materials that he used for this project. His science teacher is Harold Blakemore. He is the son of Elisha Robinson of Union City and Frances Irvine of Martin.
UTM's Pacer wins 'Best of the South' award

The Pacer has been ranked the No. 1 newspaper by the Southeast Journalism Conference in its annual "Best of the South" competition, while WUTM 90.3 FM ranked third in the "Best College Radio Station" category of the competition.

Emory University in Atlanta hosted this year's conference, which featured students, faculty and advisers from 22 public and private schools in the Southeast. The SEJC membership roster typically includes 35 or more schools that pay $50 annual dues.

The Pacer finished ahead of such large schools as Vanderbilt, Ole Miss, the University of Alabama, Emory and Mississippi State.

Contest entries were submitted in 24 individual and school categories, and all schools, regardless of size, are judged together.

"This award was not earned overnight," said Pacer Executive Editor Stephen Yeargin. "Three years ago in Pensacola, Florida, (2003), we took home a first-place award for the Web site (Pacer Online) and placed for Ad Design. Since that time, we have steadily increased our take in Troy, Alabama (2004), and Ruston, Louisiana (2005), with multiple writing and design awards."

"I am incredibly proud of The Pacer staff," said Tomi Parrish, Pacer faculty adviser and instructor of communications.

"My students strive every week to deliver a newspaper to the student body that represents life at UTM, both the bad news and the good news. This is their learning laboratory for real-world journalism, and I am just thrilled that their hours upon hours of hard work have been honored this way," said Parrish, who also is the coordinator of Student Publications.

Representatives from the Associated Press judged the entries for Best College Newspaper, saying that The Pacer has "some of the best designed pages (one judge has) ever seen in either college or professional newspapers." Another said that the "editorials are well written and timely."

In addition to the overall staff award, the newspaper brought home seven individual awards:

- Staff Photographer Matthew Maxey, Ashland City, ranked third in Best Press Photographer;
- Arts & Entertainment Editor Rachel Rogers, Centerville, ranked fourth in Best Arts & Entertainment Writer;
- Senior Reporter Kevin Teets, Woodlawn, ranked third in Best Feature Writer;
- News Editor Will York, Milan, ranked sixth in Best Special Event Reporter/Editor and also ranked fifth in Best News Reporter/Editor;
- Sports Editor Amy Eddings, Boaz, Kentucky, ranked seventh in Best Sports Writer;
- Viewpoints Editor Elizabeth Watts, South Fulton, ranked eighth in Best Opinion-Editorial Writer.

Another aspect of the SEJC's annual event is the on-site competition, planned by the SEJC president-elect and judged by faculty and professionals from SEJC and the host school. Pacer staff members also brought home three on-site contest awards:

- Senior Reporter Kevin Teets and Entertainment Writer James Baker, Middleton, placed first in Public Relations Campaign;
- Executive Editor Stephen Yeargin, Nashville, placed third in Page Design;
- Sports Editor Amy Eddings, Boaz, placed third in Information Graphics.

WUTM 90.3 FM's third-place finish came on its first entry in recent history to the SEJC competition.

"I thought it was a great testament to not only the radio station and the staff members, but also all the students who work there and to (faculty adviser Richard) Robinson and (technician) Harold Cochran, who take care of us behind the scenes," WUTM Programming Director Jordan Tinkle, Fulton, said.

"I am very pleased and gratified that we were selected as third in that competition, especially given the fact that we were going up against larger universities with more resources and larger budgets," said Robinson, who also is an instructor of communications. "It is a testament to the staff that runs this station to be the best it can be."

Tennessee governor to address record number of UT Martin grads

Gov. Phil Bredesen will deliver the commencement address at the University of Tennessee at Martin's commencement on May 13.

The event is set for 11 a.m. in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center, with a record number of graduates prompting the need for complimentary tickets to organize seating for the event.

Dr. John Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee, will attend the ceremony to congratulate the 626 spring graduates. UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan will preside over the exercises and confer degrees.

Dr. Paul Sharma, UT National Alumni Association Alumni Distinguished Service Professor, will be the mace bearer and the procession marshals will be Dr. Robert LeMaster, faculty senate president; Dr. John Schommer, faculty senate vice president; Al Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration; and Lenora Solomons, vice chancellor for university advancement.

The University Singers, under the direction of Dr. Mark Simmons, will perform special music and lead the alma mater. Immediately following commencement, a reception will be hosted in Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

Each graduating student will receive up to six free tickets to admit his or her guests. A reserve quantity of additional tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from the Office of the Registrar. Overflow seating with a video and audio feed of the ceremony will be provided in the fieldhouse for all guests without tickets.

Tickets for commencement will be distributed to graduates May 3 at the university's Grand Finale Walk, an event at which soon-to-be graduates are honored with a picnic and walk through the quadrangle. A second opportunity to receive tickets comes later that day when students attend commencement practice. Students who miss these opportunities can secure tickets at the Office of Academic Records.

Area residents may pick up two tickets each after May 3 at the Office of Academic Records, while supplies last. Any excess tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at distribution points outside the Elam Center on commencement day.

"Ticket admission to commencement is a common practice across the country," Dunagan said. "Growing university enrollment contributed to the need for a change. Under this new system, we will do our best to accommodate as many as possible for this important event."

Bredesen, the 48th governor of Tennessee, took office Jan. 18, 2003, with a promise to "focus energy on real results by..."
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leaving behind predictable and stale political debates."

In one of his first acts as governor, he opened the door to administrative budget hearings, allowing taxpayers to see the decisions that are made on how their money is spent. He managed the state through a fiscal crisis without raising taxes or cutting funding for education.

In years two and three, Bredesen pushed measures to improve education, including raising teacher pay, above the southeastern average and expanding Tennessee's pre-kindergarten program as part of a statewide initiative. To recruit new industry and jobs, he worked with the General Assembly to reform Tennessee's workers' compensation system and invest in retraining programs to help laid-off employees develop new skills in the rapidly changing economy.

He launched Tennessee's war on methamphetamine abuse by focusing on treatment, prevention and public awareness as well as enhanced criminal penalties and resources for law enforcement.

Before entering public service, Bredesen was a successful health care entrepreneur. Between research trips to the public library, he drafted a business plan at the kitchen table of his apartment that led to the creation in 1980 of HealthAmerica Corp., a Nashville-based health care management company that eventually grew to more than 6,000 employees and traded on the New York Stock Exchange. He sold the company in 1986.

Bredesen and his wife, First Lady Andrea Conte, are active members of the community, both locally and statewide.

FACULTY HONORED — University of Tennessee at Martin professors honored during the recent Honors Day program for outstanding achievements in scholarship, citizenship, teaching and advising, shown with Chancellor Dr. Nick Dunagan (back left), include (from left to right) Dr. Margrethe Ahlshwede, Dr. S.K. Airee, Dorothea Norton, Dr. Dan Pigg and (back) Dr. Leslie LaChance.

UT Martin faculty members earn honors

Six University of Tennessee at Martin professors were honored with awards during the recent Honors Day program for outstanding achievements in scholarship, citizenship, teaching and advising.

The recipients are:
• Dr. Margrethe Ahlshwede, professor of English, and Dr. S.K. Airee, professor of chemistry, Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award.

The Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award of $5,000 was established in 1993 by James R. Cunningham, who attended UT Junior College in the 1930s. It is awarded annually to faculty members who have demonstrated strength in teaching and made a contribution to the teaching profession through scholarly activities, extracurricular achievements and leadership responsibilities.
• Dr. Dan Pigg, professor of English, and Dr. Dan Tracy, assistant professor of management, University of Tennessee National Alumni Award (UTNAA) Outstanding Teacher Award.

Each year, the UTNAA presents awards of $2,000 to faculty members on each of the UT campuses who have been selected as outstanding teachers. Students, alumni and faculty nominate outstanding teachers, who then are evaluated on classroom performance, scholarship and service.
• Dr. Leslie LaChance, assistant professor of English, Outstanding Advisor Award.

The Outstanding Advisor Award of $500 and a plaque is presented to the faculty member selected for demonstrating a caring attitude toward advisees, the ability to engage in developmental advising and other distinctive characteristics. The recipient also is eligible for the national award competition sponsored by the American College Testing Program and the National Academic Advising Association.
• Dorothea Norton, instructor of communications, Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award.

The Coffey Outstanding Teaching award of $3,000 was established in 1998 by Mai and Charlie Coffey and is awarded annually to a faculty member who demonstrates strength in teaching and contributes to the teaching profession through extracurricular achievements, leadership qualities and scholarly activities.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Tennessee-Union City

A vision becomes a blessing for children and youth

By GLENDA H. CAUDLE
Special Features Editor

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Tennessee-Union City opened its doors to children in the community in November 2004.

Volunteers on the board of directors and from the community had joined newly-employed Chief Professional Officer Ron Green in cleaning, repairing and revitalizing space at the former Miles School in anticipation of that event.

The goal of 300 members was quickly reached and exceeded today the club has 468 children and youth on roll, with between 100 and 120 of the city's younger citizens enjoying the services available there on any given weekday afternoon. Summer and school vacations mean even more activity at the club.

While board members originally planned to "grow" the age range of the organization slowly by allowing its oldest members to simply move up in the club, demand for teen services was strong from the very beginning, and Green and his employees began to look for ways to meet the challenge.

Today, on average, 30 teens attend the club from 7-10 weeknights and the board is looking for additional space to provide services for these youngsters and their friends in middle school and high school.

Volunteers from Union City High School and the University of Tennessee at Martin, as well as interested adults, have joined forces with the staff to help keep the nationally recognized program functioning smoothly.

That program is celebrating 100 years of service as a national federation in 2006.

Meanwhile, interest in the Union City unit has spread beyond the city's borders and citizens in neighboring communities are looking for ways to begin their own clubs.

Alison Brown, known as "Mrs. Necie" to the children in the club, was one of the earliest proponents of a Boys & Girls Club in this area. She was a member of the board of directors prior to the opening of the club, when she was hired to direct the tutoring and learning programs. Since then, she has been promoted to administrative assistant.

She is married to Marshall Brown and is the mother of MyKeya and Tyren. She is a graduate of Union City High School and attended DSCC and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Sidney Pirtle completed his high school education at Union City High School and is studying business at UTM. He is teen director at the club and is also assistant den leader for the Cub Scout troop. The son of Teresa Lockridge and Sidney Pirtle Sr., he is a member of Church of the Living God in Union City.

He says he wanted to become involved with the club because, "I wanted to make a difference, to give back to something that has done so much for me. "Mr. Sidney" loves the kids."

David Stokes Jr. of Memphis, a student in criminal justice classes at UTM, is the new education director. He has been actively involved in setting up and will be managing the club's new technology area, the Latimer Learning Center. He is a member of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

"I want to uplift the hearts and minds of the children in this community," he said of his commitment to the club.

Michael Lockridge is another UCHS graduate and UTM student. He is studying accounting and is the game room director.

Lockridge, the son of Aretha and Darrell Davis, said, "I wanted to be a positive male role model for the children of my community."

Courtney Bass is a UTM student majoring in elementary education after receiving her degree from UCHS. She is the membership administrator, keeping track of club members as they become members of the club and then as they enter and leave the premises each day by utilizing the club's new computerized card reader. A member of New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, she loves to work with children.

Mrs. Caudle may be contacted at glendacaudle@ucmessenger.com

BOARD WORK — Shayla Mosley, decked out in a colorful lei in anticipation of the Boys & Girls Club's luau celebration, makes some last minute adjustments to a colorful spring bulletin board in the hall that celebrates the members' achievements. Club members have the opportunity to enjoy many special events, such as trips to UTM ball games, attendance at cultural events and a variety of other trips and activities. Improved grades are celebrated with the willing participation of members of the Junior Auxiliary, who will be treating striving students to a theater party at the end of the school year.
American Chemical Society leader to speak

American Chemical Society president-elect Dr. Catherine Hunt will serve as keynote speaker at the 29th Annual Area Collegiate Chemistry meeting April 29 at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Boling University Center.

Students and faculty from other colleges and universities will participate in this annual meeting, hosted by the UT Martin chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS).

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. with research papers presented by students from several area colleges. A banquet is planned for 1 p.m.

This year, three local sections of ACS — Kentucky Lake, Memphis and Nashville — are hosting an Industry-Academe Interaction for Green Chemistry program sponsored under auspices of an Innovative Projects Grant from the Local Section Activities Committee (LSAC). Panelists will be Dr. Greg Mitchell from Dupont in New Johnsonville; Keith Butler from American Ordnance LLC, Milan Arsenal; Dr. Robin Rogers from the University of Alabama; and Dr. James Mack from the University of Cincinnati.

Hunt graduated from Smith College with honors in chemistry. She received a doctorate in chemistry from the University of California at Davis. As a postdoctoral fellow at Yale University in molecular biophysics and biochemistry, she extended her working knowledge of nuclear magnetic resonance to biological systems.

The American Chemical Society is the largest scientific organization in the world, with more than 160,000 members.

For more information or to make reservations for the banquet, visit the Web site www.utm.edu/staff/acemklmnpog.html or contact UT Martin SAACS adviser Dr. S.K. Airee by telephone at (731) 587-7454.

Teaching Scholars Institute offers unique opportunities

The University of Tennessee at Martin recently hosted the 2006 Teaching Scholars Institute.

Faculty representing academic colleges at UT Martin, Western Kentucky University and Murray (Ky.) State University attended.

The Teaching Scholars Institute (TSI) is a faculty development project focused on the renewal of mid-career teaching faculty.

This is accomplished through a workshop setting, which includes large and small-group interaction and collaboration with colleagues on the development of a "Best Practices in Teaching Handbook."

Additionally, the TSI is designed to encourage the institutions' most able teachers to engage in campus discussions of best teaching practices and participate in future faculty-to-faculty mentoring.

“TSI brings good teachers together for the express purpose of enhancing their abilities in the classroom,” said Joan West, director of the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts.

The TSI is a teaching and learning consortium created by the joint efforts of Murray State University, Western Kentucky University and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The annual TSI workshops focus on different aspects of effective teaching. The theme for the institute was “Uses Active Learning Techniques,” one of the Chickering and Gamson’s “7 Principles for Effective Teaching.”

UTM students honored by Who’s Who

Several local students who attend the University of Tennessee at Martin have received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award.

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David Belote, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, presented the award to:

James Barham, of Newbern, a member of Phi Chi Theta and Phi Theta Kappa.

Amish Patel, of Dyersburg, a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Theta Kappa.

Erin Young, of Trimble, past president of Chi Omega sorority and Student Government Association Chief Justice.

Krista Laine Roser, president of the Fashion Merchandising Association and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Joyce Ann Harris, of Dyersburg, a Student Theatre Showcase participant and a member of Vanguard Theatre.

Jennifer Fruitt, of Newbern, a member of Sigma Tau Delta and Gamma Beta Phi.

Fruitt Harris Roser Young
UTM continues work with Tennessee Math and Science Partnership Grant

West Tennessee middle school teachers may still apply for the Institutes for Middle Grade Science Education in West Tennessee (IMEGS), made available by the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Education at the University of Tennessee at Martin in partnership with 11 school districts in West Tennessee. The $1,065,769 program is funded through the Tennessee Department of Education.

Dr. Michael Gibson, professor in the Department of Geology, Geography and Physics, serves IMEGS as project director. Dr. Brenda Gulliford, assistant professor and chair, Department of Educational Studies, and Marcia Coleman, eighth-grade science teacher at West Carroll Junior/Senior High School, are co-project directors for the project.

IMEGS will offer two-week summer institutes with supporting follow-up throughout the following year. A potential total of 108 teachers will receive instruction from eight science faculty and two education faculty spanning life sciences, earth and planetary science, physical science, and chemistry designed to help middle school science teachers reach content proficiency in all of these areas. The content also will stress inquiry-based learning techniques.

Participants can work up to nine hours of graduate science credit and six hours of corresponding education graduate credit.

Teachers also will participate in at least one follow-up content workshop at the annual Tennessee Science Teachers Association (TSTA) meeting as part of the program and will receive teaching kits for their classrooms. Field and laboratory learning is stressed using facilities associated with the UT Martin campus, the Reelfoot Biological Station and Coon Creek Science Center.

Post-institute instruction will include asynchronous online content delivery and intensive daylong sessions run in conjunction with the TSTA annual meeting. Emphasis of IMEGS is increased content knowledge of teacher participants as demonstrated through teacher performance in the program and increased student achievement.

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**Jackson-Madison County Schools superintendent finalists**

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<td>Joel Hassell, 34</td>
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<td>Has 12 years experience in education and a master's degree from Trevecca Nazarene University. Experience includes working for Jackson-Madison County Schools as a special education teacher at South Side High School in 1995-96 and in the summers at Alexander and Pope elementaries. Served as a principal and assistant principal in Lake County.</td>
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<td>Nancy Wagner, 57</td>
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<td>Has 23 years experience in education. Her highest degree held is a doctorate of education in administration from East Tennessee State University. Has also worked for Sullivan County Schools and Johnson City Schools and as an adjunct faculty member at ETSU.</td>
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<td>Jerry Woods, 50</td>
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<td>Has 30 years experience and holds a doctorate from the University of Mississippi. 16 years with public schools in Jackson-Madison County as a teacher, supervisor of instruction, Montessori coordinator at Parkview and principal at J.B. Young, Whitetail, Andrew Jackson and West Jackson elementary schools. Served as superintendent for Covington City Schools and Clinton City Schools.</td>
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<td>Beth Morgan Wright, 51</td>
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<td>Has 28 years experience. Holds an Ed.D. degree from Middle Tennessee State University and is working on a doctorate at Tennessee State University. Native of Murfreesboro. Has worked for Rutherford County Public Schools, Metropolitan-Nashville Public Schools and Williamson County Schools, among others.</td>
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<td>Nancy Zambito, 59</td>
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<td>Has 41 years experience and holds a doctorate from the University of South Florida. Experience includes work with the Lake County School District in Tavares, Fla., and the Florida Department of Education.</td>
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Bredesen to give UT Martin keynote

The University of Tennessee at Martin commencement will be May 13 with Gov. Phil Bredesen delivering the commencement address. Set for 11 a.m. in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center, a record number of graduates has prompted the need for complimentary tickets to organize seating for the event.

Dr. John Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee, will attend the ceremony to congratulate the 626 spring graduates. UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan will preside over the exercises and confer degrees. Dr. Paul Sharma, UT National Alumni Association Alumni Distinguished Service Professor, will be the mace bearer, and the procession marshals will be Dr. Robert LeMaster, faculty senate president; Dr. John Schommer, faculty senate vice president; Al Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration; and Lena Solomon, vice chancellor for university advancement.

The University Singers, under the direction of Dr. Mark Simmons, will perform special music and lead the alma mater. Immediately following commencement, a reception will be hosted in Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

Each graduating student will receive up to six complimentary tickets to admit his or her guests. A reserve quantity of additional tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from the Office of the Registrar. Overflow seating with a video and audio feed of the ceremony will be provided in the fieldhouse for all guests without tickets.

Bredesen, the 48th governor of Tennessee, took office Jan. 18, 2003, with a promise to "focus energy on real results by leaving behind predictable and stale political debates." In one of his first acts as governor, he opened the door to administrative budget hearings, allowing taxpayers to see for the first time the decisions that are made on how their money is spent. His first three executive orders established the toughest ethics rules in the history of Tennessee's executive branch. He managed the state through a fiscal crisis without raising taxes or cutting funding for education.

Most of all, he instilled a renewed confidence that government can work on behalf of its citizens for the betterment of the entire state.

In years two and three, Bredesen pushed measures to improve education, including raising teacher pay above the southeastern average and expanding Tennessee's pre-kindergarten program as part of a statewide initiative. To recruit new industry and jobs, he worked with the General Assembly to reform Tennessee's workers' compensation system and invest in retraining programs to help laid-off employees develop new skills in the rapidly changing economy. He launched Tennessee's war on methamphetamine abuse by focusing on treatment, prevention and public awareness as well as enhanced criminal penalties and resources for law enforcement.

Bredesen took control of TennCare — the state's financially troubled Medicaid-expansion program — by preserving full enrollment for children and pursuing innovative initiatives, such as making better use of health information technology.

Before entering public service, Bredesen was a successful health care entrepreneur. Between research trips to the public library, he drafted a business plan at the kitchen table of his apartment that led to the creation in 1980 of HealthAmerica Corp., a Nashville-based health care management company that eventually grew to more than 6,000 employees and traded on the New York Stock Exchange. He sold the company in 1986.

Bredesen and his wife, First Lady Andrea Conte, are active members of the community, locally and statewide.

Tickets for commencement will be distributed to graduates May 3 at the university's Grand Finale Walk, an event at which soon-to-be graduates are honored with a picnic and walk through the quadrangle. A second opportunity to receive tickets comes later that day when students attend commencement practice. Students who miss these opportunities can secure tickets at the Office of Academic Records. Area residents may pick up two tickets each after May 3 at the Office of Academic Records while supplies last. Any excess tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at distribution points outside of the Elam Center on commencement day.

"Ticket admission to commencement is a common practice across the country," Dunagan said.

"Growing university enrollment contributed to the need for a change. Under this new system, we will do our best to accommodate as many as possible for this event."
UT Martin students spend Spring Break at the Gulf Coast

'I think we all left a little piece of ourselves behind.'
Crystal Pinson

By DEAN EMERSON
Director, Wesley Foundation Interfaith Center, UT Martin

What happens when students of various faith traditions from the Wesley Foundation-Interfaith Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin join with Episcopalians from California, college students from New Mexico and Presbyterians from Texas and Georgia to work together for a week on the Gulf Coast?

The kingdom of God gets revealed one house at a time.
And what happens when 100 plus folks only have four showers to wash away the dust and grime of cleaning up after Hurricane Katrina?

The kingdom of God gets revealed again as sisters and brothers in Christ wait patiently in line and then rush through the shower so the next person can have a chance.

This was the situation the mission team from the Interfaith Center found itself in as students gave up their Spring Break to extend the grace of God to the folks in Long Beach and Biloxi, Mississippi whose lives were disrupted by Katrina.

With people sleeping in Sunday School rooms, the pastor’s office, hallways and even the sanctuary of Long Beach Presbyterian Church, the team from Interfaith learned a lot, including a lot about themselves.

“This trip made me realize that the things that trouble me are minor compared to what others go through,” said Stephen Allbritten from Paris, Tenn.

The team left Interfaith on a Saturday morning in a van graciously provided by Martin First United Methodist Church. Ten hours later, arriving in the dark, the team was prevented from seeing the extent of the devastation that surrounded them. That became obvious the following morning. The first two blocks off the beach were simply gone, swept away by a wall of water from the ocean.

Clint Rawls from Obion County said, “It was the most apocalyptic-looking thing I have ever witnessed.”

The third block was filled with homes that were uninhabitable, but still standing. Included in this block was the elementary school which had been filled with six feet of water, but is credited with channeling most of the water away from the church directly behind it, which received only six inches of water.

After worshiping with the congregation on Sunday morning, the team from Interfaith set out for “Katrina’s Kitchen” a massive tent where hundreds of volunteers are fed every day. The afternoon was spent becoming acquainted with the area and surveying the damage.

Then, on Monday, it was off to Louise’s house. After a tree had crashed into her planned “safe house” next door, Louise had spent 16 hours between two mattresses in her hallway as the storm swirled around her.

Over the next few days, we put up insulation and sheet rock, something none of us had ever done before. Our new best friend, Aaron, from Massachusetts, spent all day Monday showing us how. Louise fed us lunch and was deeply grateful for what we had done.

We also did dry wall work at a home in an affluent subdivision in Biloxi. It was the home of a widow who had lost her husband of 52 years about a month before the storm struck. While she had financial resources, there simply were no workers available.

The family told us that we had accomplished more in three days than they had been able to get done in four months.

While we went to share God’s blessings, we were blessed by God through the people on whose homes we worked.

“We were shown so much love and appreciation by the ones who showed us not to be scared of life,” said Crystal Pinson of Paris.
UT Martin students spend Spring Break at Gulf

We also were blessed by the volunteers from all over the country who had descended on that small Presbyterian church.

Kathleen Nassal of Millington said, “It was so wonderful to be a part of something that was so full of love and fellowship.”

The dates have already been selected for a team from Interfaith to return in 2007.

Crystal Castleberry of Clarksville voiced the sentiment of the entire team, “We were doers of the Word; helping those in need, and showing that we care and want to help them. I plan on doing it again next year.”

Even those unable to return will not forget their 2006 Spring Break. In the words of Crystal Pinson: “I left my heart in Mississippi. I think we all left a piece of ourselves behind.”

Crystal Castleberry of Clarksville, and Kathleen Nassal of Millington learned how to drywall on a recent Interfaith Spring Break Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast.”