Collierville residents Joshua Isbell and Hallie Aitken were among student recipients of awards during Greektfest at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Both received an Emerging Leaders Award.
Isbell is a member of Sigma Chi.
Aitken, a member of Alpha Delta Pi, also received a University Service Award.

LEADING THE WAY — Phillip Van Hooser (right), a leadership expert and author of the best-selling book “Willie’s Way: 6 Secrets for Wooing, Wowing and Winning Customers and Their Loyalty,” was the keynote speaker at the recent sixth annual West Tennessee Economic Development Summit at the University of Tennessee at Martin. His background in customer service and leadership has aided him in challenging business owners and employees to evaluate their customer service efforts from a customer’s perspective. Among those who visited with Van Hooser prior to the conference were (from left) Teresa Evans and Birgit Northcutt, both of Dyersburg State Community College, and Sonny Yarbrough, director of the Obion County Training Center in Union City.
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The REED Center also 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. in Martin.

For more information, visit www.utm.edu/reed.

UTM hosting trumpet recital; local student to be featured

Two University of Tennessee at Martin students will perform in a joint trumpet recital.

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Featured will be juniors Justin Brown of Dyersburg and Michael Nelson of Hendersonville.

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German film is last in foreign film series

“Sophie Scholl: Die letzten Tage” (“Sophie Scholl: The Last Days”) will be the last of a series of films offered by the Department of Modern Languages Foreign Film Series at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The film will start at 7 p.m., April 13, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

The film begins in the winter of 1943 as Hitler continues to wage war across Europe. In a last-ditch effort, a group of college students mount an underground resistance movement in Munich. Dedicated expressly to the downfall of the monolithic Third Reich war machine, they call themselves the White Rose. Its only female member, Sophie Scholl, is captured during a dangerous mission to distribute pamphlets on campus with her brother, Hans. Unwaveringly in her convictions and loyalty to the White Rose, her cross-examination by the Gestapo quickly escalates into a searing test of wills as Scholl delivers a passionate call to freedom and personal responsibility. A highly acclaimed film in 2005, “Sophie Scholl” is a true story that recreates the last six days of Scholl’s life—a journey that spans from arrest to interrogation and, ultimately, to trial and death sentence.

The film stars Julia Jentsch and is directed by Marc Rothemund. Charles Hammond, UT Martin assistant professor of German, will introduce the film. It is free and open to the public.

All films are in their original foreign language with English subtitles. The Modern Foreign Languages Film Series is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council.

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“We are tremendously fortunate to have a teacher and scholar of Tim Smith’s caliber associated with the Department of History and Philosophy at the University of Tennessee at Martin,” said Dr. David Coffey, department chair and interim dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. “This award is yet another reflection of the remarkable quality and access we offer our students on- and off-campus on a daily basis.”

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INTERDISCIPLINARY WRITING CONFERENCE WINNERS — Among winners in the recent Interdisciplinary Writing Conference at the University of Tennessee at Martin were, from left, Eric Wilson, history major from Martin, critical response award; Tim Pfountz, biology major from Kingsport, scholarly essay award; Carolyn Nguyen, chemistry major of Smyrna, scholarly essay award; and Will Binkley, finance/management major of Clarksville, professional writing award. In preparation for the conference, professors from across campus and in all disciplines were invited to submit for judging outstanding student written work from 2006. Student papers went through a blind review from a panel of readers and judges. Winning papers were selected in four categories: scholarly essay, personal essay, professional writing and critical response. Students with papers chosen for the conference then presented them.

Local Students Receive Greekfest Awards

MARTIN (March 30) Thomas Clark, a member of Alpha Tau Omega, and Sam McDaniel, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, both of McKenzie, received a University Service Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin's annual Greek Awards Ceremony, held during Greekfest 2007. 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. The award was presented by Lindsey Beth Hughes, 2007 National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) president; Melissa Coleman, 2007 NPC judicial chair; and Chantal Scott, 2006 National Panhellenic Council secretary.

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UTM artists to take center stage

Special to the State Gazette.

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Performing Arts Theatre in the Fine Arts Building at UTM. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 731-681-7402.

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Student awards were presented as part of the seventh annual Civil Rights Conference recently at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Christopher Stanback of South Memphis was the winner of the Jo Helen Imani Beard Civil Rights Paper Competition, personal essay category.

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SF STUDENT HONORED — Tianda Harris (center) of South Fulton recently received several awards 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. Miss Harris received a Membership Award, Highest G.P.A. Award, Leadership Award and Academic Award. Among those on hand to congratulate her and present one of the awards was Dr. Tom Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.
EARNED AWARD — Matt Davis (center) of Union City, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, was one of 18 students who received an Emerging Leaders Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Greek Awards Ceremony, recently held during Greekfest 2007. Emerging Leaders are freshmen and sophomore students who go above and beyond to take a leadership role on campus and have shown an outstanding participation in chapter and campus activities while maintaining a high grade point average. Greekfest is an annual event designed to acknowledge the accomplishments of the UT Martin Greek community. The award was presented by Lindsey Beth Hughes, 2007 National Pan-Hellenic Conference (NPC) president; Melissa Coleman, 2007 NPC judicial chair; and Chantal Scott, 2006 NPC Pan-Hellenic Council secretary. Among those on hand to congratulate Davis were (from left) Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, and David Belote, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Earth Day activities slated

Earth Day is April 22. The schedule includes:
• April 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Boling University Center cafeteria hallway — “Showcase of Sustainability,” what UT Martin is doing to help the natural environment, including a variety of displays and demonstrations.
• April 16, 7-9 p.m., Norman Campbell Lecture Hall, Andy Holt Humanities Building — The documentary “An Inconvenient Truth” will be shown.
• April 17, 3-7 p.m., Pacer Pond — Kite-flying competition.
• April 18, 4-6 p.m., Watkins Auditorium, University Center — “How can you do your part?,” a presentation by Dennis Kosta, custodial manager who oversees the campus recycling program. Josh Isbell of Collierville, student coordinator of this year’s highly-successful fraternity and sorority recycling competition, will introduce Kosta.

Italian online course offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education has partnered with Education To Go, an online course provider, to offer the new instructor-facilitated online course, “Instant Italian.”

“Why did students develop help students make steady progress and maintain a high level of enthusiasm for learning,” said Robert Bertoldi, author of “Instant Italian.” Bertoldi’s course promises to teach students many practical skills. Participants will learn how to ask directions, make purchases, book a room, use public transportation, rent a car, order a meal, and more. Students also will gain valuable cultural knowledge about Italians and their way of life.

For more information, visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php.
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Communications Day set at UT Martin

Josh Sykes, co-owner of Blue August, LLC, a public relations, marketing and multimedia firm in Jackson, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Communications Career Day Awards and Recognition banquet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Communications Career Day, which also includes a career fair, is designed to bridge the gap between the university and communications professions. Area communications professionals are invited to attend.

Blue August was started in 2000 by Sykes, a 1998 UT Martin graduate, and Chris Harless. Originally formed as a full-service marketing and public relations firm, Blue August has national and international clients. Recent awards include two Diamond Awards for work in the Credit Union National Association and one Prism award for work in the healthcare industry.

The luncheon, capped with scholarship and awards presentations to communications majors and high school communications scholarship winners, will be in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center.

The Career Fair is set from 1:45-3 p.m. in Rooms 206 A, B and C of Boling University Center. Students will be able to view displays and talk to broadcasting, news-editorial, public relations and visual communication professionals.

Dr. Robert Nanney, Department of Communications chair, is the annual Communications Career Day chair.
9th African-American Leadership Conference presents ‘Challenges and Opportunities’

“Challenges and Opportunities” is the theme of the ninth annual African-American Leadership Conference, slated 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., May 1, at the Carnegie Center for Arts and History, 305 E. College Street, in Jackson.

The conference is sponsored by WestStar Leadership, AT&T, City of Brownsville, City of Covington, Jackson Sun, USDA Rural Development, West Tennessee Healthcare, Hardin County Government, Oldham Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship Studies and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin and First South Bank.

The conference will begin with registration, continental breakfast and welcoming remarks by David Belote, WestStar executive director. This year’s keynote speaker is Carolyn Hardy, president/CEO, Chism-Hardy Enterprises, Hardy Bottling Company.

Hardy was former vice president for Coors Brewing Company, Memphis business unit. Prior to joining Coors, she served as vice president of services, responsible for national software implementations for Honeywell-POMS Corporation. Before Honeywell, she was employed by J.M. Smucker Company. In 2006, she became the first African-American female to own a major brewery with the ability to annually manufacture more than 100 million cases of both alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages. She is a native Memphian, graduate of Melrose High School, University of Memphis, receiving bachelor’s and master’s degrees, and she is a certified public accountant (CPA).

Topics and speakers include:
* “Challenges and Opportunities in Advancing Education in the 21st Century,” Vishenian Huery, student conduct officer, UT Martin Division of Student Affairs; Yolanda Jones, director, UT Martin Ripley Center; Henrietta Kellum, assistant director, Technology Center at Crump;
* “Pursuing Your Financial Dream Through the Use of Technology,” Donnie Bradford, owner, Connectus I.T. Solutions, Inc.;
* “Teaching Leadership,” Dexter Williams, who coached the Liberty Technology Magnet High School (Jackson) boy’s basketball team to back-to-back Class AA state championships in 2006 and 2007;
* “The Role of Behavioral Health,” Dr. Howard Burley, executive director, Clinical Leadership Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Disabilities, Nashville.

Lunch, entertainment by Jackson Central-Merry High School students and door prizes will be included in the conference.

To register, mail form to WestStar, UT Martin, 320 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. E-mail registrations to vgrimes@utm.edu or fax to 731-881-7019. The registration deadline is April 24. The conference fee is $35 per person/$60 for two.

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UTM student selected for CNCB ‘Mad Money’

Kelly Murray began investing money before he was 10. He collected aluminum cans, sold them to recyclers and used the money he earned to invest in the stock market. He followed the interest of his father, paternal grandfather and maternal great-grandfather. All were avid, knowledgeable investors, and reading the financial pages with them became a habit.

Murray, a native of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and a University of Tennessee at Martin MBA student, will get to test his financial skills when Jim Cramer of CNBC’s “Mad Money” rates the diversification of Murray’s portfolio.

In the next couple of weeks, Murray is slated for the “Am I Diversified?” segment of “Mad Money.” Each week, Cramer reviews viewer portfolios and suggests how they might consider enhancing their diversification. The daily program airs at 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. CST.

Murray has watched “Mad Money” for two years. “He’s someone I follow. I have all his books.”

Recently, Murray decided to call in and be considered for an on-air interview with Cramer. He completed a screening interview by phone several weeks ago. During that time, Murray mentioned his portfolio components and also his participation in the UT Martin TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) Investment Challenge, a partnership between TVA and 25 universities that provides a real-world learning experience in portfolio management.

“I learned a lot and became more interested in investing from watching the show,” he added. “I’m hoping that I can get on for a second segment about the TVA Investment Challenge.”

“My grandfather taught me that everything has value,” he said, adding that his initial lesson was in commodities learned through recycling all those aluminum cans. He also was introduced to savings bonds early.

“I was always interested in business and accounting,” said Murray, who has a bachelor’s degree in marketing from the University of Central Florida in Orlando. When his mother, Dr. Sandra Murray, began teaching last fall at UT Martin, he enrolled to earn a master’s degree in business. He then will pursue a master’s degree in finance. Murray also is pursuing Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

His career goal is to be on Wall Street working for a hedge fund or private equity firm. Tomorrow, Wall Street. Next year, he may be buying “buy,” “sell” and “hold” on his own television show.

The Old Maid and the Thief” offers humor

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will present a comedy, “The Old Maid and The Thief,” by Gian Carlo Menotti, at 7:30 p.m., April 14, and 3:00 p.m., April 15, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building at UT Martin.

The story takes place in a small town in the United States. Miss Todd, a middle-aged spinster and her young maid, Laetitia, invite a beggar to stay at their house after he appears at their door. They learn that his name is Bob and agree that he is quite handsome. One day, they are told by Miss Pinkerton, the town squire, that a dangerous criminal has escaped from the town prison. His description accurately fits Bob. Since Miss Todd has become infatuated with him, she decides to take her chances and protect him from the police.

The opera will feature the following UT Martin students: Kimberly Kraft, of Martin; Karen Langdon, of Jackson; Erin Horton, of Murfreesboro; Sarah Jenkins, of Cordova; Katy Patterson, of Ripley; Linzie Tedford, of Memphis; Chris Buckner, of Ripley; and Matt Cook, of Martin.

The production is directed by Dr. Amy Yeung, UT Martin assistant professor of music. Musical accompaniment is provided by Dr. Scott Roberts, UT Martin associate professor of music. Admission is $3. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 731-881-7402.

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UTM organizations will host Earth Day events April 16-18

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• April 17, 3-7 p.m. — Pacer Pond, kite-flying competition
• April 18, 4-6 p.m. — Watkins Auditorium, University Center, “How can you do your part?” — presentation by Dennis Kosta, custodial manager who oversees the campus recycling program. Josh Isbell, of Collierville, student coordinator of this year’s highly-successful fraternity and sorority recycling competition will introduce Kosta.

For more information, call Dr. Mike McCullough, UT Martin American Democracy Project director, at 731-881-7325 or e-mail mccullou@utm.edu.
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The production is directed by Dr. Amy Yeung, UT Martin assistant professor of music. Musical accompaniment is provided by Dr. Scott Roberts, UT Martin associate professor of music. Admission is $3. Children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 731-881-7402.

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Through April 20 at UT Martin.

HIP-HOP DANCE CLASS
6 p.m. Tuesdays at UT Martin. The first class is free, so anyone interested may try it. The instructor is Marcus Collins, a professional hip-hop instructor, dancer and choreographer. Registration fee: $35 per month or $10 for a single class. To register, call (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082 or drop by ECCE at 110 Gooch Hall on the UT Martin campus.
4 candidates to interview for UTM chancellor

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The interview schedule will be:
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- Tuesday and Wednesday — Dr. John Schwenn, vice president for academic affairs at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan.;
- Wednesday and April 12 — Dr. Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro;
- April 16-17 — Dr. Roosevelt Newsom, vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of North Alabama in Florence.

Ogg commended the search advisory committee members, including faculty members Dr. Ann Duncan, Dr. Nell Gullet and Dr. John Schommer; students James Orr and Caroline Tippens; staff members Yolanda Jones and Lt. Steve Sherfield; administrators Shannon Burgin and Dr. Jim Byford; community/alumni members Dr. Michael Bobo and Joe Brasher; and UT Board of Trustees members Barbara Castleman and Jerry Jackson.

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Piano ensemble schedules spring concert for April 16

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

The performance will open with 18th century sonatas by Clementi, Mozart and W.F. Bach. Also included are Shostakovich's "Concertino for Two Pianos" and Smetana's "Sonata in E minor," one of the finest works for two pianos, eight hands.

Dr. Allison Nelson, UT Martin professor emeritus of music, will join Harriss in a performance of Brahms' "Hungarian Dances."

The program of piano music will conclude with an arrangement of Irving Berlin's popular "I Love a Piano," written in 1915 and used in the movie "Easter Parade."

UT Martin piano ensemble students are Crystal Crockett of Summertown; Lelita Lavender of Union City; Erica Leung of Trenton; Valerie Sanderson of Kenton; Brendan White of Jackson; Terrill Wilson of Munford; and Michael Yandell of Union City.

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

Area students have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year to the University of Tennessee at Martin.

- Daniel Ammon, the son of Jefferey and Susan Ammon of Lakeland, received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship.
- Elizabeth Beebe, daughter of Michael and Linda Beebe of Collierville, received the Chancellor's Award.
- Clarissa Garland, daughter of Lanier and Vicki Garland of Cordova, received the Chancellor's Award.
- Jennifer Smith, daughter of Jeff and Deidre Smith of Southeast Memphis, received the Dean's Scholarship.
German film is last in foreign series

“Sophie Scholl: Die letzten Tage” (“Sophie Scholl: The Last Days”) will be the last of a series of films offered by the Department of Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The film will start at 7 p.m. April 13 in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

The film begins in the winter of 1943 as Hitler continues to wage war across Europe. In a defiant effort, a group of college students mount an underground resistance movement in Munich. Dedicated expressly to the downfall of the monoc- 

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Communications Day set

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Communications Career Day, which also includes a career fair, is designed to bridge the gap between the university and communications professions. Area communications professionals are invited to attend.

Blue August was started in 2000 by Sykes, a 1998 UT Martin graduate, and Chris Harless. Originally formed as a full-service marketing and public relations firm, Blue August has national and international clients. Recent awards include two Diamond Awards for work in the Credit Union National Association and one Prism award for work in the health care industry.

“It is an honor to come back to UT Martin and share some of my experiences in the marketing and public relations world,” said Sykes. “There are several principles that have guided me along the way, and I am looking forward to sharing with the student body. I hope that this engagement will be both educational and motivational to all involved.”

The luncheon, capped with scholarship and awards presentations to communications majors and high school communications scholarship winners, will be in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center.

The Career Fair is slated from 1:45-3 p.m. in Rooms 206ABC, Boling University Center. Students will be able to view displays and talk to broadcasting, news-editorial, public relations and visual communication professionals. Dr. Robert Nanney, Department of Communications chair, is the annual Communications Career Day chair.

For more information, contact Nanney at 881-7556 or nanney@utm.edu

UT Martin’s Wildlife Society receives awards

Nineteen members of the University of Tennessee at Martin Wildlife Society brought back first-, second- and third-place awards from the 24th annual Southeastern Wildlife Conclave, held at the University of Georgia during recent spring break.


About 380 students from 17 schools participated in the event. UT Martin students placed first in the obstacle course, first in orienteering, second in pistol shooting, third in the essay competition and third in radio-telem- etry.

The UT Martin Wildlife Society will host the conclave next year at Paris Landing State Park.
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‘Challenges and Opportunities’ the theme of leadership conference at UT Martin

“Challenges and Opportunities” is the theme of the ninth annual African-American Leadership Conference, slated for May 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carnegie Center for Arts and History at 305 East College St. in Jackson.

The conference is sponsored by WestStar Leadership, AT&T, the City of Brownsville, the City of Covington, The Jackson Sun, USDA Rural Development, West Tennessee Healthcare, Hardin County Government, Oldham Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship Studies and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin and First South Bank.

The conference will begin with registration, a continental breakfast and welcoming remarks by David Belote, WestStar executive director.

This year’s keynote speaker is Carolyn Hardy, president/CEO of Chism-Hardy Enterprises, Hardy Bottling Company.

She is former vice president for Coors Brewing Company, Memphis business unit. Prior to joining Coors, she served as vice president of services, responsible for national software implementations for Honeywell-POMS Corporation. Before Honeywell, she was employed by J.M. Smucker Company. In 2006, she became the first African-American female to own a major brewery with the ability to annually manufacture more than 100 million cases of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

She is a native Memphian, a graduate of Melrose High School and the University of Memphis, receiving bachelor’s and master’s degrees, and is a certified public accountant (CPA).

In addition to various sessions, the conference will include lunch, entertainment by Jackson Central-Merry High School students and door prizes.

The registration deadline is April 24. The conference fee is $35 per person or $60 for two.

For more information or registration forms, contact Virginia Crimes by telephone at (731) 881-7298 or by e-mail at vcrimes@utm.edu.
Scientist from Oak Ridge lab slated to speak at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society is co-hosting a presentation by Dr. John Z. Larese, a principal investigator on an upcoming spallation neutron source (SNS) project at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Larese’s topic will be “The Spallation Neutron Source Opportunities for 21st Century Science.”

Sponsored by the Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society, it is slated for 7 p.m. April 16 in Johnson EPS Building, Room 103, at UT Martin.

SNS is a $1.4 billion-plus investment by the Department of Energy Office of Science. The facility is the top of three similar facilities worldwide and will have an impact on fields as diverse as materials science, biology and geochemistry.

Larese, a University of Tennessee professor of chemistry, leads one of the many teams developing advanced instrumentation to take advantage of the SNS’s unique capabilities.

Prior to coming to UT, Larese was the American Chemical Society is the largest scientific organization in the world with more than 160,000 members in Southern Illinois, western Kentucky and northwest Tennessee.

The presentation at UT Martin is free of charge and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. S.K. Airee, UT Martin professor of chemistry, at (731) 881-7454.

OC STUDENT HONORED — Heather Grossner (center) of Troy, a member of Chi Omega, was one of 18 students who received an Emerging Leaders Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Greek Awards Ceremony, held during recent Greekfest 2007. Emerging Leaders are freshman and sophomore students who go above and beyond to take a leadership role on campus and have shown an outstanding participation in chapter and campus activities while maintaining a high grade point average. Greekfest is an annual event designed to acknowledge the accomplishments of the UT Martin Greek community. The award was presented by Lindsey Beth Hughes, 2007 National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) president; Melissa Coleman, 2007 NPC judicial chair; and Chantal Scott, 2006 National Pan-Hellenic Council secretary. Among those on hand to congratulate Miss Grossner were Dr. Jerald Ogg (left), interim vice chancellor for student affairs, and David Belote, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.
Even your dog should not have foul breath

The American Veterinary Medical Association has designated February as National Pet Dental month. I realize that most of you won't read this until late March, but since I write these articles a month beforehand, I thought dental care for your pet would be a wonderful article this month.

Dental problems are one of the most common conditions veterinary practitioners see. You would think a dog or cat could take care of its own teeth, right? Well, they can't, and as they get older a lot of problems with your pet's health may occur because of their teeth. Some simple tips to remember to help your pet have a healthy mouth are as follows:

1. Feed your pet dry food, preferably a hard kibble food. With small puppies and kittens, you may have to soften the food a little, but as they grow, they are easily able to handle dry food. The food helps to keep the teeth clean and also provides some benefits when teething to the young animal. I have seen many young and old dogs with awful teeth mostly because their owners thought they were doing them a favor by feeding them soft food.

2. Feed your pet hard treats. My dog, Lacy, won't eat hard treats, so she does get some soft treats, but even with the soft treats, we stay with dry food. Like the food, these treats help to clean the teeth and keep them healthy. Just be judicious with the treats and don't overfeed. No dog or cat needs 20 treats a day.

3. For dogs, hard chew toys, hard nylon or rawhide bones also help remove plaque and clean the teeth. I realize that some dogs won't chew on these and with some dogs, these types of toys, etc. can cause other problems, but overall, most dogs do well with these toys, and they do help their teeth.

4. If they will let you, it's a good idea to brush their teeth several times a week. I know this is much easier said than done, and to some, may seem a little overboard, but we brush our teeth two and three times a day to promote dental health. Our animals aren't that much different.

5. As a veterinarian, many of my clients have come in complaining that their pet had very bad breath. This may be one sign that your pet needs some dental care. Red, swollen gums, bleeding gums and oral pain may also signal your pet needs some help. Their gums and teeth can even be painful enough to cause decreased appetite and personality changes. All the bacteria that live in the tartar may even travel to other parts of your pet's body and cause some major health issues. So what do you do?

6. You talk with your veterinarian about dental health. Your veterinarian will be able to discuss different dental health products with you that will fit your specific pet needs. They can also examine your pet's mouth and let you know if your pet may need extra dental care besides what you can provide at home. A common procedure called a dental may be recommended. This basically means the veterinarian cleans the teeth and removes all tartar much the same way your dentist does for you. Depending on your pet, your veterinarian can tailor a dental program that will assure a happier and healthier pet.

Even though February is National Pet Dental month, it doesn't mean you can't do something for your pet's dental health in March and throughout the year. With shiny, bright teeth, fresh breath and a healthy mouth, your pet and you will be much happier.

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 Huntington Animal Clinic before moving to UT Martin in January 2005.
Put a spin on fitness: Frisbee games exercise families

When I woke up this morning, the wind was blowing and it made me want to go outside and play. This time of year there are so many wonderful activities to choose from.

To name a few, you can fly a kite, loosen up the old arm for baseball/softball season or play Frisbee. Frisbee is a wonderful and inexpensive sport that can be enjoyed by all ages. Typically, we tend to think of Frisbee as a relaxed leisure activity, but it is also much more than that.

In 1949, Fred Morrison created a flying disc called the "Pluto Platter," Wham-O Inc. purchased the rights to the disc. After observing students from Yale University playing catch with a metal pie plate from the Frisbee Pie Company, they noticed that when the disc flew off course and got close to unsuspecting bystanders the students would call out 'Frisbee!' Thus, Wham-o named its flying disc 'Frisbee', and a new toy was born!

There are two hot sports that are currently being enjoyed by people of all ages. They are Frisbee Golf and Ultimate Frisbee. Since there is so much to say about both sports, we will leave Frisbee Golf for another time and focus on Ultimate Frisbee today.

The Ultimate Players Association (UPA), founded in 1979, is the governing body over the sport of Ultimate Frisbee. I went to the UPA web site and found that in the state of Tennessee, there are many local chapters to choose from. There is currently a group that plays twice a week at the soccer fields on the campus of Union University.

So what is the big deal? As I said before, any body type and all ages can participate in this sport. It combines throwing and catching skills, running or jogging as well as simple strategies and is played on a rectangular shaped field (your backyard will do).

The object of the game is to score goals by passing the Frisbee from teammate to teammate until it is caught in the end zone. A few simple rules include: one point is awarded for each goal, a player may not run with the Frisbee, but may establish a pivot foot and then throw the Frisbee to their teammate. Of course the Frisbee can be intercepted resulting in a turnover. This makes the game fast-paced and exciting and keeps everyone on their toes!

Every time I have introduced the sport of Ultimate Frisbee to someone, they have thoroughly enjoyed it. Although this sport has been around for quite awhile, there are still many people who have never had the opportunity to play. This weekend why don't you be the ring leader, gather up some friends and go outside and play Ultimate!

Please note that there are many more rules to Ultimate Frisbee than the few that I listed, but for a fun activity to play this weekend with your friends or family, you have enough to get started.


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.
Former coaches and supporters at UT Martin marvel at the coach who keeps on winning

By SARA REID
Staff Writer

Nadine Gearin’s grin is a little wider these days and a person has to wonder if it’s the result of the recent unprecedented success of one of the former coach’s players.

Last Tuesday, the Tennessee Lady Vols basketball team defeated the Rutgers Scarlet Knights to capture its seventh national title for the program and for its coach, Pat Summitt, a former player at the University of Tennessee at Martin for Coach Gearin.

Although Summitt, in her 33rd season as head coach, continues to garner national attention, heaps of praise and notoriety on the list of all-time greats, for Gearin and longtime UT Martin women’s athletics director Bettye Giles, the more things have changed, the more they’ve stayed the same. They knew the tall, lanky farm kid from Henrietta when she first laced up a pair of sneakers and put on the number 55 and the Summitt who now dons business suits and watches from the sidelines is not really all that different. With all her success, she still keeps UT Martin close to her heart because it’s where the magic truly began.

“I feel like Pat has kept UTM in her sight,” Giles said. “Pat Summitt knows her roots and she has done well to represent the entire campus. We’re very proud of her. Her success is a reflection on the university.”

“She put UTM on the map and she’s kept it there. If you dig out any article from anywhere, she always mentions UTM,” Gearin added.

UT Martin athletic director Phil Dane mirrors the sentiments of Giles and Gearin when asked about Summitt’s impact on the university in terms of helping to bring it into the spotlight.

“It is a great reflection on us. A number of our former players have gone on to do great things, but she is the most well known person,” he said. “She really brings credit to the university. She even says that she wouldn’t be where she is today without the university. We’re proud of her and of what she’s been able to accomplish and we’re pulling for her.”

Both Gearin and Giles attribute Summitt’s success over the years to her dedication, hard work and willingness to keep learning.

“She has a great knowledge of the game and she has the ability to analyze athletic talent and recruit well for the University of Tennessee and this, of course, has become easier for her over the years,” Giles said.

But Summitt doesn’t accomplish this by herself and Gearin stressed that it helps that she surrounds herself with “great people and great players.”

“Other schools are coming on, but she has good coaches and good staff members,” Gearin said.

This year’s national championship team lost three games to Duke, North Carolina and LSU and found itself once again facing the hurdle of North Carolina standing in the way for the national championship game, but the Lady Vols were able to hang on and win in the semifinal game before advancing and defeating Rutgers for all the marbles.

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“We really had to work at it,” Giles admitted. “Having Parker this year made us believe every-
thing was hunky dory, but one person can’t win the game. We really had to work well together.”

But the team did work and pulled together to earn the title and renewed the faith and admiration of the college basketball world in them again. And Summitt. Well, she’s just Summitt. Except she has some new hardware to add to her collection now.

“From the very beginning, she’s always been a real competitor. She doesn’t want or mean to lose. She does lose sometimes, but it doesn’t sink her ship. She hasn’t changed that much since she played for us,” Giles said.

Current UT Martin women’s basketball coach Tara Tansil believes that Summitt’s ability to inspire comes not only from her number of wins, but her staying power in the University of Tennessee program.

“She has already set a milestone with total wins, is very close to John Wooden now and that’s another attribute to her,” Tansil said. “It’s not an everyday thing to have that kind of success on one program. Just look at the Duke coach who just left to go to Texas. People leave programs all the time, but Summitt has established a great program at Tennessee and she has raised the bar of success for other programs to follow.”

Gearin’s wall is dotted with pictures, personal letters and other Tennessee Lady Vols memorabilia and her mailbox is decorated in orange and white. She holds a Lady Vols media guide and after remarking that the team should be good next year as they are only losing three seniors admits, “Pat has no idea how much I look at this media guide.”

“She hasn’t changed,” Gearin reflected. “She is the same person that left UT Martin in 1974. She’s reached the top. She’s right up there with all of the biggies, but she’s still Pat Head Summitt and I know that she always will be even if she gets 10 more championships.”

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UT Martin field topic at school board meeting

By SARA REID
Staff Writer

The ultimate decision of how to handle the county and university agreement for the renovation of the Hardy Graham Football Field is still "back and forth," according to Weakley County school board member Steve Vantrease, in this month's meeting of the Weakley County School board held last Thursday.

Vantrease reported that Westview principal David Byars and University of Tennessee at Martin athletic director Phil Dane are currently in talks over the decision to possibly have the county pay a portion of the cost of the project to bring in turf to the football field.

The subject was brought up before the board in the February meeting and the suggestion was made that the county pay $25,000 a year for 10 years as rent for Westview’s use of the field, but the board agreed to leave it at the status quo.

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allow talks to take place between the schools and the county before a decision could be made.

"It's a work in progress," Vantrease said. "We're still working on it."

Vantrease also shared that a consideration is being made that all K-5 students from schools around the county be allowed to attend the Soybean Festival on Thursday, Sept. 6.

Martin Elementary students already come on Friday morning and for $3 they have the opportunity of unlimited rides.

C.E. Weldon librarian Roberta Peacock said that students in grades K-2 stay from 9-10:30 a.m., entertainment is provided from 10:30-11 a.m. and students in grades 3-5 stay from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In other business, the board approved the textbook adoption of McGraw-Hill for Elementary School reading for the next six year period.

A list of teachers was approved for tenure for the 2007-08 school year and at the next meeting, those teachers will receive recognition.

"These teachers have been in the system for the required amount of time," chairman Gordon Morris said.

"These people have been recommended by school principals and supervisors and are good, outstanding people."

Next month's meeting of the Weakley County School Board will take place at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 at Sharon School.

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‘The Old Maid and the Thief’ offers humor at UTM Theatre

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will present a comedy, “The Old Maid and the Thief,” by Gian Carlo Menotti, at 7:30 p.m., April 14, and 3 p.m., April 15, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building at UT Martin.

The story takes place in a small town in the United States. Miss Todd, a middle-aged spinster and her young maid, Laetitia, invite a beggar to stay at their house after he appears at their door. They learn that his name is Bob and agree that he is quite handsome. One day, they are told by Miss Pinkerton, the town gossip, that a dangerous criminal has escaped from the town prison. His description accurately fits Bob. Since Miss Todd has become infatuated with him, she decides to take her chances and protect him from the police.

The opera will feature the following UT Martin students: Kimberly Kraft, of Martin; Karen Langdon, of Jackson; Erin Horton, of Murfreesboro; Sarah Jenkins, of Cordova; Katy Patterson, of Ripley; Linzie Tedford, of Memphis; Chris Buckner, of Ripley; and Matt Cook, of Martin.

The production is directed by Dr. Amy Yeung, UT Martin assistant professor of music. Musical accompaniment is provided by Dr. Scott Roberts, UT Martin associate professor of music. Admission is $3. Children younger than 12 are admitted free. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 881-7402.

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The American Chemical Society is the largest scientific organization in the world with more than 160,000 members in Southern Illinois, Western Kentucky and Northwest Tennessee.

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Lindsey Sutherland, of Martin, also received an 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. Sutherland received a Diversity Award.

Student selected for CNBC ‘Mad Money’ segment

Kelly Murray began investing money before he was 10. He collected aluminum cans, sold to recyclers and used the money he earned to invest in the stock market. He followed the interest of his father, paternal grandfather and maternal great-grandfather. All were avid, knowledgeable investors, and reading the financial pages with them became a habit.

Murray, a native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and a University of Tennessee at Martin MBA student, will get to test his financial skills when Jim Cramer of CNBC’s “Mad Money” rates the diversification of Murray’s portfolio.

In the next couple of weeks, Murray is slated for the “Am I Diversified?” segment of “Mad Money.” Each week, Cramer reviews viewer portfolios and suggests how they might consider enhancing their diversification. The daily program airs at 5 and 10 p.m. CST.

Murray has watched “Mad Money” for two years. “He’s someone I follow. I have all his books.”

Recently, Murray decided to call in and be considered for an on-air interview with Cramer. He completed a screening interview by phone several weeks ago. During that time, Murray mentioned his portfolio components and also his participation in the UT Martin TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) Investment Challenge, a partnership between TVA and 25 universities that provides a real-world learning experience in portfolio management.

“I learned a lot and became more interested in investing from watching the show.” He added, “I’m hoping that I can get on for a second segment about the TVA Investment Challenge.”

“My grandfather taught me that everything has value,” he said, adding that his initial lesson was in commodities learned through recycling all those aluminum cans. He also was introduced to savings bonds early.

“I was always interested in business and accounting,” said Murray, who has a bachelor’s degree in marketing from the University of Central Florida in Orlando. When his mother, Dr. Sandra Murray, began teaching last fall at UT Martin, he enrolled to earn a master’s degree in business. He then will pursue a master’s degree in finance. Murray also is pursuing Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

His career goal — he wants to be on Wall Street working for a hedge fund or private equity firm. Tomorrow, Wall Street. Next, he may be yelling “buy,” “sell” and “hold” on his own television show.

Kite-flying, demonstrations highlight Earth Week

The second annual Earth Week, highlighted by Al Gore’s Oscar-winning documentary, kite-flying competition and demonstrations is slated April 16-18 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Earth Day is April 22. The week’s events are sponsored by the American Democracy Project, UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, the French Club and Second Nature, a UT Martin student recycling group.

Following is schedule of events:
• April 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Boling University Center cafeteria hallway, “Showcase of Sustainability” — what UT Martin is doing to help the natural environment — variety of displays and demonstrations;
• April 16, 7-9 p.m. — Norman Campbell Lecture Hall, Andy Holt Humanities Building, “An Inconvenient Truth,” documentary shown;
• April 17, 3-7 p.m. — Pacer Pond, kite-flying competition;
• April 18, 4-6 p.m. — Watkins Auditorium, university center, “How can you do your part?” — presentation by Dennis Kosta, custodial manager who oversees the campus recycling program. Josh Isbell, of Collierville, student coordinator of this year’s highly-successful fraternity and sorority recycling competition will introduce Kosta.

For more information, call Dr. Mike McCollough, UT Martin American Democracy Project director, at 881-7325 or e-mail mccollou@utm.edu.
American Chemistry Society National Meeting

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McCall named national president of Junior Charolais Association

Adam McCall, a University of Tennessee at Martin student from Dyer County, was elected national president of the American-International Junior Charolais Association recently.

He takes office in June for a one-year term. McCall, a sophomore animal science/agriculture education double major, was chosen for the position by a 16-member board of directors with representatives from across the nation.

With more than 3,300 adult members and 1,000 junior members, the American-International Charolais Association members participate in a variety of livestock shows, industry conferences, association activities and educational meetings. As president, McCall will travel throughout the U.S and Canada attending these events representing the association. He previously served on the board of directors for four years.

McCall’s parents, Charles and Willa McCall, previously had been in the cattle business and became interested again in the late 1990s, this time focusing on distinctive all-white Charolais. “We liked the association and liked the breed,” McCall said. “We decided to get back in the business so that’s what we purchased. McCall noted that Charolais are a good breed to cross with Angus for enhanced commercial purposes.

The UT Martin student said his double major will increase his opportunities that could lead to becoming an agriculture education teacher, a pharmaceutical company representative or he may choose to go to veterinarian school.

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The interview schedule is as follows:

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Ogg commended search advisory committee members. Faculty members are Dr. Ann Duncan, Dr. Neil Gullett and Dr. John Schumm; students, James Orr and Caroline Tippens; staff, Youlanda Jones and Lt. Steve Sheffield; administrators, Shannon Burgess and Dr. Jim Byford; community/alumni, Dr. Michael Bobo and Joe Brasher; and UT Board of Trustees members, Barbara Castleman and Jerry Jackson.

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Scholarship established in memory of Jeremy and Jodi Price

A scholarship endowment has been established for two University of Tennessee at Martin alumni, who died April 2, 2006, when severe weather, including several tornadoes, swept through Northwest Tennessee.

Jeremy Price, 27, and Jodi Fleming Price, 26, of Newbern, were among 24 people killed in the storms that also damaged or destroyed approximately 1,000 homes and businesses. Both were employed at Huish Detergents, Inc., in Dyersburg. Parents of the couple are Jack and Sheryl Price, of Moscow, and Carl and Darlene Fleming, of Clarksville.

As an honor for their love of the outdoors, the Jeremy and Jodi Fleming Price Scholarship Endowment will go to students majoring in natural resources management at UT Martin. For more information on this scholarship, contact the UT Martin Office of Development at 731-881-7620.
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ECCE offers classes through UT Martin

Individuals who want to learn more about Microsoft Access, medical Spanish, writing or painting may find interest in the April classes offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education.

"Medical Spanish Class for Medical Professionals" will be offered 6-8 p.m., on Mondays, April 16-May 21. "Medical Spanish" is the accompanying textbook, and it is constructed to elicit one-word, yes or no answers. Prior knowledge of Spanish is not required. Students will learn how to conduct patient medical history interviews, perform physical examinations and give medical instructions to Spanish-speaking patients. The instructors for the class are Itzel Espitia Nappo, a native of Mexico, and Dr. Daniel Nappo, UT Martin assistant professor of Spanish. The registration fee is $85 and includes the textbook.

The final session of the Young Writers' Clubhouse, a series of writing experiences for third-eighth graders, will be offered 9 a.m.-3 p.m., April 21. Stories, fairy tales and writing are planned for the day, along with writing workshops and mini-lessons on content and editing strategies and writing response groups. Participants will have one-to-one conferences with West Tennessee Writing Project teachers. The fee is $30 and includes a writing notebook and pen.

A "One Stroke Painted T-Shirt" class will be offered, 9:30 a.m.-noon, April 28. The class is ideal for a parent-child outing. Each student should provide his or her own t-shirt (white, 100 percent cotton or cotton blend, preshaped without fabric softener). In class, they will paint a spray of contemporary roses across the front with a watercolor effect. Students will embellish it with dimensional paint and glitter. The fee is $35, and a $20 supply fee should be paid to the instructor at class time. The supply fee includes fabric brushes, palette and miscellaneous supplies. The instructor is Charlie Boyd.

To register or for additional information, contact ECCE at 731-881-7082.

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Public television, UTM work together

WLJT-TV/DT, Channel 11, will combine efforts with local and national producers to present a number of specials exploring the challenges confronting the world after 9/11.

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"America at a Crossroads: A West Tennessee Perspective" is a UT Martin student production at 8 p.m. Friday. This will be a local perspective on how the tragedy of 9/11 and the Iraq war have affected the viewpoints of rural residents of West Tennessee.

Call Katrina C. Cobb, director of Broadcast Operations, at (731) 881-7561.

Quickbooks 2007 online course offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education has partnered with Education To Go to offer "Performing Payroll in QuickBooks 2007," a new online course.

Scott Paxton, a certified public accountant and certified QuickBooks professional adviser, teaches the course. Paxton has extensive first-hand experience helping businesses launch a payroll process with QuickBooks. He uses his experience to guide students through that process, providing them with the skills and knowledge they need.

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Student exhibition offers array of artwork

The University of Tennessee at Martin will begin its annual visual and theatre arts student art exhibition with an opening reception 5-7 p.m. Tuesday in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building at UT Martin.

The exhibition is sponsored by the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts and will run through May 4.

Visual and theatre arts students, as well as other UT Martin students, will compete for awards in several different categories. Students will receive certificates of recognition and cash awards in painting/mixed media, 3-D graphic design/photography and drawing. A Best of Show Award will also be presented.

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RODEO CHAPLAIN TO SPEAK AT NEW HOME — Bro. Jerry Reynolds, chaplain of the Ozark Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association and the Kentucky High School Rodeo Association, will be speaking at the 6 p.m. worship service on Sunday, April 15, at New Home Baptist Church, located on the corner of Bell Road and New Home Road, Martin. Bro. Reynolds will be concluding a week of ministry at the 39th annual UT Martin Spring Rodeo. Host pastor Scott Chadwick and the congregation cordially invite everyone to attend.
Student exhibition offers array of art
The University of Tennessee at Martin will begin its annual visual and theater arts student art exhibition with an opening reception, slated from 5-7 p.m., April 17, in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building at UT Martin. The exhibition is sponsored by the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theater Arts and will run through May 4.

Visual and theater arts students, as well as other UT Martin students, will compete for awards in several different categories. Students will receive certificates of recognition and cash awards in painting/mixed media, 3-D, graphic design/photography and drawing. A Best of Show Award also will be presented.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theater Arts at 881-7400.

Scholarship established in memory of couple
Special to the State Gazette

MARTIN - A scholarship endowment has been established for two University of Tennessee at Martin alumni, who died April 2, 2006, when severe weather, including several tornadoes, swept through Northwest Tennessee.

Jeremy Price, 27, and Jodi Fleming Price, 26, of Newbern, were among 24 people killed in the storms that also damaged or destroyed approximately 1,000 homes and businesses. Both were employed at Huish Detergents Inc., in Dyersburg. Parents of the couple are Jack and Sheryl Price, of Moscow, and Carl and Darlene Fleming, of Clarksville.

As an honor for their love of the outdoors, the Jeremy and Jodi Fleming Price Scholarship Endowment will go to students majoring in natural resources management at UT Martin. For more information on this scholarship, contact the UT Martin Office of Development at 881-7620.
Dear Ken: A few years ago a very polite young man worked at the Regal Green Hills Cinema. When I saw WTVF-Channel 5 weatherman Charlie Neese, he looked like the young man I remembered. Did Charlie ever work at the Green Hills theater? If not, he sure has a double.

Dear Bob: Charlie, 36, and a graduate of Fairview High School, gave me a rundown of his jobs over the years, and he couldn't have been the fellow you saw at the movies.

While a high school student, Neese cared for show horses and worked at Fairview Pharmacy and Varden's Body Shop. While earning his degree in broadcast journalism at the University of Tennessee at Martin, he was a deejay at WDKN radio in Dickson, worked behind the cameras for a TV station in Martin and did the

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REED Center offering business seminars

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center will offer seminars this month that discuss starting, planning and utilizing a successful business.

The seminars will be held at the Obion County Industrial Training Center at 204 South Second St. in Union City.

Entrepreneurial guidelines will be highlighted in "The Plan: Business Plan Basics for the Entrepreneur" at 9 a.m. April 24 and 6 p.m. April 26.

The two-hour seminar covers the parts of a business plan and offers advice on organizing ideas and putting them on paper. Key make-it or break-it points for success and common mistakes will be included.

Jamie Frakes, director of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) in Dyersburg, will be the instructor.

The fee is $20 per person.

The seminars are offered by the Obion County Chamber of Commerce, the UT Martin REED Center and the TSBDC.

Participants may register online at www.utm.edu/reed or by calling the Obion County Chamber of Commerce at 885-0214 or the UT Martin REED Center at (731) 587-7333.

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Education Planner

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Ninth African-American Leadership Conference presents ‘Challenges and Opportunities’

“Challenges and Opportunities” is the theme of the ninth annual African-American Leadership Conference, slated for 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., May 1, at the Carnegie Center for Arts and History, 305 E. College Street, in Jackson.

The conference is sponsored by WestStar Leadership, AT&T, City of Brownsville, the city of Covington, Jackson Sun, USDA Rural Development, West Tennessee Healthcare, Hardin County Government, Oldham Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship Studies, and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin and First South Bank.

The conference will begin with registration, continental breakfast and welcoming remarks by David Belote, WestStar executive director. This year’s keynote speaker is Carolyn Hardy, president/CEO, Chism-Hardy Enterprises, Hardy Bottling Co.

Hardy was former vice president for Coors Brewing Co., Memphis business unit. Prior to joining Coors, she served as vice president of services, responsible for national software implementations for Honeywell-POMS Corp. Before Honeywell, she was employed by J.M. Smucker Co. In 2006, she became the first African-American female to own a major brewery with the ability to annually manufacture more than 100 million cases of both alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages. She is a native Memphian, graduate of Melrose High School, University of Memphis, receiving bachelor’s and master’s degrees, and she is a certified public accountant (CPA).

Topics and speakers include:
• “Challenges and Opportunities in Advancing Education in the 21st Century,” Vishania Huery, student conduct officer, UT Martin Division of Student Affairs; Youlanda Jones, director, UT Martin Ripley Center; Henrietta Kellum, assistant director, Technology Center at Crump;
• “Pursuing Your Financial Dream Through the Use of Technology,” Donnie Bradford, owner, Connectus I.T. Solutions, Inc.;
• “Networking,” Sharon Taylor McKinney, Business Enterprise Resource Office, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Memphis;
• “Teaching Leadership,” Dexter Williams, who coached the Liberty Technology Magnet High School (Jackson) boys’ basketball team to back-to-back Class AA state championships in 2006 and 2007;
• “The Role of Behavioral Health,” Dr. Howard Burley, executive director, Clinical Leadership Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Disabilities, Nashville.

Lunch, entertainment by Jackson Central-Merry High School students and door prizes will be included in the conference.

To register, mail form to WestStar, UT Martin, 320 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. E-mail registrations to vgrimes@utm.edu or fax to 881-7019. The registration deadline is April 24. The conference fee is $35 per person/$60 for two.

For more information, contact Virginia Grimes at 881-7298 or vgrimes@utm.edu.

SOAR STAFF, DATES SELECTED — Jennie Brooks of Martin, a graduate of Westview High School, has been selected to serve on the University of Tennessee at Martin’s SOAR staff. SOAR is UT Martin’s summer orientation program designed to inform incoming freshmen and their parents about what to expect in the upcoming years. Brooks, daughter of Phil and Bret Brooks, will assist in all areas of the preparation, including helping the incoming freshmen register for their first semester of classes. SOAR dates are June 7-8, June 21-22 and July 20-21.
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Randy Burns has art exhibit

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Burns is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The gallery is open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and is free to the public.

Learn tricks of writing with published author

The University of Tennessee at Martin has partnered with online course provider Education To Go to offer “Advanced Fiction Writing.” Published novelist, Steve Alcorn, is the class instructor.

The course covers such elements as story structure, plot, character, dialogue, setting, suspense, conflict, action, viewpoint, tense and how to get published. Each lesson includes an assignment that will help students develop or polish their manuscripts. Students will learn how to get started on story ideas and write effectively and efficiently. The “discussion area” of the class will allow students to share their work with classmates and hear feedback.

“Advanced Fiction Writing covers essential techniques often overlooked by other writing classes and textbooks,” said Alcorn. “I’ll present each technique in a clear, step-by-step fashion that makes it easy for students to turn their story ideas into published books. And these techniques definitely work, because many of my students have gone on to sign contracts and see their books in print.”

Students can take “Advanced Fiction Writing” from the convenience of home or office at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course — part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses — visit the online instruction center at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php and click Education To Go.
UT Martin Wildlife Society Places in Annual Wildlife Conclave

MARTIN - Nineteen members of the University of Tennessee at Martin Wildlife Society brought back first-, second-, and third-place awards from the 24th annual Southeastern Wildlife Conclave, at University of Georgia during spring break.

Members included Nick Luper of Rockvale; Dustin Williams of Lexington; Adam Joyner of Friendship; Ryne Goats of Pulaski; Scott Bearden of Cumberland Furnace; Lee Harris of Huntingdon; Clay Larson of Clarksville; Damon Hollis of Greenfield; Rob Carr of Wingo, Ky; Josh Tompkins of Greenbrier; Tianita Duke of Darden; Shonna Parker of Dresden; Adam Macomber of Hendersonville; Rob Bosi of Bartlett; Ben Norrid of Troy; Brent Sewell of Talbott; Kent Oxment of McKenzie; Dustin Ingram of Martin; and Matt Powell of Adams.

Approximately 380 students from 17 schools participated in the event. UT Martin students placed first in the obstacle course, first in orienteering, second in pistol shooting, third in the essay competition and third in radiotelemetry.

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GC students receive UTM scholarships

MARTIN - Three Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

*Eric Ivy, son of Alvis and Freida Ivy of Milan, will be a freshman. He received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship.

*Mallory Blake, daughter of Michael and Cindy Siegler of Humboldt, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.

*Ashley Poore, daughter of Anthony and Wanda Poore of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.

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Native American elections set at UTM

Milan native to chair event

On June 23, voters will elect the officers of the West Tennessee Caucus of the Tennessee Native American Convention and will nominate the candidates for the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs.

Fifteen delegates and four alternates will be elected to attend the Tennessee Native American Convention on September 15, 2007. All seven Tennessee caucuses will vote at the state convention. These delegates will determine the order of the candidates for commissioner which will be presented to Governor Phil Bredesen. The governor will appoint three new commissioners from the list. In order to vote, persons must present proper identification.

The elections and nominations will begin at 6:00 p.m. at UTM. All are encouraged to attend. The Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs, Advisory Council of Tennessee Indian Affairs, the Tennessee Native American Convention and other state organizations attempt to teach Native American awareness and educate the public about issues that are relevant to Native Americans.

Brent Cox, and Instructor of U.S. History, Tennessee History and Native American History will chair the TNNAC elections on June 23. Cox is a Milan native.

"The public should be aware of the desecration of sacred sites, burial sites and the truth about U.S. History. Native Americans are often criticized by people who have no idea who these people really were/are. Stereotypes are more popular than truth. If you are interested in learning about the TNNAC elections, you can send an e-mail to bcox@utm.edu," Cox said.

"If you are interested in learning about Native Americans, consider taking Native American History 480 in the first term of the Summer semester at the Jackson site of UTM. The class will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. The CRN number is 30522 and it is History 480 Section TT1. There are no prerequisites and the class may be taken as an elective." Cox can be reached at 731-881-7539 or at bcox@utm.edu.

$28M housing project underway at UTM

MARTIN, Tenn. – A new era of apartment-style living that began in 2005 with the opening of University Village Apartments at the University of Tennessee at Martin is continuing and will be marked, April 25, with a groundbreaking for the next phase.

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UT Martin upgrades security

In the wake of the tragedy at Virginia Tech University that took the lives of 32 people, security procedures have been reviewed at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

UTM chancellor Dr. Nick Dunagan addressed the issue in a formal press release today.

"We are horrified and saddened at the loss of life at Virginia Tech," Dunagan said. "No amount of preparation can prevent such a tragedy, but such an event reminds each of us to remain vigilant for our own safety and for the safety of those around us.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with those touched by these senseless, violent acts."

Security measures enacted by UTM include:
- Increased campus visibility by officers of the UTM Department of Public Safety.
- Offer of UTM Counseling Center assistance for any of its students who have family or friends affected by the shootings or who are upset or anxious as a result of these events.
- A reminder to the campus community of actions to take if confronted with hostile actions by one or more people.

Previous security preparations include:
- UTM police officers have participated in joint training for "response to active shooters" with local law enforcement personnel.
- Campus and local law enforcement personnel have received specialized training in quick-action deployment techniques for response to emergency situations.
- Tabletop exercises for emergency situations have been conducted on campus with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

Craig Smith of Union City, a senior bachelor of arts in music student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will present a lecture and performance as part of his senior project at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre at UT Martin.

Smith will discuss the differences between Eastern and Western compositional techniques and playing styles for marimba. Compositions by Keiko Abe, Michael Burritt and others will be discussed and performed.

For more information, contact the Department of Music at (731) 881-7402.

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They include:
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UTM finishes interviews for new chancellor

The last of four candidates for the job of chancellor at the University of Tennessee Martin will finish his interview on campus today.

Dr. Roosevelt Newsom, vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of North Alabama in Florence, began two days of interviews with the search committee Monday.

Last week, the panel interviewed Dr. Thomas Rakes, UTM's vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost; Emporia State (Kan.) VP of academic affairs John Schwen; and Kaylene Gilbert, executive VP and provost at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

The search committee, headed by interim vice chancellor for student affairs Jerald Ogg, hopes to name a new chancellor sometime in May. He or she would take office July 1, succeeding Nick Dunagan, who is retiring after 34 years at UTM.

— The Jackson Sun

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News Sentinel: Service first, foremost, UT assistant professor quoted
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Cooking for Fido (and Fluffy, too), UT instructor quoted
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News Sentinel: UT names Neutens dean of medical grad school
The Jackson Sun: UTM finishes interviews for new chancellor
The Newport Plain Talk: Cocke County's Health Focus of April 24 Meeting, UT students mentioned

Weakley County students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

Four Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

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Raspberry receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Betty H. Raspberry

On April 3, 2007, Betty H. Raspberry received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Tennessee Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers for her long history of professional commitment to and support of human services at the national, state, and local levels. After retiring from thirty years in state service and twelve years in independent practice as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, she continues to sit on related boards and councils.

Raspberry, a native of Dyer County, relocated from the TN Department of Human Services in Nashville, where she served in staff development and training to the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she established and headed the Baccalaureate Degree Program in Social Work, one of the first in West Tennessee. During the period, she contracted with TSU Center of Excellence for Research and Policy wherein she founded and taught throughout the country Social Services Competency Based Training that won approval by the National Head Start Bureau for family service workers.

From the onset of her career, Ms. Raspberry has been involved with numerous social work related organizations including the Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare, Northwest TN Association of Health Care Social Workers, Area Agencies on Aging, TN Commission on Children and Youth, and advisement to the Tennessee Department of Correction. In the 1970's, she was instrumental in establishing the Social Services Department at Martin Volunteer Hospital and is known extensively in West Tennessee for her consultation in Medical Social Services. Additionally, she has been a sought after speaker on numerous topics, both locally and nationally.

Betty Raspberry holds the singular distinction of having served as President of both the Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare and the Tennessee Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Diamond Jaxx UT Night is May 12

All University of Tennessee alumni are invited to Diamond Jaxx UT Night, May 12. The West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx, the AA Southern League affiliate of the Seattle Mariners in Jackson, will play at 7:05 p.m. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. Alumni get a discounted price of $4.50 per person for the game.

The national anthem will be performed by the UT Martin Singers, and former UT athletes will sign autographs. There's a children's playground, and all children run the bases at the end of the game. A fireworks display will cap the event.

For advanced tickets, mail a check to Carol Kirkland, 107 Tuckahoe Road, Jackson, TN 38305. Make checks payable to: Diamond Jaxx. Tickets and nametags can be picked up at the UT tent outside the gate. UT alums are encouraged to wear school colors.

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Contributions to this scholarship award may be made through payroll deduction by employees of UT Martin or by sending a contribution to the Office of Development at UT Martin.

Institute enhances faculty abilities in classroom

The University of Tennessee at Martin faculty representing each academic college recently attended the fourth annual Teaching Scholars Institute hosted by Murray State University.

Faculty chosen to represent the university were Julie Floyd, assistant professor of nursing; College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences; Dr. Mary Lemons, professor of management, College of Business and Public Affairs; Dr. Rosemary Effiong, assistant professor of chemistry, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences; Dr. Ervin Briones, assistant professor of psychology, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences; and Dr. Amy Simmons, assistant professor of music, College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

The Teaching Scholars Institute (TSI) is a faculty development project focused on the renewal of mid-career teaching faculty. TSI brings good teachers together to enhance their abilities in the classroom. 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.

The TSI is a teaching and learning consortium created by the joint efforts of Murray State University, Western Kentucky University and UT Martin. The annual TSI workshops focus on different aspects of effective teaching as described in "Chickering and Gamson's Seven Principles for Effective Teaching" (1987). The 2007 TSI theme was "Effective Teaching Involves Prompt Feedback."

"I came away armed with new techniques to provide prompt feedback to students as a way to improve their learning," said Briones. "These techniques come from experienced colleagues who have used them and have found them effective." Floyd added that the TSI gave her an opportunity to act with other professionals and "discover innovative ideas for the classroom."

Learn tricks of writing with published author

The University of Tennessee at Martin has partnered with online course provider Education To Go to offer "Advanced Fiction Writing." Published novelist, Steve Alcorn, is the class instructor.

The course covers such elements as story structure, plot, character, dialogue, setting, suspense, conflict, action, viewpoint, tense and how to get published. Each lesson includes an assignment that will help students develop or polish their manuscripts. Students will learn how to get started on story ideas and write effectively and efficiently. The "discussion area" of the class will allow students to share their work with classmates and hear feedback.

"Advanced Fiction Writing covers essential techniques often overlooked by other writing classes and textbooks," said Alcorn. "I'll present each technique in a clear, step-by-step fashion that makes it easy for students to turn their story ideas into published books. And these techniques definitely work, because many of my students have written books of their print."

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GRAY ATTENDS UTM’S JUNIOR VISIT DAY:
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Area students receive UTM scholarships

Several area students have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Kris Newsom, the daughter of Bill Newsome of Friendship and Barbara Newsom of Jackson. She will be a freshman. She received the University Scholars Program Scholarship.

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Obion County student receives scholarship to UT-Martin

Two South Fulton High School students have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Andrew Moore, son of Hoyt and Leigh Ann Moore of South Fulton, will be a freshman. He received the University Scholars Program Scholarship.

Josh Potts, son of Patsy Potts of South Fulton, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor's Award and Salutatorian Award. Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, Tenn. 38238.

In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
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Knoxnews: Signs of shared sadness, UT students support Virginia Tech
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Search committee sends names to UT President

A search advisory committee has recommended the names of three candidates for the chancellor’s post at the University of Tennessee at Martin to Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president.

The candidates submitted are Dr. Roosevelt Newson, vice president for academic affairs and provost, University of North Alabama, Florence; Dr. Thomas Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, UT Martin; and Dr. John Schwenn, vice president for academic affairs, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.

Interviews with a total of four candidates were completed April 17.

Dr. Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, was the fourth candidate interviewed on campus.

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The four individuals we brought to campus were extremely impressed with our campus, and we are pleased to forward these names for Dr. Petersen’s consideration," Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, search committee chair, said.

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UT Martin Chancellor addresses the tragedy in Virginia

In the wake of the tragedy at Virginia Tech University that took the lives of 32 people, security procedures have been reviewed at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

UTM chancellor Dr. Nick Dunagan addressed the issue in a formal press release Wednesday.

“We are horrified and saddened at the loss of life at Virginia Tech,” Dunagan said.

“No amount of preparation can prevent such a tragedy, but such an event remind us of our own safety and for the safety of those around us.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with those touched by these senseless, violent acts.”

Security measures enacted by UTM include:

• Increased campus visibility by officers of the UTM Department of Public Safety.

• Offer of UTM Counseling Center assistance for any of its students who have family or friends affected by the shootings or who are upset or anxious as a result of these events.

• A reminder to the campus community of actions to take if confronted with hostile actions by one or more people.

Previous security preparations include:

• UTM police officers have participated in joint training for “response to active shooters” with local law enforcement personnel.

• Campus and local law enforcement personnel have received specialized training in quick-action deployment techniques for response to emergency situations.

• Tabletop exercises for emergency situations have been conducted on campus with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.
UT Martin students speak out about the Virginia Tech shootings?

On Monday, a lone gunman, Cho Seung-Hui, went into the West Ambler Hall dormitory on the campus of Virginia Tech and shot two people. Less than two hours later, he entered a classroom at Norris Hall across campus and killed 29 more people in the largest mass shooting in U.S. history. Justin R. Greer, a senior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, surveyed several students about how they felt about the dramatic conclusion that occurred on the campus of Virginia Tech. This question was proposed: How do you feel the Virginia Tech massacre could have been prevented?

"I think that the situation could have been prevented. When they realized that he was writing plays about killing and such horrific literature, the school should have provided counseling or some kind of psychiatric help." - Adias Minter, Education Major, Sophomore

"In order to warn the students, the administration of Virginia Tech should have taken a more hands-on approach. Officials should have gone door-to-door in the dorms and outside of classrooms and buildings after the first shooting occurred instead of assuming that the shooter had left the campus." - Laura Johnson, School Counseling, Grad Student

"If the University had shut down the school after the first shooting, I believe this tragic event could have been prevented. Other campuses should now evaluate their security procedures to prevent this from happening at their university." - Benita Evans, Communications Major, Freshman

"The university should have held a program that was for students who have to deal with major cultural changes. Families also need to take care of the feelings of kids who leave home to study abroad. I think this tragedy may not have happened if there was someone who paid more attention to the student." - Yu-Ling Heao, Education Major, Grad Student

"I feel that the Virginia Tech massacre could have been prevented if we had monitored our native inhabitants more closely. Not to say that all pose threats, but it was obvious that people knew that the gunman was unstable. If people stop being quiet and start voicing their opinions, then a lot of things can be prevented." - Tenise Armour, Business Admin. Major, Junior

"I feel like the shooting could have been prevented if they had a better source of security. Students pay too much money for college to have to protect themselves from someone trying to cause them harm. I can't seem to understand how it was as easy for him to get away with so many murders." - Camille Murphy, Early Childhood Major, Junior

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East Memphians Luke Cravens and Ben Hogan and Marcus Johnson and Durrell Wright, both of Southeast Memphis, received University Service Awards at the University of Tennessee at Martin's recent annual Greek Awards ceremony. Recognition was given to Greeks who have been an important part of UTM student life, through their chapter, the Greek councils or through involvement on campus.

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OCCHS advanced art students compete in event at UT Martin

By VERONICA KAYES
Special to The Messenger

Twenty-six advanced art students from Obion County Central High School recently attended the University of Tennessee at Martin College Art Day and High School Art Competition.

This is an annual competition hosted by the UT Martin Visual Arts Department. It was conceived by their faculty six years ago as a way to promote the visual arts in West Tennessee and to bring awareness to their art program.

Each year, West Tennessee high school art students are invited to submit their best art work in this juried competition, and this year UT Martin received more than 200 submissions, representing nine different high schools. Art faculty who judged the competition chose only 69 pieces for exhibition. Those who viewed the art display were very appreciative of the high level of quality that competition brings to this type of event.

“It is great to see artists enjoy their work and the work of their peers. It think it is very important for them to be able to do this,” said Doug Cook, chairman of the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at UT Martin.

In addition to the competition, high school art students were able to experience firsthand what college art classes might be like. Six hands-on art classes were offered to the visiting teenage artists and each person was able to participate in four of them.

The OCCHS art students are taught by Polly Putman and Suzanne Hill.

“It was the most awesome time I have had in a while,” OCCHS senior Art 4 student Jake Shumate said. “I learned so much through the art lessons in the class. We got to do hands-on projects and tour a portion of the campus. It was a great learning experience.”

The two classes taught in the Fine Arts Building were basic drawing with Carol Eckert and computer-aided graphic design with Lane Last. Located in Gooch Hall were figure drawing taught by Diane Shaw and 2-D design led by Jason Stout. David McBeth taught ceramics and 3-D sculpture was taught by Clint Riley.

The UT Martin art program continues to grow each year and will not only be adding a new faculty member next year, but the Fine Arts Building will soon house the entire art department after it undergoes a complete renovation and expansion.

Of the 27 pieces of art submitted by Obion County Central students, 13 were accepted for exhibition. Adam Gammons, a senior Art 4 student, was pleased to have four pieces chosen, which included two handmade books, a mixed media painting and a Styrofoam sculpture. Other honorees included senior Art 4 student Jade Moffitt for her Styrofoam sculpture, junior Art 3 student Ashley Wallace for her scratch art piece and sophomore Art 2 student Lindsey Rainey for her value drawing. Sierra Simmons, a senior Art 4 student, received an honorable mention in the 3-D sculpture category for her ceramic “Death Mask” and won first place and a cash award in the same category for her four wheel-thrown ceramic bowls.

Several students expressed their delight and appreciation for UT Martin College Art Day and High School Art Competition.

“I thought the trip was informative and fun,” junior Art 3 student Celeste Owens said.

Senior art 4 student Garrett Stubblefield added, “The trip was insightful, fun and interesting.”

But perhaps senior Art 2 student Madi Kate Reid expressed her excitement the best.

“It was the best time I have ever had on an art trip,” she said. “It was fun and I enjoyed being that close to great artists.”

Editor’s note: Veronica Kayes is a senior Art 3 Art Club member at Obion County Central High School.
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'HANDITWORK — Scott Lewis, a senior Art 3 student at Obion County Central High School, made a handbuilt slab vessel out of clay during David McBeth's ceramics class at UT Martin's recent College Art Day.

IT'S A DRAW — Obion County Central High School senior Art 3 student Montanna Worrell enjoyed the challenge of drawing her composition using one continuous line during a figure drawing class at UT Martin's recent College Art Day for area high school art students.
Three to vie for top UTM post
Current chancellor to retire in June

The Jackson Sun

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LOCAL STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO UT MARTIN PSI CHI – Kristyn Roberts, of Martin, and Christy Fincher, of Palmersville, students at the University of Tennessee Martin, were recently inducted into the UT Martin chapter of Psi Chi. Psi Chi is the national honor society for psychology majors. Eligible students must have an overall grade point average of at least a 3.0 with a 3.2 grade point average in psychology. Inductees are (front, from left) Breanna Banks, Andrea Dvorak and Kristyn Roberts; (back, from left) Nikki Rickert, Emily Essary, Christy Fincher, Arnie Meredith and Katie Price.
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For more information, contact Janet Wilbert at 881-7339.

Guest pianist to perform

Guest pianist Dr. Jung-Won Shin will present a recital at the University of Tennessee at Martin at 7:30 p.m., April 30, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre. Shin will perform Beethoven’s “Sonata in A Major, Op. 2, No. 2,” Rachmaninoff’s “Etude-Tableau in E-flat minor, Op. 33, No. 5” and Schumann’s “ fantasie in C major, Op. 17.”

Among her solo performances, Shin most recently performed a Beethoven sonata recital at Yamaha Artists Service, Inc., in New York and made an appearance at the College Music Society meeting in Puerto Rico. She served as an accompanist for Mannes College of Music in New York and currently is assistant professor of music at Lane College in Jackson.

For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harris, UT Martin professor of music, at 881-7411.
UT Martin increases officer presence

In the wake of last week's tragic events on the campus of Virginia Tech, universities across the country have been taking extra precautions in getting students, faculty and staff members prepared in the case of a similar case.

At the University of Tennessee at Martin, Director of Safety and Security, Chief Scott Robbins, sent out a campus email dispensing some helpful tips to the faculty and staff members of the college.

The email addressed steps to take when dealing with a hostile person(s) and how to handle emergency situations with 14 pointers listed. Some of the tips included remembering to remain calm at all times if a situation occurs, to keep the lines of communication open and to lie flat on the floor face down and try to get under a desk for cover.

If a classroom is taken hostage, instructions of the captor should be followed and the students and teacher should be cooperative and friendly if possible. The captor should be informed of any medical needs and the students and teacher should be prepared to wait and not try to escape as this will only escalate the problem. Being observant is the key.

When the "all clear" signal is given, the teacher and students should check for injuries and students should wait for instructions from the teacher as what action to take next.

"I met with the faculty and staff and offered some tips relating to proper protocol in what to do in a situation like the Virginia Tech shootings," Robbins explained.

1. Faculty should immediately lock the students and themselves in the classroom. If possible cover any windows or openings that have a direct line of sight into the hallway. Do not barricade the doorway, others may need to get in for sanctuary.

2. If communication is available-call 911 or 7777 and let them know who and where you are, how many people are with you, or any injuries or immediate medical needs that may be present. Take any directions in relations to evacuation, staying put or treatment of medical emergencies given by the communications operator.

3. Do not sound the fire alarm. A fire alarm would signal the occupants to evacuate the building and thus place them in potential harm as they attempted to exit.

4. Lock the windows and close the blinds or curtains. Lie flat, face down, on floor, cover head, get under tables/desks if possible.

5. Stay away from the windows and doors if possible. Also try to stay away from the wall that is most exposed to the intruder.

6. Turn off lights and audio equipment.

7. Try to remain as calm as possible.

8. Keep everyone together and insure you know and can account for everyone present if you have to evacuate quickly. Know escape routes and be prepared to evacuate immediately if directed to do so.

9. Keep classrooms secure until police arrive and give you directions.

10. If you are not in a classroom, try to get to one or an office.

11. If for some reason you are caught in an open area such as a hallway or lounge, you must decide what you are going to do. This is a very crucial time and it can possibly mean life or death.

a. You can try to hide, but make sure it is a well-hidden space or you may be found as the intruder moves through the building looking for victims.

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c. If the person(s) are causing death or serious physical injury to others and you are unable to run or hide you may choose to play dead if other victims are around you.

d. Your last option if you are caught in an open area in a building is to fight back. This is dangerous and you are the only one who can make this decision, but depending on the situation, this could be your last option.

e. If you are caught by the intruder and are not going to fight back, obey all commands and don't look the intruder in the eyes.

f. Once the police arrive, obey all commands. This may involve your being handcuffed, or keeping your hands in the air. This is done for safety reasons and once circumstances are evaluated by the police, they will give you further directions to follow.

12. Once you have secured your area:

a. Deal with panic/hysteria/stress reactions.

b. Provide psychological first aid.

c. Provide for needs of students with disabilities

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a. Follow the instructions of the captor.

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Students receive scholarships

Four Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Dahlia Haddad, daughter of Mahmoud and Siaam Haddad of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.

Matthew Hewett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hewett of Dresden and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ghrisby of Hendersonville, will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.

Alison Puckett, daughter of Stevie and Holly Puckett of Greenfield, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor's Award.

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Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, TN 38238. In-state residents telephone (800) 829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
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Quickbooks Online Course Eases  
Frustrations of Payroll Systems

MARTIN - The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education has partnered with Education To Go to offer “Performing Payroll in QuickBooks 2007,” a new online course.

Scott Paxton, a Certified Public Accountant and Certified QuickBooks Professional Adviser, teaches the course. Paxton has extensive first-hand experience helping businesses launch a payroll process with QuickBooks. He uses his experience to guide students through that process, providing them with the skills and knowledge they need.

Paxton’s students also learn all the steps to access necessary information on the Internal Revenue Service Web site, create a new employee, track time and job cost data and generate the required forms and reports. Paxton said, “If you’re already using the QuickBooks payroll feature, this course will give you troubleshooting tips and solutions for common problems and mistakes."

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Carroll County Students Receive Scholarships To Attend UTM

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* Bethany Allen, daughter of Steve and Mara Allen of Bruceton, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.
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Local Students Receive Awards at Engineering, Natural Sciences Banquet

Wesley Smith

MARTIN — Jessica Johnson of McKenzie recently received the Outstanding Student in Organized Concentration with a Major in Biology Award at the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences.

Jessica Johnson

Spring Awards Banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Wesley Smith of Yuma received the Outstanding Upper Division Engineering Award.

Athletic Training Society sponsors silent auction at games

The University of Tennessee at Martin Athletic Training Society is sponsoring its third annual silent auction, April 28, during the double-header baseball and softball games. The items will be on display at the baseball field.

Items for Mother’s Day are available, and for the sports enthusiast, there is an autographed basketball by NCAA National Championship coach Pat Head Summitt and a football autographed by Chad Cliffpon, Martin Westview standout and now a Greenbay Packers player. A one-night vacation package including two tickets to the Hub City Hurricanes (professional basketball team in the International Basketball League) and a one-night stay for two at the Supertel Inn in Jackson. Bidding will conclude at the end of the fifth inning of the Skyhawk baseball game.

For more information, contact Janet Wilbert at 731-881-7339.
Respect their graves:

**First residents of Milan were Indians**

By Brent Cox

For several years, a study has been done on the Rutherford Fork of the Obion River due to the heavy concentration of Woodland Period and Mississippian Period mounds and village sites.

Over 30 mounds have been located from the Salem Road area to west of Highway 45. Their villages have revealed artifacts dating from 1000 B.C. through 1650 A.D.

The Ofo were living in Milan when the famous French explorer Marquette sailed the lower Mississippi in the early 17th Century, but when Robert de Lasalle made his famous journey down the entire length of the “Mezipi” or “Father of All Waters,” in 1682 the Ofo had disappeared. They moved south to the Arkansas River and joined their relatives in the Biloxi Nation and other Siouxan speakers who had moved south down the Mississippi River. Who were the mysterious Ofo and why did they disappear?

The Ofo called themselves “Tanekanya” or “First People,” and it is likely that this world may have been one of the root words for Tennessee. Despite popular myth that the Chickasaw lived here, their nation never went north of the Hatchie River until the Ofo vacated this area due to many reasons. Earthquakes had occurred many times since their arrival, constant floods, the arrival of the French and Spanish and rivalries with other nations forced them to move out of the area. They were HoChunk speakers and are closely related to the Dakota Nation or Yankton Sioux. Many probably know the famous Lakota warrior Crazy Horse, but most know his people to be the Oglala Sioux. Sioux was a name given to them by the French and was an Ojibwa word. Lakota and Dakota are two dialects of the same language. In a distant way, the first peoples of Milan were related to the famous leaders, Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse and 1800. This is just over 200 years. In 2000 years, a lot of burials would have occurred. Please be sensitive to Tennessee History, the History of Milan and the History of the First Americans. Please contact authorities if skeletal remains are discovered. It is just like the city cemetery in Milan; we understand that we should not destroy the burials of our relatives. Many of my family members are buried in Milan. Many of my grandmother’s people were buried here before Columbus set his sails to the wind. Please help protect our history. It is even better to call the Division of Archaeology which is a branch of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and report findings. The Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs is linked to TDEC as well. A complete study will be presented soon in a small book about the history of the West Tennessee Indian Nations which include a large number of peoples who used the Mississippi River as a migration path from South America to our area. Anyone who wants to learn more about protecting OUR heritage can ask historians and archeologists how to help. Native American ancestry is common in our area; are your Ancestors among those buried here before Christ walked on Earth? I will write more about the original peoples of Milan if people want to hear. They were a very unique people and they are worth remembering. Only remnants of their language were recorded before the last Ofo speaker died in 1915. While the Dakota people are related, I believe we should help protect their deceased relatives.

This heritage was widespread over West Tennessee and a lot can be learned about our region by investigating the First Peoples. Please help bring awareness to the community and help preserve the 2000 year history of the people who lived in and around Milan: Remember the Ofo.

I live on Ofo land!
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Tom Gallien, who has had more than 10 years of digital photography experience, is the instructor.

The fee is $55. Payment for the course may be made by debit/credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover) or by check.

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Online faculty awards

Ed Wheeler, left, of Milan, University of Tennessee at Martin associate professor of engineering, and Dr. Jeff Hoyer, of Martin, right, UT Martin associate professor of communications, recently were honored at the first ceremony for Online Teachers of the Year at UT Martin. Awards were presented by Dr. Tommy Cates, UT Martin director of Online and University Studies. Both Wheeler and Cates, UT Martin director of Online and University Studies. Both Wheeler and Hoyer have taught online classes for several years. “Their online classes are known for being well-designed, and the professors are readily accessible to online studies,” said Cates.
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Riley receives award at Social Work Alumni Banquet

Jane Riley, of Martin, received the National Association of Social Workers, Tennessee Chapter, Mid-West Branch, Bachelor of Social Work Student of the Year Award at the recent Social Work Alumni Banquet at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Riley is a native of Trenton.

Search committee hones chancellor candidates to three; Sends names to president

A search advisory committee has recommended the names of three candidates for the chancellor's post at the University of Tennessee at Martin to Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president.

The candidates submitted are Dr. Roosevelt Newson, vice president for academic affairs and provost, University of North Alabama, Florence; Dr. Thomas Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, UT Martin; and Dr. John Schwenn, vice president for academic affairs, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas.

Interviews with a total of four candidates were completed April 17. Dr. Kaylene Gobeet, executive vice president and provost, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, was the fourth candidate interviewed on campus.

Petersen is expected to select a successor to Dr. Nick Dunagan in early May. Last fall, Dunagan announced plans to retire in June 2007 with 34 years of service at UT Martin.

The on-campus interview process included meetings with faculty, staff, students and community leaders. A 14-member search advisory committee, appointed by Petersen, was assisted in the search by the firm of Baker Parker Global Executive Search, of Atlanta, Georgia.

"It has been a distinct privilege to serve with this committee, which has been working hard since October to identify candidates with both the appropriate credentials and an appreciation for UT Martin's mission. The four individuals we brought to campus were extremely impressed with our campus, and we are pleased to forward these names for Dr. Petersen's consideration," said Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, search committee chair.

For more information visit www.utm.edu, and click on the chancellor's link on the home page.
'Hateful Things' new exhibit at University Museum

How does cultural intolerance get discussed without pointing out the tolerance and how does discussion happen without examining examples?

The longstanding market for anti-black racism, as portrayed in common material objects is the focus of the new exhibition in the University Museum, sponsored with cooperation of the UT Martin Division of Student Affairs and the Office of Minority Affairs. "Hateful Things," from the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, is a traveling exhibition curated by a collector and faculty member at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan.

The Jim Crow Museum represents one of the largest publicly available collections of such material as is dedicated to confronting and countering negative stereotypes.

"Our mission is to promote racial tolerance," reads its museum's mission statement, "by helping people understand the historical and contemporary expressions of intolerance."

Because the exhibit contents are negative and confrontational, viewers are encouraged to do one of two things - visit the collection Web site at www.jimcrowuseum.org, or watch the documentary about the museum and its mission - before coming to see the exhibit. Collector/curator Dr. David Pilgrim explains who Jim Crow was, presents a discussion and interpretation of stereotyping and explains the rationale and message behind his collection. The film was featured this past February as part of the UT Martin Civil Rights Conference and has been sent by a number of student groups on campus since then. During the run of this exhibition, the DVD "Jim Crow's Museum" is available publicly as DVD 586 and can be seen on the equipment in Media Services at UT Martin.

Museum hours are 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, and by special arrangement. For more information, call 731-881-7464.

Among faculty members honored with awards for outstanding achievements in scholarship, citizenship, teaching and advising during the recent Honors Day program were, Dr. Norman Lillegard, second from left; Dr. Fred Spano, Richard Robinson and Dr. Daniel Tracy. They are pictured with Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, left, and Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, right.

Four claim annual faculty honors

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Dr. Norman S. Lillegard, professor of philosophy, received the 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.

Richard C. Robinson, assistant professor of communications, received the 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. Fred P. Spano, assistant professor of music, received the Outstanding Advisor Award. The Outstanding Advisor Award of $1,000 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.

Dr. Daniel L. Tracy, assistant professor of management, received the Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award. The Coffey Outstanding Teaching award of $5,000 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.
‘Introduction to Microsoft Visio 2003’ helps presenters create diagrams, pictures

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education has partnered with online course provider Education To Go to offer “Introduction to Microsoft Visio 2003.” This course enables people to convey a complex idea through diagrams and pictures. When words are not enough, Microsoft Visio 2003 helps presenters bring an idea to life.

Microsoft Visio is known as a flowcharting program, “but it’s so much more,” Amy Westlake, course instructor, said. Using Microsoft Visio, students can choose from a variety of diagram types. Once students have the basics of the diagram in place, they can add details to create a professional-looking diagram that can be distributed to different audiences.

Westlake has used Microsoft Visio for years in her role as project manager and senior consultant for software implementations. She has developed hundreds of diagrams for executives and end users. She holds certifications in project management, instructional design and Microsoft Office.

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Local students inducted into UT Martin Psi Chi

Christy Fulcher, of Palmersville, and Kristyn Roberts, of Martin, students at the University of Tennessee at Martin, were recently inducted into the UT Martin chapter of Psi Chi. Psi Chi is the national honor society for psychology majors. Eligible students must have an overall grade point average of at least a 3.0 with a 3.2 grade point average in psychology. Pictured, from left, front row, are: Breanna Banks, Andrea Dvorak, and Kristyn Roberts; back row: Nikki Rickert, Emily Essary, Christy Fulcher, Arnie Meredith, and Katie Price.
Outstanding employees recognized at UT Martin

Guest pianist will present recital at UTM

Guest pianist Dr. Jung-Won Shin will present a recital at the University of Tennessee at Martin at 7:30 p.m., April 30, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre.


Among her solo performances, Shin most recently performed Beethoven sonata recital at Yamaha Artists Service., in New York and made an appearance at the College Music Society meeting in Puerto Rico. She served as an accompanist for Mannes College of Music in New York and currently is assistant professor of music at Lane College in Jackson.

For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Hariss, UT Martin professor of music, at 731-881-7411.

Voice studio students to stage concert

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will host a voice studio recital at 7:30 p.m., April 26, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre at UT Martin.

The recital will feature student performances of art songs and opera arias. Fourteen students from voice studio will perform one song each and be accompanied on piano. Dr. Amy Yeung, UT Martin assistant professor of music, will lead the voice studio.

The recital is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 731-881-7402.

UTM alumni invited to Diamond Jaxx game May 12

All University of Tennessee alumni are invited to Diamond Jaxx UT Night, May 12. The West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx, the Double-A Southern League affiliate of the Seattle Mariners in Jackson, Tenn., will play at 7:05 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. Alumni get a discounted price of $4.50 per person for the game.

The national anthem will be performed by the UT Martin Singers, and former UT athletes will sign autographs. A children's playground is available, and all children run the bases at the end of the game. A fireworks display will cap the event.

For advanced tickets, mail a check to Carol Kirkland, 107 Tuckahoe Road, Jackson, Tenn. 38305. Make checks payable to: Diamond Jaxx. Tickets and name tags can be picked up at the UT tent outside the gate.

UT alums are encouraged to wear school colors.

Lori Hutcherson, Office of Business Affairs administrative specialist I, received the non-exempt University of Tennessee at Martin Spring 2007 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. Hutcherson's nomination included the following: "Lori is a very dependable self-starter. She knows what is to be done and is conscientious in being sure it gets done correctly and timely."

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‘Teaching Traditional American History Showcase’ to attract multi-state participants

Teaching traditional American history with concepts that are anything but traditional is the focus of a multi-state conference sponsored by the Professional Development Center in Dyersburg, and the University of Tennessee at Martin. It is funded, in part, by the U.S. Department of Education.

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Conference speakers and their topics include:
- David Virtue, University of South Carolina assistant professor, “The Use of Folktales in the Classroom”;
- Jill Gradwell, Buffalo State University assistant professor, “Using Primary Resources”;
- S.G. Grant, University at Buffalo associate professor, “High Stakes Testing”;
- Jane White, Winthrop University professor, “Anthropology in the Classroom”;
- Ken Vogler, University of South Carolina assistant professor, “What Do You Mean? The Importance of Questions in the Classroom.”

Other speakers include representatives from Tennessee State Library and Archives, State Department of Education and UT Martin covering such topics as technology in the classroom, teaching methodologies for social studies and using primary historical documents.

Breakout sessions during the conference will focus on technology in the classroom, teacher-designed instructional units, Tennessee state curriculum standards and Tennessee State Library and Archives.

The cost is $45/day for registration. Participants may register for one day or a combination of days. For more information, go to: http://pdcdyersburg.howtomanual.com/ or call 731-286-3611 or 731-881-7097.

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**ECCE to offer weaving, knitting sessions**

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Campus and Extended Education is offering three sessions of classes in loom weaving and knitting.

All sessions are from 6-9 p.m. and cost $60 per session.

Grace Eckert, fiber artist, is the instructor.

The loom weaving sessions are:
- Session I, Tuesdays, June 5-19;
- Session II, Tuesdays, June 20-24;
- Session III, Tuesdays, Aug. 7-21.

Participants will have open access to the "Loom Room" (weaving studio). Ms. Eckert will aid beginners in weaving on a loom and help experienced weavers in whatever ways necessary.

Ten table and floor looms will be warped and ready to use.

Students will complete at least one project of their choice. A $25 supply fee for warp and yarn should be paid to the instructor at the beginning of the first class. Class limit is 10 participants.

The knitting sessions are:
- Session I, Thursdays, June 7-21;
- Session II, Thursdays, July 12-26;
- Session III, Thursdays, Aug. 9-23.

Participants will learn to spool knit first. Then, they will learn to cast on, knit, purl and cast off by using knitting needles. More experienced knitters also are welcome. A $25 supply fee for needles and yarn should be paid to the instructor at the beginning of the first class. Class limit is 10 participants.

To register or for more information, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.

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**Learn tricks of Photoshop with ECCE online**

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education has partnered with Education To Go to offer "Photoshop Elements 5.0 for the Digital Photographer II."

This new online course extends the learning options for more advanced digital photographer. It also provides the needed tools for quick fixes and detailed enhancement.

The class combines Photoshop technology with the ease of use desired by users who want quick results. Dr. Beverly Schulz, an experienced digital photographer and Photoshop Elements user, helps students use this program for advanced and sophisticated projects.

"Photoshop Elements 5.0 for the Digital Photographer II" can be taken online from the convenience of home or office at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course-part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online coursework—visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php and click Education To Go.

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**Spring Hill band excels**

These Junior High and Beginning Band students from Spring Hill School, under the direction of Ms. Dola Acree, all received a Superior (blue ribbon) or Excellent (red ribbon) at the Solo and Ensemble Festival held at UT-Martin, recently. They will be marching in the Paris Fish Fry Parade, Friday.
Receives award
Jane Riley of Martin received the National Association of Social Workers, Tennessee Chapter, Mid-West Branch, Bachelor of Social Work Student of the Year Award at the recent Social Work Alumni Banquet at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Riley is a native of Trenton.

The Hutchison School participated in the 26th annual High School Science Bowl, sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS). The team included teacher Faunne Brown (front, left), Mary Katherine Graham, Paige Phillips, Meredith Franklin, Jennifer Ward, who was the highest school scorer; Emily Abernathy; and SAACS members, Megan Malin and Christy Lowe; (back row) SAACS president Robert Mitchell and Dr. S. K. Airee, UT Martin professor of chemistry.

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HIP-HOP DANCE CLASS
6 p.m. Tuesdays at UT Martin. The first class is free, so anyone interested may try it. Registration fee: $35 per month or $10 for a single class. To register, call (901) 462-5199 or 881-7082.

LANE LAST: FANTASTIC VOYAGE
9 a.m. today, Friday and Monday at The Ned.

White Station High School recently was first runnerup in the 26th annual High School Science Bowl, sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS). The group included UT Martin assistant professor of chemistry Dr. Nancy Hinds (front, left); teacher Crystal Davis, Katie Douglass, Tianxiong Wu and teacher Paul Prather; Lei Qu (back, left), David Crowell, Jake Dou and Chi Zhang. Crowell and Zhang had the highest overall scores, along with Ryan Passey of University School of Jackson, Tenn.
FACULTY AWARDS PRESENTED — Among faculty members honored with awards for outstanding achievements in scholarship, citizenship, teaching and advising during the recent Honors Day program were Dr. Norman Lillegard, second from left; Dr. Fred Spano, Richard Robinson and Dr. Daniel Tracy. They are pictured with Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, left, and Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, right.

Four claim annual faculty honors

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

• Dr. Norman S. Lillegard, professor of philosophy, received the 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.

• Richard C. Robinson, assistant professor of communications, received the 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. Fred P. Spano, assistant professor of music, received the Outstanding Advisor Award. The Outstanding Advisor Award of $1,000 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.

• Dr. Daniel L. Tracy, assistant professor of management, received the Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award. The Coffey Outstanding Teaching award of $5,000 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.

French cast in UTM production

Mary Beth French of Paris has been cast in a student original theater production scheduled this weekend at the University of Tennessee Martin.

French has a role in “The Wedding Story,” which is one of seven plays that will be presented by UTM students at 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday. The plays will be presented in the university’s lab theater, Room 127 of the Fine and Performing Arts building. French is a 2006 Henry County High School graduate.
UTFCU SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE — Representatives of the University of Tennessee Federal Credit Union recently presented a $5,000 check to UT Martin for the Scholarship Assistance Fund. The funds are derived from the UTFCU Campus Support Program, introduced in 1996. This program allows the credit union to give back a portion of income from the credit and debit card programs to the university communities that are members. With this recent check, UTFCU's gifts to the Martin campus now total more than $35,000. From left, are, Ka Small, vice president of operations UT Federal Credit Union; Debbie Jones, CEO UT Federal Credit Union; Charley Deal, UT Martin director of alumni relations, Karen Hicks, Martin Branch manager.

RECEIVES AWARD — Jared Barnes of Union City recently received the Outstanding Student in Environmental Concentration with a Major in Biology Award at the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences Spring Awards Banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

STUDENT HONORED — Tyler Sherwood of Union City recently received the Lower Division Chemistry Award at the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences Spring Awards Banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

UT Martin theater students to hone acting, directing skills
Theater students at the University of Tennessee at Martin will soon have the opportunity to hone their acting and directing skills in Vanguard Theatre’s student original productions.

Seven plays — all student-directed — are slated for 8 p.m. today, Saturday and Sunday in the lab theatre, Room 127, of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at UT Martin.

Anne Albrecht of Memphis will direct “The Wedding Story” by Julianne Homokay. Cast members include Courtney Erickson of Thompsons Station, Mary Beth French of Paris and Matthew Mainland of Dyer.

Anna Shaw of Florence, S.C., will direct “Fourteen” by Alice Gerstenberg. Cast members include Katie Mercuri of Chapel Hill, Cassidy Edwards of Hohenwald and Judy Chappell of Martin.

Jessica Sims of Dyer will direct “Clara” by Arthur Miller. Cast members include Dusty Stringer of Martin, Adrian Ward of Memphis and Ashley Strader of Murfreesboro.

Derrick Casey of Humboldt will direct “The Universal Language” by David Ives. Cast members include Tori Shaw of Dyer and Eric Danz of Martin.

Jennifer Horbelt of Houston, Texas, will direct “Cause and Effect” by Jonathan Ivey of Union City. Cast members include Craig Ivey of Houston, Ashley Spicer of Ripley, Annie Pelfrey of Columbia, Tramel James of Fulton and Adrian Ward of Memphis.

Nick Mounts of Centerville will direct “Charming” by Ana Shaw. Cast members include Josh Verdell of Gleason, Katie Price of Indian Mound, Jordan White of Memphis and Tim Williams of Dickson.

Grant Pugh of Milan will direct “The Pushcart Peddlers” by Murray Schisgal. Cast members include Casey Unger of Martin, Kaylis Magras of Nashville and Laura Hensley of Savannah.

All productions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at (731) 881-7400.
LOCAL STUDENT HONORED — Emily Anne Sparks (center) of Union City, a member of Chi Omega, received a University Service Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Greek Awards Ceremony, recently held during Greekgfest 2007. The award was presented to Greeks who have been an important part of UT Martin student life through their chapter, the Greek councils or involvement on campus. The award was presented by Lindsey Beth Hughes, 2007 National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) president; Melissa Coleman, 2007 NPC judicial chair; and Chantal Scott, 2006 National Pan-Hellenic Council secretary. Among those on hand to congratulate Miss Sparks were Dr. Tom Rakes (left), assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at UT Martin, and Chancellor Dr. Nick Dunagan.

KENTON STUDENT INDUCTED — A local student was among those recently inducted into the University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology majors. Eligible students must have an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 with a 3.2 grade point average in psychology. The inductees included (from left, front row) Breanna Banks, Andrea Dvorak of Kenton, Kristyn Roberts, (back row) Nikki Rickert, Emily Essary, Christy Fincher, Arnie Meredith and Katie Price.