Wilbert receives Athletic Trainers' Society educator award

Dr. Janet Wilbert, University of Tennessee at Martin assistant professor of health and human performance and athletic training coordinator, recently received the Jerry Robertson Educator Award from the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society. The award was presented during the honors and awards luncheon at the 19th annual Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society Business Meeting and Clinical Symposium in Nashville.

Wilbert, who also serves as UT Martin faculty senate president, has been a certified athletic trainer since 1992 and has practiced in high school and clinical outreach settings. She joined UT Martin in 2000 to start the athletic training program. She has been a member of TATS since 1995 and served as chair of the TATS professional education committee for the last five years. Prior to that, she was co-chair and a committee member and has been instrumental in coordinating the annual TATS meeting for 10 years.

The award is named for former head athletic trainer Jerry Robertson of East Tennessee State University for his work in creating, implementing and establishing the first undergraduate athletic training education program in the state. The award is given to an individual who is an athletic trainer in the educational setting and whose dedication and service to athletic trainers and/or athletic training students exemplifies his or her desire to learn and/or teach regarding the profession of athletic training.

TV journalist to speak at African-American Leadership Conference

Television journalist Mearl Purvis of FOX13 News in Memphis will be the keynote speaker April 19 at the 13th annual African-American Leadership Conference in Jackson.

"Challenges and Opportunities" is the theme of the conference, which will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center, according to a news release from the University of Tennessee Martin.

The conference is made possible by the UT Martin WestStar Leadership Program in partnership with the city of Brownsville, Tennessee Access & Diversity Initiatives, Walmart, First South Bank, Hardin County government, city of Covington, West Tennessee Healthcare and the UT Institute for Public Service.

Purvis has won five regional Emmy Awards, the Edward R. Murrow Award, the George Foster Peabody Award and the J.C. Penney Missouri Award. Prior to her career in Memphis, she reported and anchored in Charlotte, N.C.; Hartford, Conn.; Nashville; and Jackson, Miss.

The conference schedule is as follows:

8:30 to 9 a.m.: The conference opens with registration and continental breakfast.

9 to 9:15 a.m.: UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and Charley Deal, UT Martin WestStar executive director, will speak.

9:15 to 10 a.m.: Purvis will address the conference.

10 to 10:30 a.m.: "All in the Family" will be presented by Dr. Cyronose Spicer, Ripley New Beginnings Christian Center CEO and senior pastor and WestStar Class of 2010 alumna.

10:30 a.m.: Free blood pressure and heart assessments will be offered.

10:45 a.m.: An education panel will feature students from area schools. Yolanda Jones-Wilcox, UT Martin Ripley Center director and WestStar Class of 2005 alumna, will be the moderator.

11:30 a.m.: Lunch will be served.

12:15 p.m.: "Connecting With Your Community" will be presented by Cedric Deadmon, Southwest Tennessee Development District REDI regional college access coordinator.

12:45 p.m.: "Finance and the African American" will be presented by Chester Sharpe, assistant vice president at Bancorp South in Jackson.

1:15 p.m.: "Healthcare" will be presented by Dr. Nanette Wells-Brooks, of Jackson.

1:45 p.m.: Award presentations, remarks and door prizes will wrap up the day.

The registration deadline is April 12. The fee to attend is $35 per person or $60 for two, and the cost includes breakfast and lunch. Checks should be made payable to WestStar.

To register, e-mail WestStar coordinator Virginia Grimes at vgrimes@utm.edu, fax to (731) 881-7019 or visit www.utm.edu/weststar. For more information, call Grimes at (731) 881-7298.
Lambuth University's future cloudy, uncertain

Jackson university board weighs school's options

By Richard Morgan

Monday, April 4, 2011

The future of Lambuth University, the private Methodist college in Jackson, Tenn., has been cloudy ever since it lost its accreditation in December.

The school founded in 1843 still enrolls 406 students, including 51 from Shelby County, and will operate into the fall thanks to a federal injunction won in February, but it is widely being treated by politicians, developers and educators as an institution in its death throes. Lambuth spokeswoman Mickey Goodwin declined comment on the school's future. The Lambuth board is scheduled to meet April 14 to consider options for the future.

"We in Jackson are still pulling for Lambuth," said Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist, adding, "but we have to plan for contingencies."

When Gov. Bill Haslam visited Jackson recently, Gist talked to him about Lambuth's woes. According to Gist, Haslam said he would be meeting with Shirley Raines, the University of Memphis president, and would mention the prospect of U of M taking over the campus as some kind of satellite or extension.

"The governor is currently gathering information about the situation in Lambuth," said David Smith, Haslam's press secretary.

State Senate majority leader Mark Norris, R-Collierville, said he's aware of talks about the possibility of U of M acquiring Lambuth, but doesn't know details.

"There is no such association being discussed by the U of M with anybody," said Curt Guenther, a U of M spokesman. "There has been a rumor that the mayor of Jackson and the governor, or somebody from his office, or somebody from the state government in Nashville, may have been discussing such an association, but the U of M is not part of any such discussions, even if they have been taking place."

The rumor was inflamed this past week when observers noted Memphis real estate developer Henry Turley had visited the Lambuth area of Jackson recently. Turley explained that he is frequently in Jackson, as he was on March 17 and 24, because he is involved with a development called Healthy Community, part of a city revitalization
The swath of Jackson that the project covers includes Lambuth.

The February injunction returned Lambuth to accreditation probation status in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. A college without accreditation loses all federal financial support, effectively killing the campus.

Lambuth has 28 buildings, including a planetarium, a chapel, stadiums for baseball and football, tennis courts, and six houses for Greek organizations.

"That was not an opportunity we wanted," said Tom Rakes, chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Martin, which evaluated Lambuth in 2009 as the site of a possible campus extension. "It's set up as a main campus, not a satellite. We have no need for a stadium, for dorms, not even for a cafeteria.

"A satellite's structural priorities are mostly just accessibility and parking. We could've torn down the parts that we didn't need, except that we didn't need most of it."

The extension UT-Martin has planned to open in Jackson this fall is a one-story building off the highway. It will house a handful of classrooms, a modest library and computer lab, and a few offices.

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Staff reporter Richard Locker contributed to this story.

SPRING PIANO CONCERT SLATED FOR APRIL 12

The University of Tennessee at Martin piano ensemble will present a spring concert at 7:30 p.m., April 12, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

A wide variety of musical selections for four and eight hands will be presented. Included on the program are three pieces for two pianos, Poulenc Capriccio, Rachmaninoffs Tarantella from Suite No. 2 and an arrangement of Carl Maria von Webers Invitation to the Dance for eight hands.

Also on the program are works for piano duet. They include Czernys Sonatina Brillante in G Major, Alkans arrangement of Mozarts Finale to Don Juan, Spindlers Sonatina in F Major, and Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 of Grieg arranged by the composer.

UT Martin students performing include Andrew Moore, of South Fulton; Michael Yandell, of Union City; Harold Johnson, of Memphis; Brandon Whaley, of Dresden; Victoria Morgan, of Cordova; Ciera Besses, of Clarksville; Kelsey Currie, of Brownsville; and Serena Chen, of Taiwan.

The UT Martin piano ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Harriss at 731-881-7411 or elaineh@utm.edu.
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Students inducted into UTM honor society

Henry County students (from left) Carrie Dean, Morgan Perkins, Carrie Turner, Madison Moody and Rachel Robinson, were recently inducted into Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society at the University of Tennessee at Martin. In order to be considered for inclusion in the honor society, students must achieve a grade point average of at least a 3.50 during their initial fall or spring semester of college. The students were inducted during a service Feb. 27 in the Watkins Auditorium at UT Martin.
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UT Martin students attend Tennessee Bankers Association Credit Conference

Jenny Moehle and Michael Lamb are pictured with Terri Brundige of BancorpSouth in Dresden. The bank sponsored the two UT Martin banking students to attend the annual Tennessee Bankers Credit Conference held earlier this spring. The conference program covers timely issues facing the banking industry on national and state levels. Speakers and workshops help these students understand how legislative issues impact community banks and the customers they serve. The conference event is a favorite experience for the students of Dr. Tom Payne, chair of the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking at UT Martin.

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“Maymyster,” a special three-week mini-term, will be offered in May at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The term will span May 16-June 3.

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University of Tennessee at Martin students, Matthew Maitland, left, of Bradford, Lizzie Wouters, of Knoxville, and Adrian Ward, of Memphis; are among cast members of “Rashomon” that will be staged by UT Martin’s Vanguard Theatre.

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Weakley County Head Start received the Outstanding Community Partner Award at the recent University of Tennessee at Martin annual Institute for Civic Engagement Sculpting Summit. Pictured, from left to right, are Mitzi Gilliam, Northwest Tennessee Head Start area specialist, and Dr. Mike McCullough, UT Martin ICE director.

Milan Chamber offers free business advice

Take advantage of the opportunity to get one-on-one business consulting from Erik Markin, University of Tennessee at Martin Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) at the University of Tennessee At Martin.

Markin will be at the Milan Chamber of Commerce, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Thursday, April 21. He will be available to help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with advice on a business plan, financing options, marketing, customer service, cash flow and other issues.

The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and FREE. Appointments may be made by contacting the chamber at 731-686-7494. For additional services offered by TSBDC, go to www.tsbdc.org
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Book loans for the mini-term courses will be available, as will housing.

The mini-term will be followed by two five-week summer terms, one beginning on June 6 and the second on July 12.

To see a list of Maymester courses, go to: http://www.utm.edu/departments/registrar/documents/Maymester%202011%20Course%20Schedule.pdf.

For more information, call 731-881-7050. For housing information, call 731-881-7730.

South Korea is focus of UTM International Week

The University of Tennessee at Martin has been featuring South Korea this week for its annual International Week.

Remaining events throughout the week include:

- A presentation on Korean culture today from 5:15-6:30 p.m., followed by a Korean dinner, at 6:30. Both of these events will take place in Room 206 of Boling University Center.
- "U.S.-Korean Strategic Relations" will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in Room 206 of Boling University Center. It will be presented by John Castellaw, retired lieutenant general from the United States Marine Corps, and Dr. Ted Mosch, UT Martin professor emeritus of political science.

International Week is sponsored by International Programs and the Center for International Education. All events are open to the public.

For more information, contact the Center for International Education at (731) 881-1023.

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Josh Gatlin of Union City, a senior vocal music education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will perform his senior voice recital at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

Gatlin will be performing works by Puccini, Monteverdi, Schumann, Ives and Fauré. The recital is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Roberto Mancusi, assistant professor of music, at (731) 881-7405.
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Based on the 1951 film “Rashomon” by Fay and Michael Kanin, the play begins with a samurai officer being killed and his bride assaulted when they meet a bandit in a rainy woods. During the trial of the bandit, four contradictory accounts of the incident are reported. The fact that many people can observe the same event, yet recall it differently, shows us that life does not always have clear meanings and questions the nature of truth itself.

UT Martin cast members include: Rachel Cagle of Waverly; Justin Hunt of Martin; Matthew Maitland of Bradford; John Nicholson of Centerville; Casey Unger of Martin; Eric Staggs of Waynesboro; Adrian Ward and Carnecia White, both of Memphis; and Lizzie Wouters of Knoxville.

Kayla Ballard of Munford is the stage manager.

Guest fight choreographer Susan Chrietzberg is visiting from the University of Memphis and will stage several sword fights throughout the play. Chrietzberg has conducted two stage combat workshops, preparing the student actors for the fights.

Directing the show is Ken Zimmerman, instructor of visual and theatre arts, with Douglas Cook, professor of visual and theatre arts, as the set and lighting designer. The costumes were created by Melanie Holli, lecturer of visual and theatre arts, with sound and technical direction by Tim Barrington, technical director for visual and theatre arts.

For more information, contact the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at (731) 881-7090.
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The cast features vocal students from the Department of Music: Easton Cecil and Rachel Lemonds, both of Dyersburg; Darrius Dandridge of Bolivar; Te’Rell Douglas of Jackson; Julia Ellegood of Roseburg, Ore.; Josh Gatlin and Nick Gatlin, both of Union City; Aaron Hand of Fairview; Ebonie Harrell and Heidi Lawson, both of Ripley; Joy Heath and Stephanie Klink of Bartlett; Timothy Johnson of Memphis; Melanie King of Cordova; Eric Lipford of Alamo; Vivian Mak of Hong Kong, China; Asha Moody of Pulaski; Michael Richardson of Dickson; and Will Sliger of Martin.

The production is under the musical direction of Dr. Roberto Mancusi, assistant professor of music, and stage direction of Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of music. Dr. Scott Roberts, professor of music, will provide the piano accompaniment for the performances.

For more information, call (731) 881-7408.

West Tennessee Day of Percussion scheduled at UT Martin Saturday

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Harnsberger is director of percussion studies and artist in residence at Lee University.

The University of Memphis, Bethel University in McKenzie and UT Martin’s percussion ensembles will all be participating in the day’s events. In addition, Josh Smith, assistant professor of music at Bethel University; Frank Shaffer, associate professor of percussion at the University of Memphis; and Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of music at UT Martin, will all be giving clinics at the event.

Plus, all participating percussionists will be performing a contemporary work for 99 percussionists, entitled “Inukshuk.” This piece will be performed at 1 p.m. outside the Boling University Center around the fountain.

The concert is open to the public.

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day. Tickets can be purchased for $5 each. Additional tickets may be purchased for $1.

On Sunday, the University of Tennessee at Martin percussion ensemble will perform its spring concert at 3 p.m. in Room 112 of Boling University Center.

The concert will feature Harnsberger as guest marimba soloist. Additional works will include a piece for Middle Eastern frame drum ensemble and another work for marimba choir.

The performance will also feature a premiere by Dr. Scott Roberts, professor of music, with a work titled “Tocatta.” Cory Bozard, senior music performance major, will also be featured on “Rites of Passage,” for marimba solo and ensemble.

The concert includes a contemporary marimba quartet entitled “Sculptures in Wood” and a Brazilian steel drum piece entitled “La Samba.”

The ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Hill. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Hill at (731) 881-7418 or jhill@utm.edu.
April 6, 2011, Jackson TN – West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation is proud to announce the addition of Dave Bratcher to its staff as Vice President of Financial Services. Mr. Bratcher, a native of Jackson, Tennessee will make the move back to Jackson from Oklahoma City, OK.

Mr. Bratcher is the son of two Jackson educators and is a graduate of Jackson Central Merry and the University of Tennessee at Martin where he received a bachelor of science in business administration. As the Vice President of Financial Services, Mr. Bratcher will manage all charitable donations, investments, and allocations of funds. "The Foundation has seen tremendous growth in the past ten years and we see the addition of Dave as a tremendous asset to help us move to the next level," stated Frank McMeen, president of the Foundation. "Dave brings energy and experience to this new position and I am delighted to see him join the Foundation," stated Vicki Burch, chairman of the Foundation Board of Directors and president of West Tennessee Business College.

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**Andy Harnsberger Clinic**

4/8/2011

Andy Harnsberger will present a marimba clinic and master class at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

April 8, 2011

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Greenhagen named top student for year

Jason Greenhagen, of Dickson, was awarded a Student of the Year Award from Lincoln Memorial University's DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine at its recent spring gala in Knoxville.

Greenhagen was selected as the male student of the year by the members of the Class of 2014. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is the son of Dennis and Pam Greenhagen.

The DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine is located on the campus of Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn.

Who's Who student named

Meera Yogesh, of Medina, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Award Ceremony. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, co-curricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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Local students receive honors

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Gatlin, of Union City, will be performing works by several composers including Puccini, Monteverdi, Schumann, Ives and Fauré.

The recital will be free and open to the public.

To find out more information about the performance, contact Dr. Roberto Mancusi, assistant professor of music, at 731-881-7405.

Places to go, people to see

• UT Martin Rodeo begins April 14 at the Ned R. McWherter Agricultural Complex on the UT Martin campus. Yeehaw!

• UT Martin Recycles! Earth Fest Art Contest

Admission day is April 7 and display dates are April 16-25 in various places in The Looking Glass Coffee and Curiosities and the Paul Meek Library. Email or send a hard copy of artwork including name, address, phone number, name of art, size of art and any displaying needs.
University of Tennessee at Martin students, Matthew Maitland, left, of Bradford; Lizzie Wouters, of Knoxville, and Adrian Ward, of Memphis; are among cast members of "Rashomon" that will be staged by UT Martin's Vanguard Theatre. Opening performance will be at 8 p.m., April 14, in the Student Life Center. Additional performances will be at 8 p.m., April 15-16, and 3 p.m., April 17.

MARTIN, Tenn. – The University of Tennessee at Martin Vanguard Theatre will present its opening performance of "Rashomon," at 8 p.m., April 14, in the Student Life Center. Additional performances will be at 8 p.m., April 15-16, and 3 p.m., April 17.

Tickets are $5 for students and children and $10 for adults. Tickets will only be available at the door and will be on sale two hours before curtain time of each performance.

Based on the 1951 film, "Rashomon," by Pay and Michael Kanin, the play begins with a samurai officer being killed and his bride assaulted when they meet a bandit in a rainy woods. During the trial of the bandit, four contradictory accounts of the incident are reported. The fact many people can observe the same event, yet recall it differently shows us that life does not always have clear meanings and questions the nature of truth itself.

UT Martin cast members include: Rachel Cagle, of Waverly; Justin Hunt, of Martin; Matthew Maitland, of Bradford; John Nicholson, of Centerville; Casey Unger, of Martin; Eric Staggs, of Waynesboro; Adrian Ward, of Memphis; Carnecia White, of Memphis; and Lizzie Wouters, of Knoxville. Kayla Ballard, of Munford, is the stage manager.

Guest fight choreographer, Susan Chrietzberg, is visiting from the University of Memphis and will stage several sword fights throughout the play. Chrietzberg has conducted two stage combat workshops, preparing the student actors for the fights.

Directing the show is Ken Zimmerman, instructor of visual and theatre arts, with Douglas Cook, professor of visual and theatre arts, as the set and lighting designer. The costumes are created by Melanie Hollis, lecturer of visual and theatre arts, with sound and technical direction by Tim Barrington, technical director for visual and theatre arts.

For more information, contact the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7090.
Finney to host forum

Future of West Tennessee education to be discussed

Education, government and business leaders will gather in Jackson on April 28 to discuss the future of education in West Tennessee at a forum hosted by state Sen. Lowe Finney, D-Jackson.

"We have several different groups in our state asking the same questions about education," Finney said in a news release. "But asking those questions is only the first step. It's time to get those groups together and start coming up with potential answers."

The forum is scheduled to be held from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Madison Academic High School, 179 Allen Ave. in Jackson. Registration will begin at 4:30. Admission is free and open to the community. The public will be invited to submit written questions for the panelists.

Consideration by the panelists.

"It's important that we have an event that parents can attend after work so that they can observe and participate," Finney said in the release. "Our public schools need everyone involved, from the bank CEO to the single mother, from top state officials to the first-year school teacher. We all have a role to play."

The evening will begin with presentations from the state Department of Education and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission regarding the state of education in West Tennessee. Two follow-up panels composed of more than 30 leaders in education, business and government will then discuss local school issues. Department of Education Commissioner Patrick Smith will moderate the panels.

Panel discussions will be held on many topics including questions on parental involvement and expectations; curriculum and classroom practices; community links with schools, colleges and universities; and state and local government's role in education.

"We have an exciting chance to start relationships in our area among business leaders, education experts and the families whose children are affected every day by our legislative decisions," Finney said. "We all need to be sitting down at the table and discovering what works and what does not. This forum is the start of a new conversation that will hopefully lead to even greater action. Let's start by identifying which questions to ask."

Those interested in attending may call (615) 741-8180 or e-mail sen.lowe.finney@capitol.tn.gov to reserve a place at the forum.
Percussion ensemble to perform at UTM

The University of Tennessee Martin percussion ensemble will perform its spring concert at 3 p.m. today in Room 112 of the Boling University Center on campus.

The concert features guest marimba soloist Andy Harnsberger, director of percussion studies and artist in residence at Lee University. Additional works include a piece for Middle Eastern frame drum ensemble and another work for marimba choir.

The performance also features a premiere by Scott Roberts, professor of music, with a work titled "Tocatta." Cory Bozard, senior music performance major, will be featured on "Rites of Passage," for marimba solo and ensemble. The concert includes a contemporary marimba quartet titled "Sculptures in Wood" and a Brazilian steel drum piece titled "La Samba."

The ensemble is under the direction of Julie Hill, associate professor of percussion. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Hill at (731) 881-7418 or jhill@utm.edu.

Carroll County Student Receives Scholarship to Attend UT Martin

MARTIN - A Carroll County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Andrea Argo, daughter of Joe and Sherry Argo of Trezevant, will be a freshman. She received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship/Workshop.

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-UTM; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.

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UT Martin grad joins ATA

Alexander Thompson Arnold CPAs is proud to announce that Jason Anderson has joined its team. He is a senior manager in the firm’s Murray, Kentucky office.

"During his 10 years in the accounting field, Jason has demonstrated his hard work ethic and high professional standards. Both of which complement ATA’s client-centered, excellence-driven focus," said Al Creswell, CPA and chief manager for Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC. "We are proud to have Jason on our team."

Anderson focuses his practice on audit work, fraud investigation, individual and corporate tax and, estate planning. He has worked hard in the accounting industry and has earned several certifications, including certified public accountant (CPA), certified fraud examiner (CFE) and certified internal auditor (CIA).

A graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, Anderson is a member of the Kentucky Society of CPAs, Kansas Society of CPAs, American Institute of CPAs, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and Institute of Internal Auditors.

A native of Carroll County, Jason and his wife Brandy have two daughters: Annabella and Genevieve.

He enjoys spending time with his family, an array of outdoor activities, reading and classical music.

With ten offices in Tennessee and Kentucky, Alexander Thompson Arnold CPAs is one of the largest accounting and consulting firms in the Mid-South and was named the ninth largest accounting firm in the State of Tennessee by Business TN Magazine.

For more information about Alexander Thompson Arnold CPAs, visit www.atacpa.net or call 587-5145.

WEAKLEY COUNTY HEAD START RECEIVES OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD – Weakley County Head Start received the Outstanding Community Partner Award at the recent University of Tennessee at Martin annual Institute for Civic Engagement Sculpting Summit. Pictured are Mitzi Gilliam, (left), Northwest Tennessee Head Start area specialist, and Dr. Mike McCullough, UT Martin ICE director.
OUTSTANDING RESEARCH — University of Tennessee at Martin senior chemistry and music major Andrew Moore (center) of South Fulton recently received the Outstanding Student Research Award for his project, "Implication of Excessive Carbonate Growth on Jute Snails and Tufa at Chechem Ha Cave, Belize, Central America." The award was presented by Dr. Nancy Hinds, awards committee chair, at the UT Martin chapter of Sigma Xi Research Society's annual spring banquet. They were joined by Dr. Michael Gibson, Moore's University Scholars faculty mentor. The banquet was held in conjunction with a presentation by Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer/Academic Speaker Dr. Jeremy Turner, former UT Martin faculty member. Following the banquet, Turner presented his current research regarding tinnitus and hearing loss.

THREE HONOREES — The University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of Sigma Xi Research Society recently held its annual spring banquet. Student poster presenters from the recent Joint Research Symposium with Murray (Ky.) State University were among the honorees. They included (from left) Matthew McKinnon of Bolivar and Wes Rodgers of Prospect, both from the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Josh Potts of South Fulton, from the Department of Engineering. The certificates were presented by Dr. Paula Gale, professor of soil science and Sigma Xi president-elect.
Debra Craig ready to build on SF success as new city manager

By CHRIS MENEES
Staff Reporter

Debra Craig is ready to build on the positive in South Fulton.

Mrs. Craig, a Union City resident, was officially selected Tuesday as South Fulton's new city manager. She succeeds Jeff Vowell, a South Fulton resident who resigned in December 2010 to accept a position in the local banking business. South Fulton Mayor David Crocker has been serving as interim city manager in the meantime.

After applications were accepted for the city manager's position, South Fulton City Commission members' top five choices were interviewed April 2. From those interviews, the top three candidates returned April 5 for a second round of interviews.

The commission met Tuesday evening in a called session that lasted just two minutes and officially voted to offer the job to Mrs. Craig. Vice Mayor Charles Moody made the motion to offer her the job and it was approved by a vote of 4-0, with commissioners Tony Perry and Thomas Pettigrew joining Crocker and Moody in approving it.

Debra Craig

The commission currently consists of just four members rather than five since the recent resignation of Keith Curlin, who submitted his application for the city manager's position.

Crocker told The Messenger commissioners saw some good applicants during the interview process.

"It was a tough decision," he said. "We got it down to three after the first round of interviews. We had a second round of interviews and we feel like we have selected the best candidate." He said commissioners were impressed with Mrs. Craig's background and feel she will do a good job for the City of South Fulton.

"We were all 100 percent in agreement on the selection," Crocker said.

"We're going to back her all the way," Moody added.

Crocker said Mrs. Craig's official starting date will be May 2.

Ready to work for SF

Mrs. Craig told The Messenger she most recently has been working in a temporary full-time position at the University of Tennessee at Martin through the Department of Human Resources in the Department of Education.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration/finance from UT Martin and is working toward a master's degree in public administration through Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa.

In past years, she has worked as an accounting clerk at the Dyer County Courthouse, a staff accountant at Honeywell Consumer Products in Newbern, an area manager at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. in Union City, a family advocate at Northwest Tennessee Head Start in Union City and a program director at the Summer Food Service Program in Dyer.

She is married to Kenny Craig, an Obion County Sheriff's Department deputy who works as the school resource officer at South Fulton Middle School/High School and a Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer for Obion County schools. They are the parents of three sons, 11-year-old Kendall, 10-year-old Kaleb and 6-year-old Kolby, who attend Union City schools.

When asked why she applied for the position, Mrs. Craig explained she has a background in business and some job experience in local government and management. Plus, she cited her ties to South Fulton with her husband working at the South Fulton school.

"I thought it would be a good opportunity to work with some nice people in South Fulton," she said.

Mrs. Craig said she is grateful to have been offered the position and looks forward to starting work.

"I'm looking forward to working with the staff, getting to know everybody, working with the mayor, working with the commissioners and, of course, working with the citizens of South Fulton and seeing what kind of issues concern them and building on some positive things in the community," she said.

Mrs. Craig said she is impressed with what she has seen in the community and some projects that are already in place or in the works.

"Of course, the economy has hurt everyone, but we want to try to bring some positive things," she said.

"There are some personnel issues that are kind of at the forefront of everybody's mind right now, but we want to just build on the positive and go from there."

Staff Reporter Chris Menees may be contacted by e-mail at cmenees@ucmessenger.com.
At the college level

Three Obion County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2011-12 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin. They include Eric Brann, son of Randy and Kathy Brann and of Union City, who received the Dean’s Scholarship; Nick Dial, son of Greg Dial of Troy and Crystal Meade of Union City, who received the Dean’s Scholarship; and Alex Harrison, son of Mike Harrison and Tina Osborne, both of Union City, who received the Chancellor’s Award.

All three young men will be freshmen at UT Martin.

African-American conference slated for Tuesday in Jackson

"Challenges and Opportunities" is the theme of the 13th annual African-American Leadership Conference set for 8:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Tuesday at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center in Jackson.

This conference is made possible by the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program, in partnership with the City of Brownsville, Tennessee Access & Diversity Initiatives, Walmart, First South Bank, Hardin County Government, City of Covington, West Tennessee Healthcare and the UT Institute for Public Service.

This year’s keynote speaker is Mearl Purvis of FOX13 News in Memphis.

Ms. Purvis has won five regional Emmy Awards, the Edward R. Murrow Award, the George Foster Peabody Award and the JCPenney Missouri Award. Prior to her career in Memphis, she reported and anchored in Charlotte, N.C., Hartford, Conn., Nashville and Jackson, Miss.

Registration and a continental breakfast are slated from 8:30-9. UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and Charley Deal, UT Martin WestStar executive director, will speak from 9-9:15, followed by Ms. Purvis from 9:15-10. "All in the Family" is the topic from 10-10:30, presented by Dr. Cyronose Spicer, Ripley New Beginnings Christian Center CEO/senior pastor and WestStar Class of 2010 alumna. There will be free blood pressure and heart assessments at 10:30. An education panel with students from area schools will begin at 10:45. Youlanda Jones-Wilcox, UT Martin Ripley Center director and WestStar Class of 2005 alumna, will be panel moderator.

Lunch will be served at 11:30, followed by a presentation at 12:15 p.m., "Connecting With Your Community," by Cedric Deadmon, Southwest Tennessee Development District REDI regional college access coordinator. At 12:45, "Finance and the African-American" will be presented by Chester Sharpe, Bancorp South of Jackson assistant vice president. The final presentation, "Healthcare," will be presented at 1:15 by Dr. Nanette Wells-Brooks of Jackson.

The day will end with award presentations, remarks and door prizes at 1:45.

Registration information is available at www.utm.edu/weststar.

The conference fee is $35 per person or $60 for two. The fee includes breakfast and lunch.

For more information, contact Ms. Grimes at (731) 881-7298.
A long-time Tennessee 4-H youth program supporter has received one of the organization’s most prestigious honors. Jim Byford, retired dean of UT Martin’s College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and a former extension service wildlife specialist, received the ‘Friend of 4-H’ Award from the Tennessee 4-H Foundation during the 64th Annual Tennessee 4-H Congress, March 29, in Nashville. Buddy Mitchell, interim chancellor, UT Institute of Agriculture, presented the award and described Byford as ‘a role model and mentor to many 4-H members across the state.’ Byford spent 20 years as extension wildlife specialist in Georgia and Tennessee, giving hundreds of presentations and writing numerous articles on wildlife conservation. Byford was featured in the 1983 Sports Afield hunting annual, the June 1985 issue of Outdoor Life and appeared regularly on “TNN Outdoors” from 1996-99. He has spoken at numerous seminars on agriculture, land management and natural-resource conservation throughout the U.S., Ecuador and Japan. In 1999, he authored a book through UT Press, titled ‘Close To The Land.’ SUBMITTED PHOTO

Yogesh earns UT Martin Who’s Who award

Meera Yogesh, of Medina, recently received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who’s Who Award Ceremony. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, co-curricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
Joe DiPietro, who became president of the University of Tennessee on Jan. 1, has done his share of staying in touch with the Tennessee Legislature as it tackles the budget and other issues that affect UT's campuses.

He's also trying to hear what students have to say since he isn't teaching classes these days.

The one thing that he doesn't have time for is his research as a veterinarian, although he said he tries to keep up in the field. But he doesn't forget about his work before becoming a university administrator.

In his office on the eighth floor of the Andy Holt Tower, a jar resembling two hands full of cooked spaghetti sits on a shelf. They're nematodes or roundworms found in horses - about 40 or 50 of them - in an alcohol solution.

Thus begins a story on his research in veterinary parasitology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and work leading to deworming compounds, ivermectin, moxidectin, pyrantel tartrate and fenbendazole. He also worked on flea control, fipronil, whose commercial name is Frontline. Altogether, he was involved in work to develop a dozen or more such compounds, he said.

He went to Illinois as a faculty member after working as a vet and began his research program. He got the opportunity to be a temporary replacement as a research dean, and his skills in university administration took off. When he became associate dean for research at Illinois, he continued work in the lab and teaching.

"I wanted to keep in contact with the classroom," he said in an interview.

Then, he went to the University of Florida as dean of the veterinary medicine school, where he was before coming to UT in 2006 to become vice president of the Institute of Agriculture. The title was changed to chancellor last year, prior to his being selected as president.

In his former job at the Institute of Agriculture, he had started meeting Tennessee lawmakers. With a new crop elected last November, he knew he had others to meet.

His staff figures he's been to Nashville about 15 times since Jan. 3. The latest was Wednesday when he testified before the Senate Education Committee. A video of the meeting shows he thanked them for
approving legislation allowing development employees to transfer to the UT Foundation, a fundraising arm.

Then, he testified on UT's budget, which the committee later approved. The budget includes raises of 1.5 percent, which he told the committee are needed since there haven't been any for four years.

Since this is the 100th anniversary of the UT Health Science Center in Memphis, he's made a point to meet with the Shelby County delegation.

As part of staying in touch with students, he recently met with a group of leaders at the University of Tennessee at Martin when he visited the campus.

"I hope to do that here as well," he said from his office.

He said he likes hearing what the students have to say, and he asks them what their biggest nightmares in college have been. Asked what they were, he said one felt inadequately prepared in a science discipline but had overcome it. Another had taken courses at a community college and wanted to make sure the credits would transfer.

"We had lots of fun," he said.

Georgiana Vines is retired News Sentinel associate editor. She may be reached at 865-577-6612 or gvpolitics@hotmail.com.

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The University of Tennessee at Martin has an app for that. In fact, it said it has the first branded U-T app available through I-Tunes.

The school recently released version 1.0 of the U-T Martin mobile app for iPhone and iPod Touch, featuring the latest school news, events, pictures and videos.

Version 2.0 is already being developed to include things like a school directory search, emergency notification information and library search.

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MARTIN, Tenn.—Dr. Margaret N. Perry yesterday was named the new chancellor at the University of Tennessee at Martin, becoming the first woman chief administrator of a four-year public college or university in Tennessee. The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees unanimously elected Dr. Perry, 45, who is the associate vice president for academic affairs at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, upon the recommendation of UT President Edward J. Boling. Dr. Perry received her bachelor's degree at UTM in 1961. The appointment is effective July 1.

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The performance will feature a wide variety of musical styles, including jazz-inspired music for marimba quartet, steel band music from Trinidad, Samba Reggae music from Salvador, Brazil, and more. We are especially pleased to welcome Dr. Julie Hill, director of percussion studies at the University of Tennessee at Martin, as guest artist for this concert. Dr. Hill has emerged as one of America's leading experts on various musical traditions from Brazil, and will be performing with the percussion ensembles on two works that feature the ensemble's newly acquired set of Brazilian percussion instruments. The Abilene High School Steel Band will also be making a guest appearance on the concert.

Grooms awarded UT Martin scholarship
Kaela Grooms has been awarded a scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Grooms, the daughter of Jimmy and Lisa Grooms of Humboldt, will be a freshman and received the Leaders-in-Residence scholarship.

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UT Martin Instructional Technology Services is also working on creating a version of the app for Android devices, which is set to be released in summer 2011. Android mobile phone owners can use the Web browser to go to http://m.utm.edu to access the app features.

"Really, anybody who is interested in UT Martin can find something useful with the app. That includes current faculty, staff and students, as well as alumni, prospective students or community residents," said Holt.

The version for iPhone is available at www.utm.edu/mobile.

For more information, contact Holt at 731-881-7609 or sholt@utm.edu.

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Craig assumes manager post

Debra Craig has been appointed as the new city manager for South Fulton.

The South Fulton City Commission held a brief special called meeting April 12 at the South Fulton Municipal Complex, where Mayor and Interim City Manager David Crocker and Commissioners Tony Perry, Thomas Pettigrew and Charles Moody first voted in favor of the motion to offer the job to the person the commission had previously selected to fill the position, after which Crocker announced the offer had been made to Craig, who was present at the meeting.

Craig, who resides in Union City, Tenn., will officially begin her new job in May. She currently works full-time at the University of Tennessee at Martin through the department of human resources in the education department, in a temporary position.

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Quickbooks classes set for spring

The University of Tennessee at Martin Small Business Development Center and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center are offering basic and intermediate QuickBooks courses. QuickBooks basic training course is offered from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., April 26. QuickBooks intermediate training course is offered from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., May 5.

For more information or to register for the courses, call the REED Center at 731-587-7333 or by contacting Tribble at 615-294-0511 or at elizabethtribble28@gmail.com.

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UT Martin Marimba Choir to perform

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music is hosting the 7AM Marimba Choir concert, slated for 7:30 p.m., April 14, in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center. The choir will perform works by Kaz, Whitacre, Saint-Saëns, Lauridsen and Kimura, with several of the arrangements by Zachary McCoy, freshman music performance major.

McCoy, of Trenton, created the 7AM Marimba Choir. Other musicians include Rick Drewry, of Smyrna; James Foult of Memphis; Will Kwasiaro of Newbern; Josh Spaulding, of Johnson City; and Rachel Steiner, of Murfreesboro. The event is free and open to the public.
University of Tennessee at Martin among safest

The University of Tennessee at Martin is among the safest of the four-year public institutions in Tennessee in the most recent statewide crime statistics released for reported crimes. UT Martin was the safest in the more serious crimes per 1,000 campus population and second safest in the lesser offenses per 1,000. Additionally, for more serious crimes and lesser offenses that are committed, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety has the best clearance rates for cases solved.

"We work hard to maintain the high level of safety for our students, employees and visitors," said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes. "Recent improvements in external lighting, traffic flow and the installation of 150 new surveillance cameras, we believe, will serve to further enhance the overall level of safety." According to crime statistics for 2010 recently released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, UT Martin had the least amount of reported offenses among four-year Tennessee Board of Regents and UT institutions.

"This year, emphasis was placed on the education of students on alcohol-related issues, and we experienced a decrease in the number of incidents involving alcohol, which we believe indirectly resulted in the decrease of the related offenses of assault, vandalism and disorderly conduct," said Scott Robbins, UT Martin director of public safety. "We want to remind the campus community that crime prevention remains a 'team' effort, and we need everyone to remain proactive with us by securing property, remaining vigilant and reporting suspicious activity."

During the last decade, the UT Martin crime rate consistently has been lower than the national and statewide averages for college campuses.

Weakley County students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

Several Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

* Rachel Fowler, daughter of Keith and Linda Fowler of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the chancellor’s award.
* Marissa Morales, daughter of William Woods and Peggy Morales, both of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the chancellor’s award.
* Dalton Potts, son of Randy and Cheryl Potts of Greenfield, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor’s Award and the Leaders in Residence Scholarship.

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

UT Martin engineering students earn awards

University of Tennessee at Martin engineering students claimed several awards in recent competitions at the American Society of Civil Engineers 2011 Deep South Conference.

* First-Place Technical Paper Award: Jenn Barnes.
* First-Place Surveying Award: Cal Burchett, Kyle Williams, Grayson Smith.
* First-Place Steel Bridge Display Award: Josh Ozment, Chris Collier, George Hughes, Cody McGee, Jay Gilbert, Eric Davidson, Jeff Girten, Wilson, Grant Heintzman, Phil Casterline.
* SoutheastCon awards –
  * Second-Place Hardware Award: Pat Clark, Eads; Mancel Fincher, Palmersville; and Shawn Smith, of Dyersburg.
  * Third-Place T-Shirt Design Award: Shawn Smith.
  * First-Place Overall Award: Shawn Smith, Dyersburg; Josh Ozment, Newbern; Cal Burchett, Clarksville; Jordan Crain, Dover; Chris Collier, Columbia; George Hughes, Hickory Valley; Logan Rogers, Hall; Cody McGee, Linden; Jay Gilbert, Parsons; Eric Davidson, Greenfield; Chris Kerner, Symsonia; Kyle Williams, Henderson; Jenn Barnes, Hurricane Creek; Michael Wiggins, Germantown; Kyle Williams, Dyersburg; Josh Wilson, Cumberland Furnace; Adam Frye, Henderson; Stephanie Nilica, St. Louis, Mo.; Tommy Karnes, Henderson; Grant Heintzman, Joelton; Brian Rose, Memphis; Phil Casterline, Paris; Grayson Smith, Clarksville; Cary Porter, Ripley; and Andee Poteet, Jackson.
WUTM TOP COLLEGE STATION IN SOUTH 2ND CONSECUTIVE YEAR; STUDENTS CLAIM INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

WUTM-FM, the University of Tennessee at Martin radio station, has been named the Best College Radio Station in the South for the second consecutive year. The award was presented at the Southeast Journalism Conference convention held recently in Troy, Ala. The station has placed in the top three in this category five of the last six years. This is the third time that WUTM (90.3 The Hawk) has received the top honor in this category, claiming first place in 2007, 2009 and 2010. "I'm elated but not surprised that WUTM has again been recognized as the best in the South," said Robert Nanney, Department of Communications chair and associate professor. "I see firsthand the hard work and dedication that our students and their faculty adviser, Dr. Richard Robinson, demonstrate throughout the year to make this possible. I'm also very proud of all of our Pacer winners and adviser, Tomi Parrish, for her strong leadership in SEJC."

Other 2010 "Best of the South" competition winners include Benita Evans, of Dresden, who won first place in the Best College Radio Journalist category. Evans received a second-place award in this category the previous two years. She also took second place in this year's onsite radio anchoring competition.

In campus newspaper "Best of the South" competition, Pacer Life co-editor, Regina Emery, of Dover, won second place in the Best Entertainment Writer category; former Pacer executive editor, Casey Curlin, of Fulton, Ky., (December 2011 graduate) placed fourth in Best Newspaper Layout and Design competition; and Pacer managing editor, Jennifer DeYeso, of Martin, placed sixth in advertising. Kim Barnett-Sledd, of Dresden, who is on the Spirit magazine staff, took third place in the onsite media law competition. As part of the conference, Tomi McCutchen Parrish, UT Martin instructor of communications and adviser to both the Pacer and Spirit, was named president of the SEJC for next year, when the event will be hosted on the UT Martin campus.

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Gospel choir set to perform annual spring show

The University of Tennessee at Martin Gospel Choir will be performing its spring concert at 7 p.m. April 28, at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. The choir will be singing a variety of gospel songs, including "Rain on Us," by Earnest Pugh; "Resting on His Promise," by Youthful Praise; "The Storm is Over Now," by Kirk Franklin; "What if God is Unhappy with our Praise," by Christopher Brinson; and "Stand," by John P. Kee. The Haywood High School Gospel Choir, under the direction of Ricky Reed, will also be performing. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Mykia Campbell at 731-587-5124 or at mthoma16@utm.edu.
Local scouts invited to attend Earth Day event

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society invites the public to a celebration of Earth Day on the UT Martin campus in Room 103 of the Johnson EPS Building.

This event is in conjunction with the International Year of Chemistry grant awarded to the chapter for the project “A Focus on Green Energy and Quality Environment.”

SMACS will perform assorted demonstrations, including several that will be interactive.

A homemade root beer recipe will be made with the use of dry ice, and ice cream will be made with the use of liquid nitrogen coolant. Hotdogs, hamburgers and other treats will be available.

Those planning to attend should call 731-881-7450 by April 15.

Byford honored by 4-H

A longtime Tennessee 4-H youth program supporter has received one of the organization’s most prestigious honors. Dr. Jim Byford, retired dean of UT Martin’s College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and a former extension service wildlife specialist, received the “Friend of 4-H” Award from the Tennessee 4-H Foundation during the 64th Annual Tennessee 4-H Congress recently in Nashville.

“I am both honored and humbled to receive this recognition,” Byford said of the award. “4-H has truly enriched my life, as it has millions of youth throughout the world. I’m fortunate to be a part of such a great youth organization.”

4-H is the youth development program of University of Tennessee Extension. 4-H teaches leadership, citizenship and life skills to more than 300,000 youth in grades 4-12.

4-H also has more than 18,000 adult volunteers statewide.

Buddy Mitchell, interim chancellor, UT Institute of Agriculture, presented the award and described Byford as “a role model and mentor to many 4-H members across the state,” Mitchell added.

“He made sure the 4-Hers were always welcome when it came time for State 4-H Roundup at Martin, and they looked forward to his songs and storytelling around the All Star campfire.”

Mitchell also recognized Byford’s continuing 4-H involvement following his 2009 retirement.

“His (Byford’s) latest efforts center on developing a vision for a 4-H center in West Tennessee as a member of both a Farm Bureau task force and UT Extension committee devoted to this effort,” Mitchell said.

Byford spent 20 years as extension wildlife specialist in Georgia and Tennessee, giving hundreds of presentations and writing numerous articles on wildlife conservation.

Byford was featured in the 1983 Sports Afield hunting annual, the June 1985 issue of Outdoor Life and appeared regularly on “TNN Outdoors” from 1996-98.

He has spoken at numerous seminars on agriculture, land management and natural resource conservation throughout the U.S., Ecuador and Japan. In 1999, he authored a book through UT Press, titled “Close To The Land.”
The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies is offering youth and children's programs throughout the summer. The courses get underway in June.

LEGO Camp, slated from June 20-24, is offering three classes for children ages 5-12. The registration fee is $140, including a LEGO Camp T-shirt.

Early Simple Machines, from 9-11 a.m., is for children ages 5-7. Students will build simple models, including a seesaw, rolling vehicle, spinning top, raft and other pieces. They will experience manipulating the models with pulleys, levers, gears and wheels and axles while exploring energy, buoyancy and balance. Students will work in teams of two or three.

Simple and Powered Machines, from noon-2 p.m., is for children ages 8-12. Students will build and explore machines and mechanisms, investigate motorized machines, calibrate and capture wind and study gearing mechanisms. The activities enable students to work as young scientists, engineers and designers and provides them with the settings, tools and tasks that promote design technology, science and mathematics. Participants will be involved in real-world investigations and problem solving. Students work in teams of two or three students.

Advanced Simple and Powered Machines, from 2:30-4:30, is for children ages 8-12. This class is for students who have mastered the basics of simple machines, structures and mechanisms. Using the simple and motorized mechanisms kits, four main activities, extension activities and problem-solving activities have been added to give students a more in-depth understanding of simple machines, mechanisms, structures and mechanical advantage. The class is recommended for students who have completed Simple and Powered Machines.

For more information or to register, call 731-881-7081 or go to http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/kidcollege.php.

Young Writers Summer Camp is slated from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., June 20-24, in Gooch Hall. This is a day camp for two age groups, students third through eighth grade and ninth through 12th grade. The two groups will be separate and will engage in age-appropriate writing activities with teachers from their grade levels.

Students will be involved in writing workshops, mini-lessons on content and editing strategies, writing response groups and will have a one-to-one conferences with West Tennessee Writing Project Teachers.

Young Writers Summer Camp is a program of the West Tennessee Writing Project. Registration is $125 per camper, which includes a T-shirt, writing notebook, snack provided daily and an anthology of writing by campers. Parents should provide a bag or backpack for supplies. Register by June 13.

For additional information about the Young Writers Summer Camp or WTWP, go to www.utm.edu/wtwp or e-mail David Carithers, WTWP director, at dcarithers@utm.edu.

Reading Clinic, for students in grades two to 12, is a sequential and intensive course for reading improvement taught by reading professionals from the UT Martin Reading Center. Students will be individually tested to determine their specific levels of phonics and comprehension.

Using the results, participants will be placed in a research-proven course designed to build their reading skills and strategies. Registration is $125 per week, including all supplies.

Students will meet twice a week, either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, for one hour per meeting. Times available are 9-9:50 a.m., 10-10:50 a.m., 11-11:50 a.m., 1-1:50 p.m., 2-2:50 p.m., 3-3:50 p.m. and 4-4:50 p.m.

The dates for the Reading Clinic are week one, June 6-9; week two, June 13-16; week three, June 20-23; and week four, June 27-30.

To register, call ECOS at 731-881-7082.
LOCAL STUDENT RECOGNIZED AT UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MARTIN HONORS DAY

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Jenna L. Miller, of Highland Village recently received the Intercollegiate Athletics Student-Athletes Award for Volleyball during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This award is presented to student-athletes in their respective sports, who have demonstrated leadership in and out of the athletic venue and academic excellence.

For the 2007 - 2008 school year at Marcus High School, Jenna received All State honors as well as was Setter of the Year.

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Local UT-Martin student leads ag booth

Martin Sander, a sophomore animal science major from Dickson, manned the Student Cattlemen's Association booth during Ag Awareness Day at the UT-Martin. As president of the student organization, he provided information about the cattle industry in the United States and the association.

The event was held to increase awareness about agriculture and its importance in today's economy.

UT-Martin student from Dickson Co. earns awards

Josh Wilson, of Cumberland Furnace, who is an engineering student at the UT-Martin, won third place overall at the American Society of Civil Engineers 2011 Deep South Conference at Mississippi State University.

Wilson was also among a group of students who won first place in the Steel Bridge Display Award. The group included, Wilson, Josh Ozment, Chris Collier, George Hughes, Cody McGee, Jay Gilbert, Eric Davidson, Jeff Girten, Grant Heintzman and Phil Casterline.
Local students at UT-Martin

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Dickson native to perform in UT-Martin opera

Michael Richardson, of Dickson, will appear in the University of Tennessee at Martin’s presentation of “Gianni Schicchi” April 15-16 in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center in Clarksville. The one-act opera sung in English is presented by the school’s Department of Music Lyric Opera Theatre. Admission is $5. For more information, call (731) 881-7408.

Sound of percussion: samba to lounge

2 concerts will highlight versatility

By Jeremy Goldmeier

Sunday, April 17, 2011

Percussion ensembles do much more than just banging and clanging.

From complex Brazilian rhythms to all-new compositions, two of Abilene’s universities will be showing off their versatile percussion ensembles this week.

Abilene Christian University’s ensemble performs tonight at 8 p.m. in Cullen Auditorium and McMurry University’s group will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Ryan Little Theater.

Both shows are free.

At ACU, percussion students received an assist from Dr. Julie Hill, an ace percussion director from the University of Tennessee at Martin.
**SHHS students attend UT-Martin Preview Day**

Taylor Lowe and Brandon Benbow, students at Spring Hill High School, attended the recent University of Tennessee at Martin Preview Day.

More than 120 students were in attendance and received information about a variety of topics, including scholarships and financial aid, college and housing costs and various university academic programs. Courtesy photo

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- Kayla Kizer, a senior at Culleoka High School, has been awarded a McWhorter Freshman Scholarship/Workshop for the 2011-2021 academic year at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Becky Kizer of Culleoka.

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**Honor society**

Laken Black of Erin has been inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi honor society at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Candidates are invited into the international honor society in education because of scholarly achievement, commitment to excellence, and dedication and passion for a career in education. Membership is open only to the top 20 percent of those entering the education field.

Chelsea Cary of Erin received the Outstanding Upper Division Management, Marketing, Computer Science and Information Systems Student Award and the Information Systems Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The information systems award is given to a student in information systems chosen by the faculty of the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems. The recipient selected is the outstanding senior in information systems.

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**UT MARTIN AMONG SAFEST FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

**MARTIN, Tenn.** — The University of Tennessee at Martin is among the safest of the four-year public institutions in Tennessee in the most recent statewide crime statistics released for reported crimes. UT Martin was the safest in the more serious crimes per 1,000 campus population and second safest in the lesser offenses per 1,000. Additionally, for more serious crimes and lesser offenses that are committed, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety has the best clearance rates for cases solved.

"We work hard to maintain the high level of safety for our students, employees, and visitors," said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes. "Recent improvements in external lighting, traffic flow, and the installation of 150 new surveillance cameras, we believe, will serve to further enhance the overall level of safety."

According to crime statistics for 2010 recently released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, UT Martin had the least amount of reported offenses among four-year Tennessee Board of Regents and UT institutions.

"This year, emphasis was placed on the education of students on alcohol-related issues, and we experienced a decrease in the number of incidents involving alcohol, which we believe indirectly resulted in the decrease of the related offenses of assault, vandalism and disorderly conduct," said Scott Robbins, UT Martin director of public safety. "We want to remind the campus community that crime prevention remains a 'team' effort, and we need everyone to remain proactive with us by securing property, remaining vigilant and reporting suspicious activity."

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UT opposes guns carried on campus

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LOCAL STUDENT RECOGNIZED AT UT MARTIN HONORS DAY — Joshua L. Potts, of South Fulton, recently received the Outstanding Upper Division Engineering Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This award is presented to an upper division engineering student with at least 60 semester hours who has demonstrated scholarship and leadership ability, participated in extracurricular activities and has shown promise of professional achievement. (Photo submitted)
UT system stands against upcoming gun legislation

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BCM plans 5K run/walk

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry at the University of Tennessee Martin will be hosting a 5K Run/Walk. The theme is "Miles for Missions." It will take place on April 30, around the UT Martin Campus area. The cost to participate is $20 or before April 22. Cost is $15 for teams of 10 or more and Seniors 60 & up.

After Saturday up to the day of the race the cost is $30. Registration will take place at the entrance to the Elam Center and will begin at 7:30 a.m. The race will start at 8:30 a.m. First and second place awards will be presented to the best overall runners, male and female. Awards also will be given to the top male and female runners in each division. For more info and to register call 731-587-2265 or download a registration form at www.ut-martin-bcm.org.
Earth Day all year long

In its sixth year, UTM Recycles! has grown leaps and bounds, getting more Martin citizens, students and faculty from UT Martin involved in their projects. The brightly-decorated recycling barn has been accepting material for three years. Last year, according to Dr. Angelina Mackewn, it recycled 40 tons of glass, 38 tons of metal, 46 tons of plastic and 245 tons of cardboard as well as over 13,000 used books.

UTM Recycles! introduces students to the program the minute they arrive by helping them move into their dorms and recycle their moving boxes. Then it hosts various ecological events throughout the year, including Earth Week celebration which began with a 5K fun run and walk on April 9. Event co-hosts are the American Democracy Project and the Institute for Civic Engagement. There have been two community clean-up events so far this academic year, including one on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Students and individuals from organizations on and off campus picked up litter and brought it to the Recycling Facility.

Football homecoming was a waste-free event, earning the group national recognition for placing third in a national contest on waste minimalization.

One day every summer, high school students from around the state attending the Governor’s School for the Humanities serve as volunteers, accepting and sorting through recyclables dropped off that day, learning about different kinds of plastic and how waste breaks down in landfills, among other subjects.

A new community gardens project is also slated due to a grant from the University of Tennessee Women’s Philanthropy Alliance, according to Dr. Heidi Huse. There are plans to work with Trinity Presbyterian to work on a garden that will be open to the Martin community to grow healthy foods. Tonight, the recycling group will be hosting the award-winning documentary on natural gas drilling, “Gasland.”

The film is free and open to the public and will be shown in the Holt Humanities building auditorium at 6 p.m.

Drop off recycling at 106 N. Moody at the end of the street that runs behind the Skylhawk football stadium. The building is decorated with a painting done by UTM Visual Arts Society.

Local students recognized at UT Martin Honors Day

• Brittany L. Sturgill, of Newbern, recently received the Cunningham Outstanding Freshman Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

This is an award of $2,000 given to a freshman student who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, leadership skills and involvement in campus activities. The selection is made through the Division of Student Affairs.

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CRD awards over $5,000 in scholarship money

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

The 37th Annual Community Resource Development (CRD) Banquet was held on Saturday, April 16 at Dyersburg Middle School. The theme of this year's banquet was "Building Leaders Through Education." CRD awarded $5,300 in scholarship money to graduating seniors to help them get their college education started.

CRD also recognized several outstanding leaders in the community including Cora Hughes, who received CRD's highest honor when she was presented with the C. King Humanitarian Award.

Jackie Williams, King's great-granddaughter, spoke of the qualities that set Hughes apart for this award. Hughes has lived a life of serving others. An avid supporter of children and the elderly, Hughes retired from the Lake County School System after 40 years as a teacher, coach and librarian.

During a time when it was difficult for African-Americans to obtain higher education, Hughes received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Lane College and her Master of Science Degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Hughes is a rock in her community and today she continues to show her devotion and love through many organizations. Hughes is in her third term as member of the Lake County Board of Education. Hughes also serves on the boards of the Lake County Health Council and the Tiptonville Library and is the president of the Lincoln Alumni Association. She is a nursing home volunteer as well as a Salvation Army volunteer.

Hughes is a member of many organizations including the Lake County Chapter of the NAACP, Lake County Retired Teachers Association and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The list of how many organizations she has impacted goes on.

On Saturday evening, Hughes received the recognition that she typically avoids. Greeted with a standing ovation, Miss Cora, as many know her, was recognized for her years of selfless efforts to her community.

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Students SOAR at UT Martin

Incoming freshmen who plan to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin during the fall semester can get prepared for college life by attending a Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) program. The first SOAR date has been scheduled for April 30, with check-in set for 8 a.m. at Boling University Center. Students should attend both SOAR and First-Year Initiative prior to the fall semester. In order to attend SOAR, students must have applied for admission and received a tentative or final acceptance letter. Advance SOAR registration is required. For more information about SOAR, call the office of admissions toll free at 1-800-829-UTMI or (731) 881-7027. Online registration is also available at www.utm.edu.

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The Messenger, Union City, Tennessee.

Wednesday, April 20, 2011
UTM plans ‘Maymester’ three-week mini-term

“Maymester,” a special three-week mini-term, will be offered in May at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The term will span May 16 through June 3. “Maymester has proven to be a very popular addition to our academic calendar in its first two years and we are looking forward to another successful term for 2011,” said Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs. “The deans and chairs have been working with the faculty to fine tune the courses we will offer and we hope the students will find it both practical and educationally rewarding.”

Each in-person class will meet daily Monday through Friday. The four standard course time slots for three-hour courses will be as follows: 7:30-10:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m., 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. The maximum load will be six semester hours.

Late registration will be available until 5 p.m. May 17, but a late registration fee of $50 will now apply. The normal in-state tuition and fees of $259 per credit hour ($270 for online courses) will apply. Fee payments will be due by 5 p.m. May 17. Financial aid will be available to the same extent there is assistance available during the regular summer terms.

There will be several courses offered online or as in-person/online “hybrids.” The Parsons, Ripley and Selmer centers are planning to offer courses during the Maymester in addition to the summer terms.

Book loans for the mini-term courses will be available, as will housing.

The mini-term will be followed by two five-week summer terms, one beginning on June 6 and the second on July 12.

To see a list of Maymester courses, go to: http://www.utm.edu/departments/registrar/documents/Maymester%202011%20Course%20Schedule.pdf.

For more information, call (731) 881-7050. For housing information, call (731) 881-7730.

Several local students were honored at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s recent 47th annual Honors Day.

They included:

- Derrick T. Williams of Union City, Outstanding Nursing Student Award.
- Allison T. Jones of South Fulton, Outstanding Upper Division Accounting, Finance, Economics and Political Science Student Award.
- Andrew H. Moore of South Fulton, Outstanding Music Student Award and the Harry Neal Memorial Award. The Harry Neal Memorial Award is given to recognize an outstanding piano major in the UT Martin Department of Music, with the recipient chosen by the piano faculty and the department chair on the basis of performance growth and grade received during the year.
- William Philip Wesner of Union City, Outstanding Astronomy/Physics Student Award.
- Johnathon B. Wright of Union City, Outstanding Sophomore Engineering Award, presented to a sophomore engineering student with at least 45 semester hours who has demonstrated scholarship and leadership ability, participated in extracurricular activities and shown professional achievement.
- Kassie L. Hughes of South Fulton, the William T. McCutchen Geology Award. This is an award of up to $300. Eligible students must have sophomore standing, be a declared geoscience major with a concentration in geology and submit an application explaining why the applicant has chosen geology as a career. Funding for the award comes from faculty and alumni and is named in honor of professor William T. McCutchen, the first geology faculty member at the university.
- Michael Yandell of Union City, the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity Award. The award of $300 is given to an outstanding male music major. It is based on scholastic ability, participation in music activities and leadership. The recipient is chosen by the members of the fraternity and the faculty advisor.
Leaders challenged to improve region

African American Leadership Conference marks 13th event

By Tracie Simer
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The goal of the 13th annual African-American Leadership Conference in Jackson was to challenge leaders and community members to improve West Tennessee.

The conference, titled “Challenges and Opportunities,” was an all-day event held at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center.

The conference was organized and sponsored by the UT Martin WestStar Leadership Program in partnership with the city of Brownsville, Tennessee Access & Diversity Initiatives, Walmart, First South Bank, Hardin County government, the city of Covington, West Tennessee Healthcare and the UT Institute for Public Service.

Charley Deal, executive director of WestStar, told those in attendance that they should apply what they learned Tuesday to their respective communities. People from 18 of

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West Tennessee’s 21 counties were in attendance, he said.

“People are leaving their doors and go and challenge your community and improve your community,” he said. “That’s what West Star is about — improving West Tennessee communities one day at a time.”

The conference’s keynote speaker was television news reporter and anchor Mearl Purvis of FOX13 News in Memphis. She also challenged conference attendees to work with the religious community and health care industry to improve the lives and welfare of neighbors.

“As leaders, you’ve got to do better jobs of embracing this country as our own,” she said. “We’ve got to do a better job of being stewards of this nation.”

In one community of Memphis, there are three churches to a block. This same area also has the highest crime rates in the city — there is something wrong with that picture, Purvis said.

“Many preachers are coming together, there’s a movement now to change that,” she said.

Educating community members about the benefits of getting healthy can help families ease their wallets and their weight, Purvis said.

“I’ve always believed the industry would always get around to charging people for not being healthy,” she said. “I think as leaders, we have to tell people the truth about it.”

Resisting the urge to eat out every day and living a healthy lifestyle can lead to not just weight loss but lower blood pressure and even the disappearance of existing diabetes, Purvis said.

“This industry is going to break families,” she said. “If you pay more if you’re overweight, guess who gets hit one more time? The poor and the African-American families because we’re overweight.”

Purvis said Jackson is a quiet but influential city in the region.

“I know the caliber of leaders that come from here,” she said. “Jackson is such a sleepy town — people don’t know what kinds of people and work comes out of here. . . Jackson seems to be a trendsetter area more than other places.”

— Tracie Simer, 425-9629

Finegan recognized at UT Martin

Chance N. Finegan, of Maryville, received the Glen S. Elkins Conservation Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This award is given to the student selected by the agriculture and natural resources faculty of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences for outstanding performance in conservation. The award is offered by the West Tennessee Chapter of Soil Conservation Society of America in cooperation with the family and friends of Glen S. Elkins.
U.T. opposes bill for guns on campus

MARTIN, Tenn. – The University of Tennessee, including all of its campuses and institutes statewide, is taking a stand against a proposed bill currently before the state House Judiciary Committee that would allow more people to carry guns on campus, contributing to an unsafe environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors.

HB 188 is scheduled to come before the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, April 19. The bill would allow UT faculty and staff with handgun carry permits to bring their guns to campus. Current law prohibits anyone, even handgun carry permit holders, other than law enforcement to bring weapons to campus.

“We have broad-based support from our Faculty Senate and Student Government Association reflecting our belief that changing the existing gun carry laws on campus is not appropriate, nor does it reflect our value for human life and concern for campus safety,” said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor.

“As one of the safest campus locations in Tennessee, we have to wonder why the current law - and what we are now doing - needs to be changed?”

David Moore, Martin police chief, sees no benefit in allowing more people to carry guns on a college campus. “From a law enforcement standpoint of a chief of police whose agency shares responsibility for the safety of a university campus, I have a hard time understanding why legislation is being sought to force university administrators to allow guns to be included in classroom settings,” he said.

“From a practical standpoint, I prefer my officers responding to a threat call on campus to be free of the added concern of trying to determine tactically who should possess guns and who should not.”

Beverly Meadows, of Ripley, whose daughter is a UT Martin student, sees a college campus as no place for guns. “I don’t think handguns should be on campus, period,” she said. “I’m afraid of the gun, ultimately, ending up in the wrong hands.”

The University of Tennessee joins campus and local police forces and the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police in opposition to this proposal. Faculty and student government organizations on each UT’s campuses also have passed resolutions opposing the bill.

“The University of Tennessee has repeatedly stated its opposition to allowing anyone other than law enforcement officers to carry guns while on campus,” UT President Joe DiPietro said.

“The safety of all students, faculty and staff is in the hands of the administrations on each campus. This responsibility is taken seriously, and campuses work with law enforcement to take measures to create the safest environments possible. Campuses will not become safer with more gun carriers,” he said.

Campus police officers, campus officials, students and faculty members plan to attend Tuesday’s committee meeting.

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New Agency Manager

Weakley County Farm Bureau President Gary Hall (right) welcomes new Agency Manager Bryant Rhodes (left). Mr. Rhodes, originally from Perry County, is familiar with Weakley County as he graduated from UTM in 1999. He started his career with Farm Bureau in Dyer County in 2005. Rhodes was given the opportunity to move into the manager’s position at the Gibson County Branch office in Humboldt in 2008 before this position became available with the retirement of Phil Carr at the end of March.

“I’m very excited about coming back to Weakley County to renew old friendships and service our Farm Bureau members,” commented Rhodes.
News from UT Martin

Garrett Causey
Garrett W. Causey of Humboldt recently received the Outstanding Sociology Student Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Kiara Champion
Kiara Champion of Humboldt was recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper 10-percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10-percent, and juniors in the upper 7.5-percent. Also eligible are faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements. An internationally respected honor society, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and most selective organization that recognizes and promotes academic excellence in all fields of higher education. The society was founded at the University of Maine in 1897 and currently has chapters on the campuses of more than 300 colleges and universities in the United States, the Philippines and Puerto Rico.

Charity L. Allen
Charity L. Allen of Humboldt recently received the Outstanding Nursing Student Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

UT MARTIN HONORS DAY - Heather Butler of Medina recently received the Intercollegiate Athletics Student-Athlete Award for Women's Basketball during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This award is presented to student-athletes in their respective sports, who have demonstrated leadership in and out of the athletic venue and academic excellence.
Local students honored at UTM

Four local students were recognized at the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin recently.

Allison T. Jones, of South Fulton, received the Outstanding Upper Division Accounting, Finance, Economics, and Political Science Student Award. Andrew H. Moore, of South Fulton, received the Outstanding Music Student Award and the Harry Neal Memorial Award. The Harry Neal Memorial award is given to recognize an outstanding piano major in the UT Martin Department of Music. The recipient is chosen by the piano faculty and the department chair on the basis of performance growth and grade received during the year. Kassie L. Hughes, of South Fulton, received the William T. McCutchen Geology Award. This is an award of up to $300. Eligible students must have sophomore standing, be a declared geoscience major with a concentration in geology and submit an application explaining why the applicant has chosen geology as a career. Funding for this award comes from faculty and alumni and is named in honor of Professor William T. McCutchen, the first geology faculty member at the university.

Derrick T. Williams, of Union City, Tenn. received the Outstanding Nursing Student Award.

Assistantance provided to aspiring entrepreneurs

Erik Markin, University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center/Tennessee Small Business Development Center consultant, will help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with business advice from 1-5 p.m., April 28, at the Obion County Industrial Training Center.

Markin recently joined the TSBDC after spending five years in the financial industry and owning and operating two small businesses. He will be giving advice about business planning, financing options, marketing, customer service, cash flow and other issues. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free.

Appointments can be made by contacting the Obion County Chamber at 731-885-0211 or by contacting Markin at 731-587-7333. For additional services offered by TSBDC, go to www.tsbdc.org.
Reading clinic available to area students at UTM

University of Tennessee at Martin will offer a Reading Clinic, for students in grades two to 12. The clinic is a sequential and intensive course for reading improvement taught by reading professionals from the UT Martin Reading Center. Students will be individually tested to determine their specific levels of phonics and comprehension. Using the results, participants will be placed in a research-proven course designed to build their reading skills and strategies. The registration fee is $125 per week, including all supplies.

Students will meet twice a week, either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, for one hour per meeting. Times available are 9-9:50 a.m., 10-10:50 a.m., 11:15-11:50 a.m., 1-1:50 p.m., 2-2:50 p.m., 3-3:50 p.m. and 4-4:50 p.m.

The dates for the Reading Clinic are week one, June 6-9; week two, June 13-16; week three, June 20-23; and week four, June 27-30.

To register, call ECOS at 731-881-7082.

Time to register for Kid College

Kid College will once again return to Paris Elementary School with classes being offered for up and coming kindergartners through fifth-graders. The five-day program, which is sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin, is scheduled for June 20-24.

Those wishing to participate in the program should preregister for classes they would like to attend as soon as possible in order to be assigned to their preferred sessions. Registration forms and class descriptions are available online at www.utm.edu/departments/eece/nondegree/children.php.

There is a registration fee per class of $25, with Kid College T-shirts available for an extra $10. Additional supply fees may be required. Children may register for as few as one class or as many as five classes.

The week will culminate with an open house from 4:30-5:30 p.m., June 24 at PES. Parents, family and friends are invited to meet teachers, watch displays and demonstrations. Refreshments will be served at the open house.

Kid College classes available for kindergartners through second-graders include Superb Storybooks; Cheerleading Divas; Astronomy Adventures; Dancing Through Time; Wearable Art; Fun on the Farm; Space Race; Playing with Art; Tumble Bugs; Junior Space Camp; The Science of Cooking; Aprendo Espanol (Learn Spanish); Sketchbook Club; and Go Green Drums.

Children in grades 3-5 may choose from the following classes: Let's Make Music; Playing with Art; Mad Science; Hey, Batter, Batter, Swing!; Senior Space Camp; Flip for Gymnastics; Trash to Treasure; Music from Around the World; The Science of Cooking; A Little Mozart and Beethoven; Aprendo Espanol; Sketchbook Club; Grasping German; Creative Calligraphy; Space Challenge Competition; and Fun on the Farm.

Students who enroll in the space classes will have the opportunity to win a real flight suit during the year’s Kid College. In order to participate in the contest to win the flight suit, students must enroll in one of the space classes and must complete a required science project. More details about the competition will be given to students during classes.

Those interested may also request a brochure by calling the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7081.

The following Shelby County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin:

Jeremy Meister, son of Wade and Debbie Meister of Arlington, will be a freshman. He received the Dean's Scholarship. Caecy Stephens, daughter of Tim and Sharon Stephens of Bartlett, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor's Award.

Tipton County student, Kaitlyn Downing, daughter of Donna Downing of Atoka and Michael Downing of Millington, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.
Refuge ramblings
Chattanooga student wins 2011 Tennessee Junior Duck Stamp contest

By JOAN STEVENS
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The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has announced a portrayal of a pair of cinnamon teals won Best of Show in the 2011 Tennessee Federal Duck Stamp design contest held March 30 at the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge. The acrylic and colored pencil entry by 14-year-old Joanna Rush from Chattanooga in middle Tennessee won top honors.

Joanna’s art teacher, Karen Barton from Agape Art Academy, is no stranger to awards. Her students have often placed high in the Tennessee Junior Duck Stamp program, however, this is her first student to win Best of Show in the competition.

Also entered in the 17th annual contest were more than 600 individuals in four different age group categories. The other 11 finalists and first-place winners in their category included Staci Hunter from Cookeville; Olivia Hughes from Jackson; Kelsey Skillman and Rachael Skillman from Chattanooga; Jet Smith from Collierville; Catelyn Alvezios from LaFollette; Kaylyn Craig from Rossville; McKenzie Coving from Georgetown; Chelsea Smith from Byersburg; and Bailey Roberts and Olivia Morgan from Tullahoma.

Ribbons and other prizes will be presented to the top 100 winners at an awards ceremony hosted by the Bass Pro Shops in Nashville at 10 a.m. May 7.

Joanna will receive a $1,000 scholarship from the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, as well as other prizes including a framed 2010 Federal Duck print.

The stamp program is an art contest managed by the USF&WS. Its Tennessee partners include the TWF, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the Bass Pro Shops of Nashville.

Judges for this year’s contest were Holly Gaboriault with the USF&WS; Chris Cole, Ducks Unlimited; Eric Pelren, University of Tennessee at Martin; Philip Crowe, a professional wildlife artist; Tim White, TWRA; and Al Buckley, TWF.

This month Rush’s artwork moved on to the national competition at the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge in Philadelphia where her entry received best of the rest in competition with 59 other state best of show winners.

The national winning entry depicted a pair of ringneck ducks painted by Abraham Hunter, a 17-year-old from Illinois. This artwork will become 2011-2012 Federal Junior Duck Stamp, which is sold for $5 by the USF&WS, the national sponsors of the contest. The national winning entry can be seen online at http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck/.

In Tennessee, the previous year’s Best of Show entries from this contest have been made into a state waterfowl collector stamp available from TWRA. All of these stamps can be purchased at a cost of $10 a stamp by calling 615-781-6985.

Local student receives UT-Martin scholarship

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A Rutherford County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2011-12 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Tiffany Byers, daughter of Ron and Traci Byers of Murfreesboro, will be a freshman. She received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship/Workshop.

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.

The USF&WS considers this contest a major outreach program to teach youth about the importance of waterfowl and wetlands conservation. As each student chooses a waterfowl subject for their entry, they are encouraged to learn about that bird and its requirements for survival. A Junior Duck Stamp curriculum guide, available to educators, focuses on conservation messages. All students, home-schoolers, teachers and their schools are recognized through the program where they and the wildlife resources benefit.

The 36 first-, second- and third-place winners will be on display at locations around the state throughout the following year. The Tennessee winning artwork and display locations may be viewed online at http://TennesseeRefuge.fws.gov and selecting Junior Duck Stamp under the Education Tools button.

For more information about this program, or to purchase a Junior Duck Stamp, call the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge at 642-5911.
Garbina awarded

Jennifer Garbina, McClusky, recently received the Intercollegiate Athletics Student-Athletes Award for Women's Rifle during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This award is presented to student-athletes in their respective sports, who have demonstrated leadership in and out of the athletic venue and academic excellence.

UTM dance ensemble to present spring show

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will present the annual UT Martin dance ensemble spring show, “One Singular Sensation,” at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the Student Life Center.

Tickets are $5 each for UT Martin students with identification and $10 each for adults.

This year's ensemble, under the direction of Sarah McCormick, lecturer of dance, is a tribute to Broadway with musical numbers inspired by "Chicago," "Sweet Charity," "Aida," "Phantom of the Opera," "Annie," "Grease," "Singin' in the Rain," "Stomp" and "Lion King."

Guest artists Christin Lewis from the Memphis Ballet, the Bethel University Dance Team and students from Martin Elementary School will also be performing.

STUDENTS INDUCTED — Sarah Wright (left) and Denise Bell, both of Union City, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper 10 percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10 percent and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent. Also eligible are faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements. An internationally respected honor society, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and most selective organization that recognizes and promotes academic excellence in all fields of higher education. The society was founded at the University of Maine in 1897 and currently has chapters on the campuses of more than 300 colleges and universities in the United States, the Philippines and Puerto Rico.
Local students recognized at UTM Honors Day

The University of Tennessee at Martin recognized local students at the 47th annual Honors Day. Students included:

Kathryn A. Moser of Martin received the Outstanding Graduate Family and Consumer Sciences Student Award.

Johanna Van Zyl of South Africa received the Outstanding Mathematics Student Award and the Intercollegiate Athletics Student-Athletes Award for Women's Tennis.

The Intercollegiate Athletics Student-Athletes award is presented to student-athletes in their respective sports, who have demonstrated leadership in and out of the athletic venue and academic excellence.

Laura N. Gullett of Martin received the William H. Baker Scholarship Award. This award is given to one or more full-time students in the College of Business and Global Affairs who have completed 60 hours of college credit, demonstrated scholarship and leadership ability, participated in extracurricular activities and shown promise of professional achievement.

Caitlin E. Simpson of Martin received the Alpha Omicron Pi Mothers' Club Scholarship Award. This is an award of $500 given to a senior Alpha Omicron Pi sorority member in recognition of academic excellence, leadership and service to her sorority and UT Martin.

Mary K. Unger

Lauren B. Robertson of Martin received the Intercollegiate Athletics Student-Athletes Award for Soccer. This award is presented to student-athletes in their respective sports, who have demonstrated leadership in and out of the athletic venue and academic excellence.

Ronald C. Peckham of Martin received the Outstanding English and Modern Foreign Languages Student Award, the Literary Award in the Short Story and the Martin Lions Club-H.B. Smith Award.

The Literary Award in the Short Story is for the best short story submitted in a campus competition. The Martin Lions Club-H.B. Smith award is given to the prospective graduate who has accumulated the highest academic average.

Mary K. Unger of Martin received the Outstanding Communications Student Award.

Madison A. Tate of Martin received the UT Martin STEA Leadership Award. This award is given to a student enrolled in the Teacher Education and Behavioral Sciences who has demonstrated professional dedication, professionalism and leadership in the field of education while serving STEA.

Shauna A. Trichler of Martin received the Sam and Gladys Siegel Agriculture Award. This award is presented to students in the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources on the basis of scholarship or professional competence in some field of agriculture and leadership ability, as demonstrated by contribution to departmental, campus and community organizations and programs. Departmental faculty select the recipients.

Lori A. Hutcherson of Martin received the Outstanding University Studies Student Award.

Sarah A. McAlpin of Dresden received the Chi Omega Sorority Award. This is an award of $100 given to the woman excelling in one of the social sciences.
Hoi Y. Mak of Martin received the George and Ruth Horton Curricula Humanities Award.

This award of at least $250 is presented to the humanities sophomore with the highest academic average. The award is supported from donations by Professor Emeritus Horton’s former pre-professional students and other students and friends of the Hortons.

Jannell R. McConkey of Sharon received the William H. Baker Scholarship Award. This award is given to one or more full-time students in the College of Business and Global Affairs who have completed 60 hours of college credit, demonstrated scholarship and leadership ability, participated in extracurricular activities and shown promise of professional achievement.

Matthew L. Fitzgerald of Sharon received the Outstanding Upper Division Engineering Award.

This award is presented to an upper division engineering student with at least 60 semester hours who has demonstrated scholarship and leadership ability, participated in extracurricular activities and has shown promise of professional achievement.

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES — University of Tennessee at Martin employees, Mac Kester, (second from right,) Office of Housing service aide, and Tommy McGlown, Student Success Center conditional admissions program coordinator, received the non-exempt and exempt Spring 2011 Outstanding Employee Awards, respectively, recently presented by Chancellor Tom Rakes, (right.) They also were congratulated by UT President Joe DiPietro. The awards, which recognize outstanding service to the university, are presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of Kester’s nomination were comments such as, “Mac is one of the hardest workers on this campus. No matter what the weather — freezing rain, ice, snow or blistering heat — Mac is out there, dedicated to getting the job done. His contributions to the effective, day-to-day operation of our housing facilities are unnumbered.” Included as part of McGlown’s nomination were comments such as, “He has been with UT Martin for more than 30 years and has provided invaluable service to our students through the Student Success Center. He is also very knowledgeable and helpful in advising students on earning and retaining the Lottery Scholarship. In all ways, Tommy’s work shows he is committed to UT Martin and is dedicated to making it a better place for our students.”
Helgeson named dean

Dr. Rich Helgeson, interim dean of the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, has been named dean, effective July 1.

"I am delighted to remove the interim tag from Dr. Helgeson's title," said Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs. "Rich brings a rare blend of professional experience and academic expertise to a very strong college, and I look forward to his continued contributions to the academic affairs leadership team as we prepare for the full implementation of the Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010."

Helgeson is a registered professional civil engineer in Tennessee and a member of several professional societies. He has an extensive list of presentations and publications both from his professional career as a practicing engineer and as a faculty member, and he has represented Martin at a number of conventions and summits.

"I am honored to have been selected as the next dean of the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, and I look forward to representing the faculty and staff of the entire college in the years ahead," said Helgeson. "We have a reputation of excellent programs in our college, and I hope to foster a climate that will continue to encourage academic excellence and a student-centered learning experience."

Chamber hosts business advice speaker

Erik Markin, University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center/Tennessee Small Business Development Center consultant, will help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with business advice from 9 a.m.-noon May 5 at the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce in Dresden.

Markin recently joined the TSBDC after spending five years in the financial industry and owning and operating two small businesses.

Davis to give senior recital

Joe Davis, a senior music education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will perform his senior tuba recital at 3 p.m., May 1, in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center. Davis, of Humboldt, will perform works that span the Baroque Period through 20th-century western art music. Composers include Marcello, Vaughan Williams, Elgar, Lebedev and Persichetti. The recital will conclude with a performance by a brass quintet of UT Martin music students. The event is free and open to the public.
Dr. Byford receives ‘Friend of 4-H’ Award

A long-time Tennessee 4-H youth program supporter has received one of the organization’s most prestigious honors.

Dr. Jim Byford, retired dean of the University of Tennessee at Martin’s College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and a former extension service wildlife specialist, received the “Friend of 4-H” Award from the Tennessee 4-H Foundation during the 64th Annual Tennessee 4-H Congress last month in Nashville.

“I am both honored and humbled to receive this recognition,” Byford said of the honor.

“4-H has truly enriched my life, as it has millions of youth throughout the world. I’m fortunate to be a part of such a great youth organization.”

4-H is the youth development program of University of Tennessee Extension. 4-H teaches leadership, citizenship and life skills to more than 300,000 youth in grades 4-12. 4-H also has more than 18,000 adult volunteers statewide.

Buddy Mitchell, interim chancellor, UT Institute of Agriculture, presented the award and described Byford as “a role model and mentor to many 4-H members across the state.”

Mitchell added, “He made sure the 4-Hers were always welcome when it came time for State 4-H Roundup at Martin, and they looked forward to his songs and storytelling around the All Star campfire.”

Mitchell also recognized Byford’s continuing 4-H involvement following his 2009 retirement.

“His (Byford's) latest efforts center on developing a vision for a 4-H center in West Tennessee as a member of both a Farm Bureau task force and UT Extension committee devoted to this effort,” Mitchell said.

Byford was featured in the 1983 Sports Afield hunting annual, the June 1985 issue of Outdoor Life and appeared regularly on “TNN Outdoors” from 1996-98.

He has spoken at numerous seminars on agriculture, land management and natural-resource conservation throughout the U.S., Ecuador and Japan.

In 1999, he authored a book through UT Press, titled “Close To The Land.”
Dr. Louis Kolitsch, University of Tennessee at Martin professor of mathematics, was recently named the spring Featured Faculty Scholar.

Each semester, the university recognizes outstanding faculty for excellence in teaching and scholarship. Kolitsch received a bachelor of arts degree from Fairmont State College, a master's degree from West Virginia University and a doctorate from Pennsylvania State University. He began his career at UT Martin in 1985.

His field of study is Number Theory and, in particular, the Theory of Partitions. The idea behind partitions is relatively simple: If you pick a number, how many ways can you add smaller numbers to get your number as a sum? Yet behind this simple idea lies some surprisingly complex mathematical structures. His research focuses on unraveling these complex structures to make sense of them. He teaches his students to be scholars so that they, too, can unravel complex problems and make sense of them.

Kolitsch has published extensively in journals related to number theory and has refereed articles for these journals. He has presented both on his research at national conferences and on pedagogical issues at state and regional conferences.

He has served the university in various capacities, including chairing search committees, membership in departmental committees and serving as the secretary of the faculty senate. Most recently, he has been involved in grants to provide professional development to area teachers.

A sample of Kolitsch's publications and accomplishments is on display in the Paul Meek Library on the UT Martin campus.

FACULTY HONORED — Among the University of Tennessee at Martin faculty members honored with awards for outstanding achievements in scholarship, citizenship, teaching and advising during the recent Honors Day program were (from left, front row) Dr. Julie Hill, Dr. Amy Simmons, Dr. Philip Smartt and Dr. Becky Cox. They were congratulated by Dr. Jerald Ogg (back, left), vice chancellor for academic affairs, and UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes. Dr. Hill, associate professor of music, received the Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award; Dr. Simmons, associate professor of music, received the UT Alumni Association (UTAA) Outstanding Teacher Award; Dr. Smartt, associate professor of natural resources management, received the Outstanding Advisor Award; and Dr. Cox, assistant professor of education, received the Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award.

Hyattsville resident receives baseball honor

Brendan W. Lozupone received the Intercollegiate Athletics Student-Athletes Award for baseball during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The award is presented to student-athletes who have demonstrated leadership in and out of the athletic venue and academic excellence.
Outstanding employees recognized

University of Tennessee at Martin employees, Mac Kester, second from right, Office of Housing service aide, and Tommy McGlown, Student Success Center conditional admissions program coordinator, received the non-exempt and exempt Spring 2011 Outstanding Employee Awards, respectively, recently presented by Chancellor Tom Rakes, right. They also were congratulated by UT President Joe DiPietro, left. The awards, which recognize outstanding service to the university, are presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of Kester’s nomination were comments such as, “Mac is one of the hardest workers on this campus. No matter what the weather - freezing rain, ice, snow or blistering heat - Mac is out there, dedicated to getting the job done. His contributions to the effective, day-to-day operation of our housing facilities are unnumbered.” Included as part of McGlown’s nomination were comments such as, “He has been with UT Martin for more than 30 years and has provided invaluable service to our students through the Student Success Center. He is also very knowledgeable and helpful in advising students on earning and retaining the Lottery Scholarship. In all ways, Tommy’s work shows he is committed to UT Martin and is dedicated to making it a better place for our students.”

Thomas retires

Charles Thomas, left, Sodexo-University of Tennessee at Martin Dining Services general manager, was recently honored at a retirement reception in Boling University Center. Thomas has been employed by Sodexo for 12 years, the last two at UT?Martin. Among those congratulating Thomas was UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes.

STUDENT CHOSEN – Joshua L. Potts of South Fulton recently received the Outstanding Upper Division Engineering Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award is presented to an upper division engineering student with at least 60 semester hours who has demonstrated scholarship and leadership ability, participated in extracurricular activities and has shown promise of professional achievement.

UC HONOREE – Amy E. Sparkman of Union City recently received the Madeline Hall Pritchett Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award is given to an active member of Chi Omega sorority in recognition of contributions to her institution through extracurricular achievements, leadership qualities and academic excellence.
Scholarship funds donated

Representatives of the University of Tennessee Federal Credit Union recently presented a $5,000 check to the University of Tennessee at 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. Charley Deal, left, assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations and alumni giving; Debbie Jones, center, UTFCU chief executive officer; and Gail White UTFCU board of directors chair; presented the check at the annual membership meeting of the UTFCU in Knoxville.

Get business advice on May 5

Erik Markin, University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center/Tennessee Small Business Development Center consultant, will help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with business advice from 9 a.m.-noon, May 5, at the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce in Dresden.

Appointments can be made by contacting the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce in Dresden at 731-364-3189 or by contacting Markin at 731-587-7333. For additional services offered by TSBDC, go to www.tsbdc.org.

Fitzgerald recognized at UTM Honors Day

Matthew L. Fitzgerald, of Sharon, recently received the Outstanding Upper Division Engineering Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This award is presented to an upper division engineering student with at least 60 semester hours who has demonstrated scholarship and leadership ability, participated in extracurricular activities and has shown promise of professional achievement.

Unger recognized at UTM Martin Honors Day

Mary K. Unger, of Martin, recently received the Outstanding Communications Student Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Johnson to direct play at UT Martin Monday

Jade Johnson of Paris will direct a school production titled “Proposing a Problem” at 8 Monday in Room 216 of Gooch Hall on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Johnson is the daughter of Dale and Sandra Johnson of Paris.

She is a 2007 graduate of Henry County High School and is a theater major at UT Martin.

While at HCHS she was a member of the Madrigals, speech team, Thespians, 4-H Honor Club, Patriot Pals mentoring program, was an EFFORT (Education for Future Opportunities Realized Today) Scholar, and has performed in several theatrical productions.

She also won the 2006 Kridol Idol competition.

The show Johnson is directing was written by Matthew Maitland of Bradford and is one of several student-directed shows — which begin Saturday — being presented by the UTM Department of Visual and Theatre Arts.

The other plays begin at 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

The shows are free to attend.

Other performances for Monday include “Flop Cop,” directed by Brooks Taylor of Union City and “Constantinople Smith,” directed by Nicole Harrell of Martin.

For more information, call the theater department at 731-881-7090.
EARTH DAY OBSERVANCE – More than 50 people celebrated the 2011 Earth Day organized by the University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society last Tuesday. There were hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade recipe root beer prepared by using dry ice, ice cream prepared by using liquid nitrogen as coolant, several hands-on experiments for kids and demonstrations, including thermite reaction that has been used for welding, often to join rail tracks. Pictured are (from left, first row) Payton Williams, Bailey Baker, Neil Brown, Quallen Brown, David Fieser, Kelly Fieser, Missy Saunders, (second row) Kayla Poindexter, Kristi Williams, Breanny Cox, Aidan Moran, Michelle Fieser, Emma Fieser, Susan Cormia, Annabelle Cormia, Riley Cormia, Avery Blanchard, Raymond Fletcher, Dan McDonough Jr., Lee Elliott, Sandy Davis, Dr. Phillip Davis, (third row) Dr. Abby Shelton, Dr. Phillip Shelton, Dr. Dan McDonough, Alisa McDonough, Carrie Saunders, Laura Fieser, Danny Saunders. Dr. Carol Blanchard, Connor Blanchard, Kara Champion and Leah Cook. Not pictured are some of the organizers, Kayla Baker, Eric Bryson, Gilbert Forgays, Brandon Gindt, Marcellina Glover, Sarah Griffin, Corey Jones, Paul Jones, Sam Moran, Zalak Patel, Chelsea Peeler, Amber Watson and Dr. S.K. Airee, UT Martin professor of chemistry and SMACS chapter adviser.

UTM students attend national ACS meeting

Thirteen University of Tennessee at Martin student members of the American Chemical Society recently attended the 241st national ACS meeting in Anaheim, Calif., where they presented a poster and a demonstrations program, received plaques at the awards ceremony, participated in workshops and helped conduct several activities, including introducing a featured speaker.

Students participating included Marcelina Glover of Memphis, Andrew Castleman of Humboldt, Sarah Griffin of Lebanon, Zalak Patel of Martin, Paul Jones of Bartlett, Lee Elliott of Martin, Gilbert Forgays of Clarksville, ACS president Dr. Bassam Shakhashiri, Dr. S. K. Airee, ACS past president Dr. Thomas H. Lane, Sam Moran of Clarksville, Corey Jones of Linden, Bethany Aden of McKenzie, Kayla Baker of Troy, Chelsea Peeler of Paris and Aaron Crump of Coalfield.

Elliott won the Green Chapter Award, while Jones claimed the Outstanding Chapter Award.

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The version for iPhone is available at www.utm.edu/mobile. To find out more information, contact Holt at 731-881-7609 or sholt@utm.edu.

"Really, anybody who is interested in UT Martin can find something useful with the app," said Steve Holt, director of the technology center.

Senior recital to be held

Joe Davis, a senior music education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will perform his senior tuba recital at 3 p.m., May 1, in Williams Auditorium of the Boiling University Center.

Davis, of Humboldt, will perform works that span the Baroque period through 20th century western art music. Composers include Marcello, Vaughan Williams, Elgar, Lebedev and Persichetti. The recital will conclude with a performance by a brass quintet of UT Martin music students. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Matthew Stratton, instructor of music, at 731-881-7401 or at mstratto@utm.edu.

Student-directed productions to be presented at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will present various student-directed productions at 8 p.m., April 30 and May 2, and at 3 p.m., May 1. All performances will be staged in Room 216 of Gooch Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

On April 30, Adrian Ward, of Memphis, will direct "The Red Coat." Other performances include "Grace-land," directed by Davida Ambrose, of Memphis, and "Hold for Three," directed by Coleen Davis, of Pin-son.

On May 1, Lizzie Wouters, of Knoxville, will direct "Not Enough Rope." Other performances include "No Time for Secrets," directed by Justin Hunt, of Martin, and "Smoke Scenes," directed by John Nicholson, of Centerville.
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The 13th Annual WestStar African-American Leadership Conference was held April 19, 2011, at West TN Research & Education Center in Jackson. More than 150 leaders from West Tennessee convened to hear informative and encouraging messages to take back to their communities and help make Tennessee a better place to live.

Speakers included: Keynote, Mearl Purvis, Anchor, FOX 13 News, Memphis; Dr. Cyronose Spicer, CEO/Senior Pastor New Beginnings Christian Center, Ripley; Education panelists Amelia Real, Education major, Dyersburg State Community College; Gregor Peete, Industrial Maintenance major, Tennessee Technology Center, Covington; and Martina Conley, graduate student, University of TN at Martin; Cedric Deadmon, College Access Coordinator, REDI, Southwest Development District; Bancorpsouth's Assistant Vice President Chester Sharpe Sr.; and Dr. Nanette Wells-Brooks, Dyersburg Regional Medical Center, Jackson.

Two awards were given: The 2011 Emerging Leader Award went to Chester Sharpe Sr.; and the Outstanding Leadership Award was presented to Clarence Boone, D&L Catering, Jackson.
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Students from the University of Tennessee at Martin attended the AALC. PHOTO BY WTE/M.RUSSELL

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TWO AFRICAN AMERICANS HELPED HONOR CASEY JONES

By Norma Taylor, Historian at Casey Jones Museum in Jackson, TN

Jackson, Tennessee, has the distinction of being known as the home of the world's most famous railroad engineer, Casey Jones. On the night of April 29-30, 1900, Casey stayed with his engine when he saw a stalled train on the track in front of him. He was making a run from Memphis, Tennessee, to Canton, Mississippi, and was only 14 miles from the end of his 188-mile run. By staying with his engine, he slowed the train down enough to lessen the impact of the crash and save all six cars of passengers. Casey was killed but everyone else survived the crash because of his heroic actions.

What most people don't realize about the Casey Jones story is the important role of two African-American men. One was Sim Webb, Casey's fireman the night of the train crash. Just before the crash, Casey told Sim to jump. Sim jumped from the train and tumbled to safety. He became an important figure to keep the Casey Jones story alive - making many public appearances throughout his life. In October of the year 2000, the city of Memphis (Sim's hometown) honored Sim with "Sim Webb Day." Proclamations were presented by the mayor of Memphis to the Sim Webb family and to the Casey Jones Museum in Jackson, TN.

The other African American to figure prominently in the Casey Jones story was Wallace Saunders. Wallace and Casey had become good friends because Wallace worked on Casey's engine. After Casey's death, Wallace paid tribute to him by writing the "Ballad of Casey Jones." The song was soon copyrighted and became known and sung all over the world. It was because of this song that Casey Jones became a worldwide legend.

The Casey Jones Museum in Casey Jones Village in Jackson, TN, has an entire exhibit honoring Sim Webb. There is also information on Wallace Saunders in an exhibit on the "Ballad of Casey Jones."