Wilbert receives Athletic Trainers’ Society 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 (TATS). 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 both the 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.

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The Carnegie Foundation recently selected the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2010 Community Engagement Classification. The campus is one of 115 institutions that will now be added to the Community Engagement Classification, bringing the national total to 311. UT Martin will then be among the top 10 percent in the nation so classified for its community engagement.

"Our Institute for Civic Engagement leadership team worked tirelessly to document the many outside-of-the-classroom activities in which our faculty and students are participating, and this is a great way to begin 2011," said Dr. Jerald Ogg, UT Martin vice chancellor for academic affairs. "UT Martin has a long tradition of preparing its graduates for lives of leadership and service, and it's gratifying to be recognized for that by an organization with the rich history of The Carnegie Foundation."

The classification for Community Engagement is an elective classification, meaning it is based on voluntary participation by institutions. Whereas the foundation's all-inclusive classifications involve secondary analysis of existing national data sources available for all institutions, elective classifications involve additional data collection and documentation, with substantial effort invested by participating institutions. Elective classifications enable the foundation's classification system to recognize important aspects of institutional mission and action that are not represented in the national data.

Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1905 and chartered in 1906 by an Act of Congress, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching is an independent policy and research center. Its current mission is to support needed transformations in American education through tighter connections between teaching practice, evidence of student learning, the communication and use of this evidence, and structured opportunities to build knowledge.

Phi Kappa Phi plans Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society chapter will meet at 7:00 p.m., February 8, in Watkins Auditorium of Boiling University Center for the Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture. This year's Muriel Tomlinson lecturer is Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of music. Her presentation is titled "The Black Music of Brazil: An Emphasis on Social Transformation for Women and Children through Escola Dida."

The lecture is free and open to the public. Brian Johnson, lecturer of psychology and Phi Kappa Phi president, will preside.

The Muriel Tomlinson Lecture is an annual event honoring the memory of Dr. Tomlinson, a member of Phi Kappa Phi who died in 1976. A distinguished professor is chosen each year to give this lecture.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was founded more than 100 years ago and is America's oldest all-discipline college honor society. It awards more than $700,000 each year to outstanding members for further academic study. UT Martin outstanding juniors and seniors will be initiated into PKP on April 5. For more information, contact Mary Carpenter, UT Martin Paul Meek Library director, at 731-881-7070 or mary.carpenter@utm.edu.
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Exhibitions sponsored by the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will be located in the Paul Meek Library while the Fine Arts Building undergoes renovations. Call the Paul Meek Library at 731-881-7060 for information concerning standard and special library hours of operation.

The exhibition will continue through March 25. It will be free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7400.
UT Martin begins Fine Arts renovation project

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Phlebotomy class at UTM available

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This 90-hour program prepares professionals to collect blood specimens from clients for the purpose of laboratory analysis. Students will become familiar with all aspects related to blood collection and develop comprehensive skills to perform venipunctures completely and safely. Classroom and lab work includes terminology, anatomy and physiology, blood collection procedures, specimen hands-on practice and training in skills and techniques to perform puncture methods. There is no outside externship rotation included with this program.

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Photography class slated in Samburg

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended and Online Studies will be offering the course Basic Digital Photography: Camera Operation and Skills from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays from Feb. 15 through March 15 at the Reelfoot Lake Research and Teaching Center in Samburg.

The fee is $105 and the instructor is Roger Hughes. This course will allow participants to make the most of their digital camera operations. The course includes camera features and functions, exposure, composition, depth of field, focus, photography ideas and exercises in lighting, portrait, landscape, action and close-up shots will also be discussed.

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Project RICA provides professional development for middle and high school teachers.

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Although UT Martin partnered with Crockett County Schools in developing the proposal, school teachers from other area districts are also eligible to apply.

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Virtual ground breaking held on UTM campus

FINE ARTS BUILDING CEREMONY — Weather moved the groundbreaking ceremony indoors to the Paul Meek Library, but the University of Tennessee at Martin Fine Arts Building Phase I renovation and addition project was officially marked today on campus. Among those attending the ceremony were, from left, Bill Sharpe, Pickering Firm, Inc., Memphis, principal; Bill Ferguson; Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects, Memphis, partner-in-charge; Tim Nipp, physical plant director; Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs; UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes; Dr. Janet Wilbert, Faculty Senate president; Dr. Lynn Alexander, College of Humanities and Fine Arts dean; Emile David, UT Division of Facilities Planning staff architect; and State Sen. Roy Herron.

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Dr. Anne Meek, Meek's daughter, will open the event with remarks about her father and introduce siblings and authors, Susan Rebecca White and Lauren Myracle, who are granddaughters of the late Dr. Norman Campbell. The authors' presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer session and a reception.

The public is invited to attend.

"The Meek Library faculty and staff are absolutely delighted that our Friends of the Library organization is sponsoring this exciting event and hope this can grow into an annual literary occasion," said Mary Carpenter, library director.

Meek was chancellor from 1934-67. A native of Martin, he spent four years in Knoxville, with a brief tour in the United States Army in 1918, before graduating with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture.

He returned to Knoxville in 1933 to earn a Master of Science degree in education. He was offered the position as executive officer of the University of Tennessee Junior College in Martin that year.

In 1962, he was given the title of vice president of the University of Tennessee and chancellor of the Martin Branch. Just prior to his retirement in 1967, Meek was present when Gov. Buford Ellington signed the document changing the college name to "The University of Tennessee at Martin."

In retirement, Dr. Meek witnessed the creation of the Paul and Martha Meek Scholarship Fund and the naming of the campus' first library building in his honor.

Myracle, of Ft. Collins, Colo., is an author of books for "tweens" and teens. Her titles include "Luv Ya Bunches," "Violet In Bloom," "Eleven," "Twelve" and "Thirteen," among others. Several have appeared on the New York Times Best Seller list and "Thirteen" was a 2009 Children's Choice Award winner. She gave the keynote address at the American Library Association Rally in the summer of 2010 and was honored by the National Coalition Against Censorship at its annual celebration of free speech in New York in November.

White, who writes adult fiction, was a finalist for the 2009 Townsend Prize for fiction with "Bound South" and had the Target Book Club featured book for April 2010 with "Soft Place to Land."

A resident of Atlanta, Ga., and Reno, Nev., she taught creative writing at Emory University and is featured in the February 2011 Vanity Fair along with eight other female Atlanta authors.

"These events are a great opportunity for us to see the continuing legacy of two of our founding families, the Meeks and the Campbells," said Lynn Alexander, president of the Friends of Paul Meek Library. "We are looking forward to celebrating our achievements together."

For more information, contact Carpenter at 731-881-7070.
Business seminar set

A small business development consultant will be at the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce Feb. 10 to give advice to aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners.

Erik Martin, a consultant with the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center/Tennessee Small Business Development Center, recently began consulting after spending five years in the financial industry and owning and operating two small businesses.

He will give one-on-one, confidential, free advice about business planning, financing options, marketing, customer service and other business issues from 1-4:30 p.m.

Appointments can be made by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 642-3431 or by calling Markin at 731-587-7333.
LINDSAY FRILLING  LEIGH SCHLAGER

Obion County has 2 in WestStar program

Lindsay Frilling and Leigh Schlager, both of Obion County, are among the 30 members of the 2011 WestStar class.

WestStar was created in 1989 at the University of Tennessee at Martin to provide leadership development and training.

Representing counties in the 21-county region, class members have a diverse range of occupations and leadership experiences.

Ms. Frilling is the community development coordinator for the Obion County Joint Economic Development Council. Previously, she was director of marketing and special events for the Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Tennessee in Union City. She is a 2005 graduate of the Adult Leadership Obion County program and a past president of the program.

Since 2001, she has held several positions for the Union City J’Cettes, including president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Ms. Frilling also dedicates time to Chimes for Charity, CornFest, United Way and the Boys and Girls Club. She said that she believes that by participating in WestStar she can bring new ideas to the leadership program. She also believes that by meeting new people through the program she will be able to better promote tourism in Obion County and also help maintain Obion County’s Three-Star certification.

Mrs. Schlager is currently the administrator of elections for Obion County.

She was certified as administrator of elections through the Secretary of State’s office in 2008.

She serves on the nominating committee for the Tennessee Association of County Election Officials, is a board member of the Obion County Concert Association, is the Union City Elementary School PTO treasurer, serves on the Obion County Leadership Board and is a member of Junior Auxiliary.

By participating in WestStar, she said she feels the experience will help her personally and professionally.

UT Martin opens art exhibition

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will host the Disgruntled Artists Exhibition from 5 to 7 p.m. today on the second floor of the Paul Meek Library.

The Disgruntled Artists Exhibition is an all-student exhibition that will continue through March 25. It is free and open to the public. The Visual Arts Society will co-sponsor the event and host the opening reception.

Call the Paul Meek Library at (731) 881-7060 for information about library hours of operation. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at (731) 881-7400.

REED Center offers Excel class to Milan Chamber members

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center and Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) and the Milan Chamber of Commerce are hosting a hands-on seminar for chamber members titled, “Beginning Excel,” from 5-7 p.m., March 1, at the Milan Chamber of Commerce, located at 1061 S. Main St. in Milan.

Participants will learn the basics of Microsoft Excel 2007 and be introduced to the new Ribbon interface and the new toolbars. Participants will also be taught about the various ways to input information, create formulas and generate charts and graphs, and numerous tips.

Steve Holt, director of the University of Tennessee at Martin Instructional Technology Center, will be the instructor. The program is free; however, you must be a Milan chamber member to attend. UT Martin Continuing Education credits are available for $10.

Seating is limited to the first 20 registrants. For more information or to register, contact the Milan Chamber of Commerce at 731-686-7494 or Hollie Holt, REED Center director, at 731-587-7333, or register online at www.utm.edu/reed.
Meketi is Miss UT Martin, Milan’s Seputo is runner-up

Meagan Meketi, of Paris, was recently crowned Miss University of Tennessee at Martin at the combined Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant, and a Milan native was named as a runner-up.

Meketi, a UT Martin biology major, won the 2011 title and the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in June in Jackson.

Meketi received a $1,500 scholarship. Miss UT Martin 2010, Taren Hatcher, of Greenfield, crowned Meketi.

“This is only the second pageant I’ve done,” said Meketi following her win, “so I am excited.”

Meketi’s platform is the American Cancer Society.

Runners-up for the Miss UT Martin crown were: Sally Seputo, of Milan, a junior broadcast journalism major, first; and Leah Rogers, of Brighton, a junior UT Martin elementary education major, second. All members of the Miss UT Martin court must be UT Martin students. Taren Hatcher, of Greenfield, second from right, 2010 Miss UT Martin, crowned Meketi.

Vilsack appoints Green to board

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Mississippi State University Extension Service specialist Rode W. Green is participating in a key U.S. Department of Agriculture policymaking board. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack appointed Green, MSU family resource management area agent based in Grenada County, to the National Agricultural Research Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board.

Green earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a master of business administration from the University of Memphis. She is a NeighborWorks Certified Housing Counselor and is on the advisory board of the Developing Personal Wealth Program in Greenwood. She began her career with MSU in 2008 and is currently pursuing her doctorate.
Countians attend West Star Class

Jason Brignace and Dr. George Daniel, both of Weakley County, are among 30 members of the 2011 WestStar class.

WestStar was created in 1989 at the University of Tennessee at Martin to serve the multi-county area by providing leadership development and training. Representing counties in the 21-county region, class members have a diverse range of occupations and volunteer leadership experiences.

Brignace is an account manager for Pioneer Hi-Bred International, a DuPont business. He is responsible for the management of distribution, sales and marketing of Pioneer corn and soybean seeds in most of the retail farm supply stores throughout his 17-county West Tennessee area. He is active in Martin community athletics by serving as a youth baseball and football coach.

Brignace says that by participating in WestStar he hopes to gain knowledge in different areas of business, industry and government to enhance a working relationship with the agricultural industry. Additionally, he hopes to learn to become a better team member in not only his work, but also the community, helping to provide a better place to live and raise families.

Daniel is the director of the Student Success Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is chairman of the City of Martin Finance Committee, board member and past president of Martin Rotary Club, chairman of Rotary District 6760 Interact Committee, and a board member and coach for Martin’s Cal Ripken Baseball League.

Daniel believes WestStar will help him become more aware of the changing status of education, business, industry and government within the state. His goal is to use his knowledge from his WestStar experiences to prepare students to fill or create 21st century jobs.

UT Martin extends opportunity for lead renovator certification

The Certified Lead Renovator Courses are scheduled from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break, on Feb. 19 and March 19, at UT Martin.

The $250 fee includes: the manual, Certified Renovator Certificate from the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) and EPA materials.

The eight-hour course will begin with “Why should I be concerned about lead paint?” The following topics are also included: regulations, before beginning work, containment, work, dust during work, work, cleaning activities and checking work, recordkeeping and training non-certified renovation workers.

This class meets EPA and Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements. Successful completion earns EPA Certified Renovator status for five years. Students will learn what EPA/HHH requires of Certified Firms and Renovators, and how to work in a lead-safe manner while complying with the EPA RRP Rule.

The EPA began enforcing the lead paint law, known as the RRP Rule, on Oct. 1. Anyone who renovates, repairs or paints any building built before 1978 must comply with the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule. If a project will disturb more than two-square feet of interior paint surface, then a certified professional must perform a lead test. Violators of the EPA RRP Rule can be fined up to $37,500 per day.

NCHH is the EPA authorized training provider for the course. Instructor will be H. Dale Fortner, NCHH principal instructor.

To register, call ECOS at 731-881-7082 or register online at http://www.utc, edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.
Brooks joins First State Insurance

Phil Brooks is the newest member of the First State Insurance team in Martin. Brooks joined First State in 2005 serving the banking division as a credit analyst.

As a member of the First State Insurance team, Brooks will be responsible for developing client relations in First State's West Tennessee market.

Brooks is a graduate of Westview High School and the University of Tennessee at Martin with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

He has previously worked as a service manager for Vincent Implementations, Inc., office manager and assistant administration for Home Health Care Inc., quality auditor for Dura Automotive, and credit analyst for First State Bank.

Brooks joins an insurance team consisting of Paula Bell, Paula Brewer, Gail Crawford, Kelly Freeman and Emily Wiley. This group of experienced insurance professionals have 80-plus combined years of experience and service in the insurance industry.

Brooks is a member of the Martin Optimist Club and member and deacon of First Baptist Church in Martin. He is married to Bret and they have two children.

"Phil has been an employee of First State for almost six years. He is well established in the industry of financial services and business knowledge and will be a true asset to our insurance team," said Bob Harrison, president of First State Insurance.

"Phil has satisfaction of customers as his first priority. He has confidence that his customers will benefit from the services First State Insurance offers and wants to ensure that customers have that opportunity.

He is a native of Martin and has strong family ties to Weakley County. He is committed to improving the community by the use of all First State resources where possible. We are truly excited to have Phil as part of our Insurance team."

"I am truly excited about this new opportunity to work with First State Insurance. I have worked as a credit analyst for First State over the past five years and I am very happy to continue my work with First State in Martin. First State is a unique company, offering an array of financial products and services that make it easy for customers to do business," said Brooks.

"I am looking forward to continuing to serve the community of Martin as part of the First State Insurance team.

Medical Spanish class offered for health care professionals

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies is offering the Medical Spanish for Health Care Professionals, slated from 6-8 p.m., Feb. 22-April 26, on UT Martin's campus.

There will be no class on March 15. The registration fee is $125 plus the cost of the book. The instructor for the class is Dr. Daniel Nappo, associate professor of Spanish.

With no prior knowledge of Spanish, this course will teach participants how to conduct patient medical history interviews, perform physical examinations and give medical instructions to Spanish-speaking patients. The textbook provides examples of common interviews between health care professionals and patients with the most commonly understood vocabulary. The class will teach students how to obtain needed information without risking errors due to miscommunication.

The textbook, "Spanish for Health Care Professionals" by William C. Harvey, is available for $6.87 plus shipping at www.amazon.com.


For more information or to register for the course, contact ECOS at 731-881-7082 or go to http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/Medical_Spanish.php.
Fine Arts building project ‘Sets Stage’ for education, career preparation

When the Fine Arts Building Phase I project is completed, students at the University of Tennessee at Martin will have new and additional spaces to study, practice and perform. A reception and groundbreaking ceremony were held today for the renovation and addition project that will more than double the available space.

Noting that UT Martin is one of the fastest-growing public universities in the state, University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes told those attending the ceremony, “Today is an exciting day for us. We begin Phase I; Phase II to follow.”

The chancellor said it has been four decades since the original building was constructed, and “the enrollment on this campus has grown from about 3,700 to almost 8,500. ‘Programs are growing. There is a need for it.’

Rakes said that students expect the most current educational opportunities, and “we need the facilities to make that happen.” Even with tight budget constraints, he added, “Great things are still going on.”

Rakes thanked legislators for their support of the project that will bring together the Department of Music and Department of Theatre and Visual Arts programs—programs that are located in a number of facilities across campus during the construction. “It will be worth the wait,” he said of the structure that will offer the latest in facilities and equipment to enhance fine arts education.

The $13 million project consists of the renovation of the existing 52,702-square-foot building, as well as approximately 60,000 square feet of additional space. The final building footprint will increase to the north, south and east by a total of almost 25,000 square feet. The project is targeted for completion in fall 2012.

“For music majors, the new fine arts building will have a very significant, positive effect on academics and career preparation,” said Michael Yandel, a senior piano major in music education. “The simple fact that it is being built shows the university’s dedication to the arts. Spaces built specifically for rehearsal and performance will maximize the result of the many diligent hours both faculty and students spend in refining sound and musicianship.”

The building is specifically designed to meet the needs of the Departments of Music and Visual and Theatre Arts, including more than 35 office spaces, 23 practice rooms, three rehearsal halls, two lecture halls, 12 large and specialized studios, five classrooms, computer labs, band library, chamber music room, art display areas and storage space. Special acoustical consideration has been given to the sound-sensitive areas as well as technology advances.

Weather moved the groundbreaking ceremony indoors to the Paul Meek Library, but the University of Tennessee at Martin Fine Arts Building Phase I renovation and addition project was officially marked today on campus. Among those attending the ceremony were, from left, Bill Sharpe,Pickering Firm, Inc., Memphis, principal; Bill Ferguson, Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects, Memphis, partner-in-charge; Tim Nipp, physical plant director; Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs; UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes; Dr. Janet Wilbert, Faculty Senate president; Dr. Lynn Alexander, College of Humanities and Fine Arts dean; Emile David, UT Division of Facility Planning staff architect; and State Sen. Roy Herron.
for lighting and sound.

“The new Fine Arts Building will mean a lot to me and other fine arts students,” said Ernie Vann, a freshman graphic design major from Knoxville. Vann said he will have more and better space in which to work and improved facilities as he pursues his major. “A project such as this will show other students and incoming freshmen that our fine arts programs are always growing, and that the facilities are getting better year by year.”

“We are absolutely ecstatic at the prospect of having all of the arts under one roof,” said Doug Cook, Department of Visual and Theatre Arts chair. “One-stop shopping for the arts is our goal.” Dr. Elaine Harriss, Department of Music chair, added, “I remember the excitement of the 1970 opening of the Fine Arts Building. What a thrill it is to witness this renovation and expansion.”

Doug Cook and Dr. Elaine Harriss, chairs of the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts and Department of Music, respectively, were on hand for today’s groundbreaking ceremony for the UT Martin Fine Arts Building Phase I renovation and addition project.

First UT Martin online reading specialists to receive endorsements

Reading is the foundation for learning every subject, and educators know that success in reading makes academic success easier to attain. A University of Tennessee at Martin online reading specialist program offers a convenient alternative for educators who want to learn as much as possible about teaching reading.

Ashley Ragon, a 9th grade English/Reading in the Content Area teacher at Liberty Technology Magnet High School in Jackson and also a tutor, “jumped at the chance to learn more about reading.” And, as an alumna and former graduate teaching assistant in the UT Martin Reading Center, Ragon was very familiar with Dr. Beverly Hearn, online reading specialist program director. “The biggest benefit of the program has been the knowledge of the reading process and skills and strategies that I use daily with my students,” said Ragon. “With the reading specialist endorsement, I plan to continue to teach English and reading in an intermediate, middle or high school setting. Having the endorsement will open my range of teaching possibilities from just secondary English.” Ragon is among the first students who will receive the endorsement.

Hearn said some educators received their training before new reading techniques were developed and want to update their skills and others would like to work with their peers as a reading coach to help increase reading achievement and teacher satisfaction in their own schools. Still other experienced teachers are ready for a change and would like to work exclusively with struggling readers.

“Whatever goal you have in mind, it is true that when we help students gain strong skills and a love for reading, we can truly help them change their lives,” said Hearn.

The reading specialist program can be taken as a stand-alone endorsement, or the reading block can be integrated into the Master of Science in Education-Interdisciplinary.

All of the classes are offered online for both the endorsement and the master’s. There are 18 hours or six classes required for the additional endorsement in Reading Specialist, K-12. The courses include: READ 700, Foundations of Reading; READ 710, Advanced Reading Diagnosis and Corrective Reading; READ 720, Research Based Techniques for Teaching Reading and Language Arts; READ 730, Reading as a Nonlinguistic Process; READ 740, Practicum in Reading; and LIBS 652, Books and NonPrint Materials for Adolescents and Adults. All coursework conforms to the most current International Reading Association Standards and is designed to address the Reading Specialist Praxis III test, which is required for the additional endorsement.

For more information about the program, contact Hearn at bhearn@utm.edu or 731-881-7197.

Handgun Carry Class offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies is offering the Handgun Carry Class on February 19. The instructor will be Brandon Kidd, state certified handgun instructor. The fee is $75.

This eight-hour course will provide participants with the minimum requirements mandated by the state to obtain a handgun carry permit. The class will cover the use, operation and basic cleaning of the handgun. The first four hours will be devoted to classroom instruction and the written exam. The second four hours will be firing range instruction and practical exam. The students must score a minimum of 70 percent on the written and practical exam to successfully complete the course. This will allow the student to apply for a handgun carry permit from the state of Tennessee. Each student must be at least 21 years of age and have no felony convictions. Participants will need to provide a handgun, pen or pencil, paper, 50 rounds of ammunition appropriate for the handgun, and hearing and eye protection.

For more information, contact ECOs at 731-881-7082 or online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecco/nondegree/home.php.
WTWP accepting applications to Invitational Summer Institute

The West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) will host the 19th annual invitational summer institute, May 7 and June 6-30, on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin. Deadline for application is April 15.

WTWP invites West Tennessee teachers, grades K-16, from all subject areas, to apply for participation.

The institute is for teachers who want to become stronger teachers of reading and writing and a part of the ongoing professional community of WTWP teacher consultants. Participants earn six hours of graduate credit in English from UT Martin.

"I can honestly say that never have I enjoyed any seminar or professional development session as much as the West Tennessee Writing Project," said Dana Craddock, sixth grade social studies teacher at Ridgeview Elementary School in Obion County and 2010 summer institute participant. Tiana Page, eighth grade language arts teacher at Camden Junior High, added, "never in my wildest imagination would I have thought I would have gained the amount of knowledge I have in just four weeks. I have seen teaching demonstrations that are absolutely amazing, unique, and can be adapted to almost every grade in one way or another."

All teachers accepted to the invitational institute must be accepted for graduate study at UT Martin. Teachers receive six hours of graduate credit that may be used as part of a master's program in education at UT Martin, for recertification, for points toward Highly Qualified Status or for hours above a master's degree. Tuition and books are covered by grants from the National Writing Project.

"Recent studies have shown that students taught by teachers who have attended National Writing Project summer institutes perform better in all measured attributes of writing than their peers," said Dr. David Carithers, UT Martin associate professor of English and WTWP director, explaining the benefits of the summer institute. "Combining more writing and better writing instruction in all content areas helps students understand material better while boosting overall test scores." He added, "After the WTWP summer institute, teachers return to their schools with new ideas on improving writing instruction that they can share with colleagues in a variety of ways."

In addition to sharing effective teaching strategies that include writing components, participants in the institute practice their own writing in a variety of genres in a small group workshop format. "I haven't gotten so much enjoyment out of writing in such a long time," said 2010 participant Kamilah Whitley of Craighead Middle School in Memphis. Cindy Taylor of Finley Elementary School added, "I have gone from feeling inadequate and lacking in the teaching of writing to being energized and ready to embrace the wonder of it."

Although the focus is on writing, the institute is open to teachers of all subjects. According to Carithers, "teachers who have participated in the institute teach a variety of subjects, including math and science, and they all find the program worthwhile."

For more information about graduate study at UT Martin, contact Linda Arant at 731-881-7012 or laranl@utm.edu. To download the Summer Institute informational brochure and application materials, visit the WTWP web site at www.utm.edu/wwtp. For more information about the institute or WTWP, contact Carithers at 731-881-7290.

BASE-TN to increase number of teachers for students with special needs

The BASE-TN (Become a Special Educator in Tennessee) Teaching Program, funded by the Tennessee Department of Education’s Division of Special Education, is now available at the University of Tennessee at Martin. BASE-TN is designed to increase the number of teachers qualified to teach students with special needs in Tennessee.

BASE-TN provides financial support for persons who meet eligibility criteria and desire to earn an initial Tennessee teaching license or endorsement in special education. This support involves a commitment to teach in a Tennessee public school two years for each academic year of financial support received. BASE-TN will pay for tuition only. Additional costs, such as testing, copying, meals and books, must be paid by the student.

There are two groups of candidates who are eligible to apply for BASE-TN. Those with first priority include individuals who hold a bachelor’s degree in an area other than special education (2.75 GPA required) and desire to obtain a license to teach in special education. Individuals currently employed as an educational paraprofessional in a special education classroom and who have already completed a minimum of two years of undergraduate coursework or have earned an associate degree (2.75 GPA required) are among those in the second priority group.

The first group of UT Martin students who will be supported by BASE-TN tuition funding will begin in summer. The deadline to apply is March 11. Approximately 10 students will be selected.

For more information, contact Dr. Beth Quick, UT Martin Department of Educational Studies chair, at bquick@utm.edu or 731-881-7210.

To learn more about BASE-TN or to get an application, visit www.k12.tn.us/BASE-TN.
UT Martin students manage real money, place 6th in TVA Investment Challenge

University of Tennessee at Martin finance students placed sixth in the 2010 Tennessee Valley Authority Investment Challenge in competition with 23 other schools. The TVA provides cash awards to the top universities in the Investment Challenge that earn the highest return for each calendar year. UT Martin will receive approximately $8,300 for its efforts in managing a stock portfolio valued at $480,000 at the end of 2010.

For the third year, UT Martin students earned a 24 percent return on their investments. The Investment Challenge program, as a whole, returned 17.8 percent versus 15 percent for the S&P 500 for 2010. For most of the 12 years of the Investment Challenge program, the student-managed portfolios have beaten the S&P 500. The cash award will be added to the Kelly Murray Memorial Fund, which supports the finance program's TVA program and student activities.

TVA's Investment Challenge is a partnership between TVA and 24 universities in its service territory that provides a real-world learning experience in portfolio management. The challenge gives teams of students hands-on experience managing TVA stock portfolios.

UT Martin students actively manage TVA funds by designing long-term investment strategies, placing trades and providing performance reports to the program's advisory board comprised of faculty and investment industry professionals. UT Martin students were guided by Dr. Mahmoud Haddad and Dr. Arnold Redman, both professors of finance and co-directors of the UT Martin Investment Challenge Program. The students learn how to manage real money and meet all the requirements. They are held to similar guidelines as TVA's professional money managers.

"Our students last year did outstanding work in managing the TVA portfolio, and we appreciate the efforts the students gave to the program," said Redman. "Their work in the TVA challenge is even more impressive considering their management of the portfolio has earned returns that were better than that earned by many professional money managers."

"The TVA challenge program represents a unique practical investment opportunity in which only selected college students are allowed to participate. The hands-on experience our students gain from the TVA portfolio class prepares them for better jobs in the financial market," added Haddad.

The TVA Board created the Investment Challenge Program in 1998 to diversify the management of its Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund and give Tennessee Valley students experience in managing a stock portfolio. Originally, 19 universities received investment funds of $100,000 each, for a total of $1.9 million. The program has expanded to include 24 public and private universities in the TVA service area, and the funds total approximately $10 million.

Roots of Rhythm performance to celebrate Black History Month

The University of Tennessee at Martin World Percussion Ensemble will be performing, "The Roots of Rhythm," with two shows at noon and 7:30 p.m., February 22, in Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center. The UT Martin World Percussion Ensemble performs regularly for schools and communities with the presentation, "The Roots of Rhythm."

The presentation provides a multi-sensory performance, encouraging students to observe how differing societies are formed and interact through music. Brazilian, African, Afro-Caribbean and Afro-Cuban ensembles also perform on traditional instruments during the program, demonstrating the migration of rhythm through the slave trade.

Admission for the performance is $5 per person and free for children seven and younger. Group discounts are available.

For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of percussion, at 731-881-7418 or jhill@utm.edu.

UT Martin receives $75,000 THEC Award to offer teachers Professional Development for Reading

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has awarded the University of Tennessee at Martin $75,000 for an Improving Teacher Quality Grant for Project Reading to Increase Comprehension in Academics (RICA). This is the second year of funding for the project, coordinated by Dr. Beverly Hearn, associate professor of education.

Project RICA provides professional development for middle and high school teachers. Twenty-four teachers will be chosen to participate this spring and summer in sessions that focus on the new core curriculum, using classroom libraries and methods for more effective teaching of reading and writing within the content area classrooms; science, social studies and mathematics.

"Results from the first year of the project demonstrated a 63.1 percent improvement in teachers' knowledge of reading strategies for their students," said Hearn.

In addition to the professional development, participants will select their own classroom library materials valued at $1,000 to provide additional reading materials to be used in developing their reading and writing activities. Participating teachers will also receive an iPad and be trained in its use. The iPads will be used to access enrichment materials via electronic libraries and the Web.

"UT Martin has a tradition of providing professional development through the ITQ program," said Dr. Beth Quick, Department of Educational Studies chair, "in our rural area, the availability of high-quality professional development is very important for our educators. For Dr. Hearn to receive a second year of funding speaks to the success of the first year of Project RICA."

Although UT Martin partnered with Crockett County Schools in developing the proposal, school teachers from other area districts are also eligible to apply. For more information about participation, interested teachers should contact Hearn at bhearn@utm.edu or 731-881-7197.
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 (TATS). 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 1993 and has practiced in both the 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.

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REPRESENTS FRATERNITY — Alex McDaniel (left) of Union City was among the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity members from the University of Tennessee at Martin who participated in the National Recruitment School recently in Kansas City, Mo. He was joined by advisor Marvin Flatt. McDaniel is the son of Barry and Rita McDaniel of Union City. Among the other Alpha Gamma Rho members chosen as representatives for the event were Taylor Dill of Lebanon, Drew Denton of Bolivar and Kody Read of Pulaski. “The chapter chooses to send brothers to recruitment school every year to improve their recruitment plan, exchange ideas with other chapters, learn lifelong skills and enhance their abilities to access quality guys on campus,” Flatt said. During their time in Kansas City, they brainstormed new ideas, reviewed what they had done in the past and put together a solid recruitment plan for the next year. It also gave them an opportunity to meet other AGR’s from across the country. By attending the national recruitment school, they were able to bring back to the chapter new and refreshed ideas for recruitment. “I’m very encouraged with the recruitment plan that they came up with and also the new chapter leadership that I know will make this successful in the upcoming year,” Flatt added.
Meagan Meketi of Paris was crowned Miss University of Tennessee at Martin at the combined Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant held recently at the Student Life Center on campus.

The UT Martin biology major won the 2011 title and the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in June in Jackson.

Also headed to the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant is Chelsea Chandler of Germantown, a Christian Brothers University psychology/music major, who won the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival title.

The winners led a field of 12 contestants in the sold out pageant. They each received a $1,500 scholarship. Miss UT Martin 2010 Taren Hatcher of Greenfield crowned Miss Meketi. Miss Chandler was crowned by Loren Dean, formerly of Brighton, 2010 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival.

"This is only the second pageant I've done," said Miss Meketi following her win, "so I am really excited." She decided to enter the pageant about two weeks before the deadline, so there was not much time to prepare. "I did it for fun," she said, adding that her mother and grandmother also wanted her to enter.

Miss Meketi said she knew she would meet people, it would be a good experience and "everybody likes to dress up." Miss Meketi has had 11 years of piano lessons. "That was the thing I was most confident about going into it. It's one of my favorite things, so I just went out there and did it."

As for Miss Tennessee pageant preparations, Miss Meketi said, "I'm very excited about that, as well."

She'll work on walking, stage presence and posture, because she has limited pageant experience, and may prepare a different piano selection. With more time to prepare, she'll also work out and definitely be running.

Miss Meketi's platform is the American Cancer Society.

"You know, I'm so excited," Miss Chandler said about winning the pageant. "My dad couldn't be at the last pageant that I was in, and he was able to be here tonight." She added, "I feel like a part of myself grew up in Martin. I have so many fond memories here."

Miss Chandler noted that growing up she showed horses in the building right behind where the pageant was located. She added that she is happy to have an opportunity to give back to the community that has given so much to her.

To prepare for the Miss UT Martin pageant, Miss Chandler said she would concentrate on getting more comfortable with the multiple elements of the competition. "Singing's really my thing, so I'm clearly comfortable when I do that. I've lost 30 pounds since September just to get into this position."

She added she'd "just work harder to get in the best shape of my life so I can hopefully bring home a title for Martin."

Miss Chandler recently auditioned in New Orleans for American Idol and received a Golden Ticket and auditioned again in Hollywood. It was her second Golden Ticket. Last year, she auditioned in Dallas and Hollywood but did not make the show.

Her platform is animal advocacy.

Runners-up for the Miss UT Martin crown were Sally Seputo of Milan, a junior broadcast journalism major, first; and Leah Rogers of Brighton, a junior UT Martin elementary education major, second. All members of the Miss UT Martin court must be UT Martin students.

For Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival, Elizabeth Murphree of Germantown, a freshman Mississippi State University communications major was first runner-up; and Sarah-Taylor Argo of Alamo, a junior Middle Tennessee State University interdisciplinary major (grade 4-8) with math concentration, was second runner-up.

Miss Hatcher and Miss Dean were hostesses for the evening and entertained the audience with vocal selections. Hollie Holt of Martin directed the pageant.
"I am excited about working with our two new titleholders," said Ms. Holt. "We had a great group of girls compete," she added. "Each year, the Miss Tennessee system gives young women the opportunity to learn and grow as they develop platforms and give back to their communities. Our two titleholders are prime examples of what the system is all about."

MISS UT MARTIN — Meagan Meketi of Paris (second from left) was recently crowned 2011 Miss UT Martin at the annual Miss University of Tennessee at Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant held at the Student Life Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Runners-up for the Miss UT Martin crown were Sally Seputo of Milan (left), first; and Leah Rogers of Brighton, second (right). All members of the Miss UT Martin court must be UT Martin students. Taren Hatcher of Greenfield, 2010 Miss UT Martin, crowned Miss Meketi.

BASE-TN Teaching Program available at UTM

The BASE-TN (Become a Special Educator in Tennessee) Teaching Program, funded by the Tennessee Department of Education's Division of Special Education, is now available at the University of Tennessee at Martin. BASE-TN is designed to increase the number of teachers qualified to teach students with special needs in Tennessee.

The program provides financial support for people who meet eligibility criteria and desire to earn an initial Tennessee teaching license or endorsement in special education. This support involves a commitment to teach in a Tennessee public school two years for each academic year of financial support received.

BASE-TN will pay for tuition only. Additional costs, such as testing, copying, meals and books, must be paid by the student.

There are two groups of candidates who are eligible to apply for BASE-TN. Those with first priority include individuals who hold a bachelor's degree in an area other than special education (2.75 GPA required) and desire to obtain a license to teach in special education. Individuals currently employed as an educational paraprofessional in a special education classroom and who have already completed a minimum of two years of undergraduate coursework or have earned an associate degree (2.75 GPA required) are among those in the second priority group.

The first group of UT Martin students who will be supported by BASE-TN tuition funding will begin in summer. The deadline to apply is March 11. About 10 students will be selected.

For more information, contact Dr. Beth Quick, UT Martin Department of Educational Studies chair, at bquick@utm.edu or (731) 881-7210. To learn more about BASE-TN or to get an application, visit www.k12.tn.us/BASE-TN.
‘Roots of Rhythm’ to be performed

The University of Tennessee at Martin World Percussion Ensemble will be performing “The Roots of Rhythm,” with shows at noon and 7:30 p.m., Feb. 22 in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on campus.

The UT Martin World Percussion Ensemble performs regularly for schools and communities with the presentation “The Roots of Rhythm.” The presentation provides a multi-sensory performance, encouraging students to observe how differing societies are formed and interact through music.

Brazilian, African, Afro-Caribbean and Afro-Cuban ensembles also perform on traditional instruments during the program, demonstrating the migration of rhythm through the slave trade.

Admission for the performance is $5 per person and free for children ages seven and younger. Group discounts are available.

For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of percussion, at (731) 881-7418 or jhill@utm.edu.

Castellaw: take baton and run the race

Retired Lt. Gen. John Castellaw told graduates at commencement at the University of Tennessee at Martin that they have begun running a race. “That diploma is a baton,” he said. “Those of us that have already run the race are passing the diploma – the baton – to you. Now it’s your time to pick it up and face the challenges that face us.”

He added, “You know, each generation has all its challenges. And sometimes we may look a little bit inward and forget about how history has shown us that there are always better times ahead.” Citing challenges, he noted being at war for 10 years and the economic situation. Paraphrasing a Winston Churchill quote, Castellaw said, “Democracy is the worst form of government except for everything else.” He added, “It’s the best opportunity for us as citizens to make sure our voices are heard.”

The speaker told graduates that they are going to have some responsibilities. Castellaw urged them to reflect on others who have gone before them as examples. He told graduates that Americans have great character, are a courageous people, they believe in having opportunity for all to improve their lives, in fairness and generosity, in upholding the values and differences in people. “We are a nation of so many diverse cultures, religions, peoples and views, and we’re able to bring it all together and create such a tremendous environment. You as graduates are going to be able to take advantage of that environment.”

He added, “We still stand on that hill as a beacon to the entire world.”

“UT Martin has truly become a world-class institution, and we should take a moment to really thank those that have been responsible for that.” Reminding them that they have received a world-class education, “It’s preparing you to go out and be leaders in industry, in the military and in government.”

He closed his remarks saying, “May God bless this nation, and thank you all for what you have done.”

Castellaw, a Crockett County native, played freshwater basketball at UT Martin, and was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC). In 1972, he received a Bachelor of Science in agriculture. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, he first served in Marine tank and amphibian tractor units before becoming a helicopter pilot. He flew more than two dozen different aircraft and was Marine Aviator of the Year in 1990. His last assignments on active duty were at the Pentagon.

University of Tennessee President-elect Dr. Joseph DiPietro attended the ceremony and extended congratulations to graduates who represented 45 different Tennessee counties and 16 states. Graduates also represented the countries of France, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and the United Kingdom.

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, presided over the exercises and conferred degrees. He congratulated graduates and asked them to maintain contact with UT Martin, offer advice and support and be supportive of higher education. “You are joining over 38,000 graduates of UT Martin located throughout the world.” He added, “Education is not what is received, but rather what is achieved. As graduates of UT Martin, your diploma is a symbol of a significant achievement—your resume now contains another tool, a body of knowledge and problem-solving skill-set that, if used wisely, can help ensure a wonderful future for you and those around you.”
WestStar class includes three locals

Three Henry County residents have been named among the 30 members of the 2011 WestStar class. Those included are Mary Hickman, Tony Lawrence and Gary McEntire.

WestStar was created in 1989 at the University of Tennessee at Martin to serve the West Tennessee area by providing leadership development and training. Class members represent the 21 counties in the region, bringing with them a diverse range of occupations and volunteer leadership experiences.

Hickman has worked 24 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development branch as an area specialist/team leader for the single family housing division in the upper nine counties in Northwest Tennessee.

She has completed the Henry County Leadership class as well as Citizens Police Academy.

She also has received many awards from the USDA's Rural Development branch including the Community Champion Award, as well as certificates of merit and cash awards for her contribution in the single family housing program and for the Union City area office team in meeting the 2010 Performance and Accountability Plan goals.

Hickman said she believes her participation in the WestStar class will help her develop contacts in her work area who will help her to increase her knowledge of resources available to her. She hopes these resources will help her to better the employment, infrastructure and housing in West Tennessee as well as other areas.

Lawrence is the Paris Parks and Recreation Department director for the City of Paris. He is involved in numerous community activities. He is an American Red Cross cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)/lifeguard and water safety instructor, a youth sports coach and a youth triathlon coach.

Lawrence started the Paris Tri-Effelete youth triathlon club. He is also a certified parks and recreation professional and aquatics facility operator.

While participating in the WestStar program, Lawrence hopes to see how different communities across West Tennessee operate and learn about the programs they have to offer.

McEntire has served the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation as a hospitality manager at Paris Landing State Park Inn for the past six years. McEntire is also an active member of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, where he serves on the board of directors and the tourism committee.

In addition, he continues his long-standing membership with the Tennessee State Park Rangers Association, for which he has held the positions of chairman, secretary and board member. He is a 2008 graduate of the Tennessee Government Management Institute.

Honors include the Alumni of the Year Award from Western Illinois University's Recreation and Parks Department and Tennessee Park Ranger of the Year in 1986.

McEntire believes his participation in the WestStar program will help him gain new relationships with community leaders across West Tennessee which will help him to understand how Paris Landing and Henry County fit into the West Tennessee region.

Walker named vice president at Commercial Bank here

Emily Walker of Paris has been promoted to vice president at Commercial Bank in Paris.

Walker, who has been with the bank since 1996, serves as trust officer.

She is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

She is also a graduate of the American Banker’s National Graduate Trust School, as well as the Southern Trust School, where she has held leadership roles.

Walker has served as chairman of the Tennessee Bankers Trust & Wealth Management Conference.

The daughter of Jerry and Gloria Muzzall, she is married to Bo Walker. The couple have three daughters.

She attends First United Methodist Church in Paris, where she teaches Sunday school and is a member of the board of trustees.

Walker is also a member of Quota club.

Commercial Bank has locations in Paris, Memphis, Union City and Jackson.
UT Martin names several local students to Dean’s List

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2010 Dean’s Lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for dean’s list recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the dean’s list with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

UT Martin is a comprehensive public university that maintains an excellent reputation for its high-quality undergraduate programs, its beautiful campus and caring professors.

Abdullah Albrahim, Highest Honors
David E. Chambliss, Highest Honors

Kelsi B. Clark, Honors
Ashley N. Golyon, Honors
Chih-Fan Huang, Honors
Justine L. Malinkey, Honors

Steven D. Phelps, High Honors
Yasuaki Watanabe, Honors

Dresden
James T. Adkins, Highest Honors
Lisa C. Baskette, Highest Honors
Jennifer T. Beatty, High Honors
Brittany L. Bullock, Honors
Justin L. Cochran, Honors
Alex V. Crouell, Honors

Stacy L. Darden, High Honors
Justin N. Davidson, Highest Honors
Breanna M. Dubrul, Highest Honors
Orrin T. Eaves, Highest Honors
April D. Edensfield, Honors
Lacey M. Ellis, High Honors
Eric A. Evans, High Honors
Shannon E. Fisher, Honors
Mercy M. Ford, High Honors
Erica E. Gillson, Honors
Derrick E. Hanson, Honors
Tiffany D. Harrison, Highest Honors

Justin B. Hatler, High Honors
Bonnie A. Hickman, Honors
Amanda L. Jones, Honors
Joshua J. Justice, High Honors
Adam M. Kail, Honors
Lucie G. Kelley, Honors
Kara Kidwell, High Honors
Brandon L. Loeg, High Honors
Sarah A. McAlpin, Honors
Kristi A. Menendez, Honors
Emily S. Moon, Highest Honors
Brittany S. Morton, Highest Honors

Alayna S. Owens, High Honors
Shonna R. Parker, Honors
Alicia L. Pechall, Highest Honors
Cody W. Perkins, Highest Honors
Colleen E. Perkins, Honors
Jessica M. Phelps, Honors
Ronald E. Phillips, High Honors
William J. Pittman, High Honors
Vanessa D. Purdum-Smith, Highest Honors
Adam L. Reddick, Honors
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Nillerie D. Rickman, High Honors
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Dana D. Stanchi, Highest Honors
Abbey B. Stoker, High Honors
Precious E. Turcotte, High Honors

Damian M. Wilkerson, High Honors
Brandon K. Williams, Honors

Dukedox
Amy L. Bailey, High Honors
Joshua S. Pirtle, Highest Honors

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Melanie R. Brady-Hay, Highest Honors

Morgan R. Crider, Honors
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Jessica D. McKeeney, Honors

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Elizabeth D. Terrell, Highest Honors

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Dakota R. Betts, High Honors
Cody F. Black, Honors
Brittany L. Blackburn, Highest Honors
Rhionnon E. Caudle, Highest Honors

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Kristan D. Jennings, Highest Honors
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Adrienne P. Butler, Honors
Ashley E. Byrum, High Honors
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Kala M. Christiansen, Honors
Allison M. Clayton, Honors
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Scott E. Coleman, Highest Honors
Michelle A. Cooper, Highest Honors
Adrian C. Cottrell, Honors
Timothy L. Cox, Honors
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Amanda L. Cree, Honors
Gregory R. Curry, Honors
Martha E. Daniel, Honors
Jeffrey S. Davis, High Honors
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Taylor N. Dodson, High Honors
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Eric L. Smith, Honors
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Rae N. Hughes, High Honors
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Kevin E. Edge, High Honors
Matthew L. Fitzgerald, Highest Honors
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Kaya L. Heiser, Honors
Audrey B. Ingle, Honors
Derek T. Johnson, High Honors
Tonya E. Jordan, Highest Honors
Erika G. Klutts, High Honors
Kaya B. White, Honors
Krystal A. Wood, High Honors

50-year anniversary marked with events
As the University of Tennessee at Martin observes the 50th anniversary of undergraduate desegregation of the campus, several events are being scheduled as part of the yearlong celebration.

The Black Student Association will sponsor "A Night of Dance/Reflection of African-American Culture," at 8 p.m., Feb. 17, in Watkins Auditorium of Bolling University Center.

The BSA and campus 50th anniversary committee will sponsor "BSA Yesterday and Today," at 11 a.m., March 8, also in Watkins Auditorium.

The speaker, Dr. Jesse Cannon, of Stanton, is a UT Martin alumnus and the third president of the campus BSA.

In the summer of 1961, the first African-American student enrolled at UT Martin and opened the doors for others by gaining admittance and beginning classes.

The yearlong observance will feature special events, speakers and other programs for members of the campus and surrounding communities to honor all students and other individuals involved in the desegregation of the university.

For more information and the calendar of events, contact Dr. Annie C. Jones, director of the UT Martin Office of Minority Affairs, at 731-881-7282.
Applications now accepted for West Tennessee Writing Project

The West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) will host the 19th annual invitational summer institute, May 7 and June 6-June 30, on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin. Deadline for applications is April 15. WTWP invites West Tennessee teachers, grades K-16, from all subject areas, to apply for participation.

The institute is for teachers who want to become stronger teachers of reading and writing and a part of the ongoing professional community of WTWP teacher consultants. Participants earn six hours of graduate credit in English from UT Martin.

All teachers accepted to the invitational institute must be accepted for graduate study at UT Martin. Teachers receive six hours of graduate credit that may be used as part of a master's program in education at UT Martin, for recertification or for hours above a master's degree. Tuition and books are covered by grants from the National Writing Project.

"Recent studies have shown that students taught by teachers who have attended National Writing Project summer institutes perform better in all measured attributes of writing than their peers," said Dr. David Carithers, UT Martin associate professor of English and WTWP director, explaining the benefits of the summer institute. In addition to sharing effective teaching strategies that include writing components, participants in the institute practice their own writing in a variety of genres in a small group workshop format. Although the focus is on writing, the institute is open to teachers of all subjects. For more information about graduate studies at UT Martin, contact Linda Arant at 731-881-7012 or larant@utm.edu. To download the Summer Institute informational brochure and application materials, visit the WTWP Web site at www.utm.edu/WTWP. For more information about the institute or WTWP, contact Carithers at wtp@utm.edu or call 731-881-7290.

UT Martin provides online courses

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies is offering Beginning Microsoft Word from 6-9 p.m., Feb. 22 and 24, on UT Martin's campus. The registration fee is $85.

The instructor is Doug Bloodworth, UT Martin analyst and programmer.

The course will teach participants how to create, edit and organize documents, learn about the menu, toolbars and task panes and how to navigate the window. Students will also learn about margins, page layouts, columns, tables, headers, footers, fonts, paragraphs, editing text, undo, redo and clip art. Printing, backups, security and getting help will also be covered.

To receive more information on the course offering, contact ECOS at 731-881-7082. The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies is offering the Basic Principles of Good Grant-Writing course from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 24. The fee is $195.

This basic grant-writing workshop will be taught by experienced grant writers and will examine elements most often found in all request for proposals, explore data resources to draft a needs analysis, determine goals and objectives of a project, and map a project timeline. Participants will need to bring a one-page description of the organization they are representing. Participants are required to complete a questionnaire as part of the registration process.

For more information, contact ECOS at 731-881-7082.

'Roots of Rhythm' concert set at UTM

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For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of percussion, at 731-881-7418 or jhill@utm.edu.
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Gibson County student follows mother's footsteps

Sharon Lee must experience déjà vu when she enters Hardy M. Graham Stadium on a football game day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. She’s really been here many times before as a field commander for the university’s marching band from 1982-86. Last fall, the Lee family returned often to Graham Stadium to watch daughter, Savannah, continue the family tradition. A sophomore majoring in integrated studies, Savannah was one of two field commanders for the 140-member band.

Field commanders, sometimes called drum majors, function as the band director’s assistants. “We’re also there to kind of keep the morale of the band up,” said Savannah, who plays French horn and mellophone and participates in concert band. She’s also a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, the UT Martin chapter of a professional women’s music fraternity that advances interest in music.

Sharon and Savannah’s enthusiasm for music and marching bands began early on and hit full stride at Gibson County High School, where Sharon is full-time field commander instructor and an administrative assistant for the band director. She is also assistant principal at Dyer Elementary and an English as a Second Language teacher at the school. Savannah was GCHS field commander for three years under the watchful eye of her mom, also a Gibson County graduate (the Lees live in Dyer). “My mom’s been teaching drum majors … since I was little, so I’ve just always been around,” Savannah said. “I’ve always known how to conduct the patterns and stuff, and so I just decided after my freshman year of high school to try out, and I made it, and I ended up loving it.”

Although performing at a high level for your mother isn’t the easiest task to accomplish, the Lees managed to make it work. “It wasn’t awful,” Savannah remembered. “I kind of enjoyed it because I was close to her, but if anything went wrong and she got mad or anything, you know, sometimes could carry over to the house.”

Sharon has a “mother’s view” of those years working together. “It was rewarding for me because it gave me a chance to expose her to something that I loved so much, not only band but being a field commander,” she said, adding, “Anytime we had a rough day at practice, it sometimes meant a long night at home, but each time, it only strengthened our relationship as mother and daughter and teacher and student.”

Savannah’s high school experience prepared her well for field commander duties at the college level, which offers some different challenges. For one, there are “more responsibilities in college, even though in high school it’s a little more serious” as high school bands attend band competitions most every fall weekend. And then there’s the work preparing for college-level shows.

“We actually start about a week before the rest of the band,” Savannah said of the Skyhawk Marching Band’s fall camp. “We just get together and come up with ways to keep the band positive, ways to take care of problems, whatever comes up. We talk about ideas for the show.” The band starts practice on a Sunday and goes through Friday, including three nights last summer when the band stayed until 10 p.m. Different sections of the band also practice separately at different campus locations. Then, when the fall semester begins, the full band rehearses weekly, 6 to 8 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Besides hard work by the band members, Savannah credits Dr. Nola Jones, marching band director, and Dr. Andrew Bliss, who works largely with percussion, for the band’s high performance level. “They help try to keep us positive,” she said. “They give us everything we need to know how to do the show — the music, the drill. They have everything there that we need to make it as good as we can.”

Savannah can recall her marching band days in Graham Stadium and make some informed observations of what she sees during performances. “Well, as far as marching, the routines are very similar,” she said. “The styles of music, of course uniforms, and the style of marching has changed, but yet the high level of commitment, hard work, responsibility, I don’t think those will ever change because of the high level of directors that UT Martin has been able to place in their marching band program.”

As for Savannah’s performance with the band, Sharon couldn’t be more pleased. “I feel like she’s made a tremendous amount of progress this year as far as her conducting responsibility and just in general.”

Tori Abbott, an integrated studies major from Rutherford, is a fellow Skyhawk Marching Band member and friend who has watched Savannah assume the responsibilities of a field commander. Although possibly a little more objective than Savannah’s mom, she approves of what her friend has accomplished. “She does a very great job on the field and on the podium with it being her first year as a college leader,” Abbott said. “She’s surpassed expectations with flying colors. She’s stepped up, and you couldn’t tell that this is her first year; she’s been at the college level, at all.”

During football game days, count the entire Lee family present as Savannah takes the field. Sharon is joined by her husband, Jeffrey, who has a geosciences degree from UT Martin, and daughter, Becca, a rising softball player who’s getting an early taste of college game day excitement. Years later, Sharon can still say, “I’ll never forget that feeling the very first time I marched on that field as a drum major.”

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The BSA and campus 50th anniversary committee will sponsor “BSA Yesterday and Today,” at 11 a.m., March 8, also in Watkins Auditorium. The speaker, Dr. Jesse Cannon, of Stanton, is a UT Martin alumnus and the third president of the campus BSA.

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Reading is the foundation for learning every subject and educators know success in reading makes academic success easier to attain.

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Ashley Ragon, a ninth-grade English/Reading teacher in the Content Area teacher at Liberty Technology Magnet High School in Jackson and also a tutor, jumped at the chance to learn more about reading.

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“The biggest benefit of the program has been the knowledge of the reading process and skills and strategies that I use daily with my students,” Ms. Ragon said. “With the reading specialist endorsement, I plan to continue to teach English and reading in an intermediate, middle or high school setting. Having the endorsement will open my range of teaching possibilities from just secondary English.”

Ms. Ragon is among the first students who will receive the endorsement.

Dr. Hearn said some educators received their training before new reading techniques were developed and want to update their skills and others would like to work with their peers as a reading coach to help increase reading achievement and teacher satisfaction in their own schools.

Still other experienced teachers are ready for a change and would like to work exclusively with struggling readers.

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The reading specialist program can be taken as a stand-alone endorsement or the reading block can be integrated into the master of science in education — interdisciplinary.

All of the classes are offered online for both the endorsement and the master's degree.

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The first four hours will be devoted to classroom instruction and a written exam. The second four will be firing range instruction and practical exam.

Students must score a minimum of 70 percent on the written and practical exam to complete the course. This will allow the student to apply for a handgun carry permit in Tennessee.

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ROOTS OF RHYTHM PERFORMANCE TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

MARTIN, Tenn. - The University of Tennessee at Martin World Percussion Ensemble will be performing, "The Roots of Rhythm," with two shows at noon and 7:30 p.m., Feb. 22, in Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center. The UT Martin World Percussion Ensemble performs regularly for schools and communities with the presentation, "The Roots of Rhythm."

The presentation provides a multi-sensory performance, encouraging students to observe how differing societies are formed and interact through music. Brazilian, African, Afro-Caribbean and Afro-Cuban ensembles also perform on traditional instruments during the program, demonstrating the migration of rhythm through the slave trade.

Admission for the performance is $5 per person and free for children seven and under. Group discounts are available.

For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of percussion, at 731-881-7418 or jhill@utm.edu.

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First African-American Basketball Player in SEC to Speak at UT Martin's 11th Annual Civil Rights Conference

University of Tennessee at Martin
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MARTIN, Tenn. — Perry Wallace, the first African-American varsity athlete in the Southeastern Conference, will speak at 1 p.m., Feb. 24, in the Haller University Center's Watkins Auditorium at The University of Tennessee at Martin's 11th Annual Civil Rights Conference.

Wallace, a professor at the Washington College of Law, American University in Washington D.C., will present, "Integrating SEC Basketball.”

Perry won All-Metro, All-State and All-American honors. He was valedictorian of his Pearl High School class. After high school, he enrolled at Vanderbilt where he would become the first black varsity basketball player in the SEC.

Perry led the team in rebounding each year with a career average of 11.5 per game. His 17.7 points per game still ranks as the 11th best average in Vanderbilt history. As a senior, Perry was named to the All-SEC second team and became a member of the 1000-point club.

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MINISTRY AWARD — Members of the University of Tennessee at Martin's Baptist Collegiate Ministry include (from left) Kelly Burdett, Canada; Eric Brown, World Changers; Sam Stephens, Maine; Eric Wilson, Arizona; Justin Owens, Maine; Tyler Baggett, Indiana; Lee Cawley, World Changers; Brittni Brewer, California; Tyler Price, California; Lauren Hurst, Canada; Johnnie Mack Stephens, Nevada; Tyler Carr, Nevada; Chelsea Thompson, Maine; Nathan Elliott, Tennessee; and Hannah Loden, Tennessee. The organization recently received the prestigious Student Mobilization Award.

UTM Baptist Collegiate Ministry receives Student Mobilization Award

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry at the University of Tennessee at Martin has received the prestigious Courts Redford Award for Excellence in Student Mobilization for 2010 from the North American Mission Board (NAMB), an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM), a UT Martin campus organization for over 70 years, placed 10th in the nation and is being recognized for preparing students to “push forward the cause of Christ in many ways.”

The Rev. Morgan Owen, a Tennessee Baptist Convention Collegiate Specialist who serves as director of BCM at UT Martin, gives credit to the passion of student’s willingness to follow Christ. “Whether it be reaching out to the local campus or going to the other side of the world, UT Martin students over the years have taken seriously the call of Christ to be the light of the world. That’s what I love about working with college students. They believe that Jesus meant what He said and what He spoke to His disciples about witnessing to a lost world is just as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago,” Owen says.

Johnnie Stephens, who currently serves as BCM student president, has spent the last two summers serving through NAMB. “Serving has given me a chance to step out of the everyday and encounter a ‘lost world’ right here at home. I have done everything from working with Indian refugees in the mountains of Nevada to serving at a theme park in Florida, and it is all for the glory of God,” according to Stephens.

NAMB’s celebrated award is named in honor of Dr. Courts Redford (1898-1977), who served with the Home Mission Board, the predecessor of NAMB, for 21 years (1943-1964), the last 10 as the chief executive officer.

In the summer of 1944, Redford mobilized more than 70 college and university students to serve across the nation through the Home Mission Board, birthing the student missionary strategy.

Redford recognized the value and impact students could have in evangelism and church planting.

His legacy continues as the North American Mission Board’s Student Missionary Deployment Team maintains his vision and commitment as they assist local churches and convention partners to deploy students across North America today.

In addition to UT Martin, other colleges and universities honored in 2010 include the following: Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo.; Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.; Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.; Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C.; Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Ga.; Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.; and Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville.
UT Martin set to host civil rights conference

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UTM announces record spring enrollment
A record 7,824 students are enrolled for spring semester at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The enrollment tops the previous spring semester high of 7,692 students, set in 2010, and is the 12th consecutive spring semester increase.

The most recent figures resulted in spring semester records for total undergraduates; total full-time equivalent and full-time equivalent undergraduate students.

The 1.7 percent spring 2011 enrollment increase also follows a fall 2010 enrollment of 8,469 that set six all-time records in various categories. All enrollment numbers are compiled and reported by the university’s Office of Institutional Research.

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“Our faculty and staff continue to work hard providing high-quality education and student-centric services. We are blessed to experience these levels of interest and by the ever-increasing achievement of students.”

The 2011 spring enrollment set a spring semester record for undergraduate students, with 7,365, a 2.1 percent increase over spring 2010; undergraduate FTE, with 6,187, a 1.3 percent increase; and total FTE, with 6,421, a 1.1 percent increase over spring 2010.

FTE is the total number of student credit hours divided by 15 for undergraduate students and 12 for graduate students. Also increasing over spring 2010 was the number of returning undergraduate students, by 3.1 percent; and the number of transfer students, by 16.1 percent.

Campus-Based Universities Report Record Growth of Online Degree Programs

By Scott Manning
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The 2010 Sloan Survey of Online Learning reveals that approximately 3.6 million students participated in at least one web-based course in the fall of 2009, which represents an increase of almost 1 million learners from the previous year.

Across the country, a growing number of postsecondary schools are reporting record enrollment numbers for the spring 2011 semester. For example, the University of Texas (UT) at Arlington recently announced in a press release that it reached an all-time high this year, with 33,784 students.

Officials note that this boost is due in part to improved recruiting and retention as well as expansion of online degree programs.

"More students and families are aware of UT Arlington's reputation as a comprehensive university with a strong research program, a vibrant campus life and an exceptional education at a reasonable price," said James D. Spaniolo, president of the school. "We remain committed to improving the quality of our academic programs, both in traditional classroom settings and through an array of online courses designed to deliver education where people live and work."

The College of Nursing enrolled more than 6,600 students, which is about a 1,600 increase from last fall. In addition, the College of Education and Health Professions experienced a boost of about 400 learners this semester. Both schools offer a combination of campus-based and online courses.

"All of these initiatives represent our best efforts to give our students every opportunity to succeed, earn their college degrees and join the next generation of highly-skilled UT Arlington alumni who help drive our economy," said Donald R. Bulbitt, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Other institutions, such as the University of Tennessee (UT) at Martin, have also reported record growth. Officials from the school recently announced in a press release that 7,824 students enrolled in the spring of 2011 semester, which beats the existing record of 7,692 from 2010. This accounts for a 1.7% increase from last year, which is recorded by the university's Office of Institutional Research.

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Upcoming Young Writers Clubhouse

The West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) will offer three more Saturday Young Writers' Clubhouses, a series of writing experiences for third-eighth graders in the west Tennessee area.

"The Young Writers' Programs have grown so much in a relatively short time, from just a few Saturday sessions at UT Martin in 2006 to new offerings in Ripley, Jackson and now Memphis," said WTWP Director David Carithers. "Thanks to the dedicated teacher-leaders of the program, more students are writing in West Tennessee. I hope the children who attend the clubhouses are inspired to write for a lifetime."

Yolanda Jones, UT Martin Ripley Center director, added, "I am so excited to have the opportunity to offer the Young Writers Clubhouse again this year. It is so amazing to see such talented young writers express themselves through a series of writing experiences and activities. This is a wonderful program, and I encourage young writers from the surrounding areas to join us for a day of creative writing."

Each club will offer writing workshops, mini-lessons on content and editing strategies, writing response groups and one-to-one conferences with West Tennessee Writing Project Teachers. Remaining dates, locations and themes for this year's sessions are:

- Feb. 12 - "Script Frenzy" - Jackson (St. Mary's School).
- Feb. 26 - "Digital Storytelling" - Ripley (UT Martin Ripley Center), and
- March 5 - "Blast into the Future: Science Fiction" - Memphis (ICCS).

Experienced teachers who are also WTWP teacher-consultants lead the sessions. Andi Neilhoff and Becky Hasselle are co-directors of the program. Teachers who will be leading the sessions include the following:

- Neilhoff has been teaching language arts at St. Mary's School for 10 years. She has also been actively involved with the West Tennessee Writing Project at UT Martin since the summer of 2005. She has also been involved in the Young Writer's Clubhouse for two years.
- Hasselle has taught for 19 years, 10 of which have been at Dyersburg Middle School. She was teacher of the year for her district in 2008. She is a gifted education enrichment teacher and enjoys providing additional opportunities for children to learn outside of school.
- Clara Talley is the elementary writing instructor at Immaculate Conception Cathedral School in Memphis. She also teaches the enrichment classes for primary and middle school students. She has been a WTWP teacher-consultant since 2009.

Registration is $35 per session or two sessions for $60. Online registration is offered through the Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/youthwriting/writingreg.php. For more information, call the office of ECOS at 731-881-7082.

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Churchville

- Samantha Dunn of Churchville was named to the dean's list with honors at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
Students manage real money to place sixth in competition

University of Tennessee at Martin finance students placed sixth in the 2010 Tennessee Valley Authority Investment Challenge in competition with 23 other schools.

The TVA provides cash awards to the top universities in the Investment Challenge that earn the highest return for each calendar year. UT Martin will receive about $8,300 for its efforts in managing a stock portfolio valued at $480,000 at the end of 2010.

For the year of 2010, UT Martin students earned a 24 percent return on their investments. The Investment Challenge program as a whole returned 17.8 percent, versus 15 percent for the S&P 500 for 2010. For most of the 12 years of the Investment Challenge program, the student-managed portfolios have beaten the S&P 500. The cash award will be added to the Kelly Murray Memorial Fund, which supports the finance program's TVA program and student activities.

TVA's Investment Challenge is a partnership between TVA and 24 universities in its service territory that provides a real-world learning experience in portfolio management. The challenge gives teams of students hands-on experience managing TVA stock portfolios.

Students actively manage TVA funds by designing long-term investment strategies, placing trades and providing performance reports to the program's advisory board composed of faculty and investment industry professionals.

UT Martin students were guided by Dr. Mahmoud Haddad and Dr. Arnold Redman, both professors of finance and co-directors of the UT Martin Investment Challenge Program. The students learned how to manage real money and meet all the requirements. They are held to the same guidelines as TVA's professional money managers.

"Our students last year did outstanding work in managing the TVA portfolio, and we appreciate the efforts the students gave to the program," Redman said. "Their work in the TVA challenge is even more impressive considering their management of the portfolio has earned returns that were better than that earned by many professional money managers."

"The TVA challenge program represents a unique practical investment opportunity in which only selected college students are allowed to participate. The hands-on experience our students gain from the TVA portfolio class prepares them for better jobs in the financial market," Haddad added.

The TVA Board created the Investment Challenge Program in 1998 to diversify the management of its Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund and give Tennessee Valley students experience in managing a stock portfolio. Originally, 19 universities received investment funds of $100,000 a piece, for a total of $1.9 million. The program has expanded to include 24 public and private universities in the TVA service area and the funds total about $10 million.

Local students named to Dean's List

The following students from the Clarksville area were named to the Dean's List at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the Fall 2010 semester: Courtney J. Aubernathy, Kristen L. Bailey, Kalisha R. Bingham-Marshall, Andreas P. Bunjoj, Edward C. Burchett, Andrea L. Cote, Garrett M. Cole, Joel D. Flowers, Doronita A. Francis, Bethaney J. Fuller, Mia L. Godbolt, Christine J. Hassell, Kate E. Hein, Lauren S. Hopkins, Patrick S. James, Celeste A. Johnson, Colin M. Johnson, Tiffani N. Latham, Chad D. Lindsey, Alec T. Mills, John R. Mimms, Mary E. Mimms, Tyler H. Mullins, William Myers, Benjamin J. Northington, Michael P. Schaeffer, Cody A. Sirk, Joel T. Stanley, Jerika A. Taylor, all of Clarksville; Bethany G. Thomas of Cunningham; and Eric A. Hersh, Lori C. Taylor and Adam R. Travis, all of Woodlawn.
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The Associated Press

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UT Martin Plans Ribbon Cutting Ceremony For New Baseball-Softball Fieldhouse

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MARTIN, Tenn. – The University of Tennessee at Martin will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Baseball-Softball Fieldhouse at 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 28.

The Fieldhouse, located between the baseball and softball fields at the end of Pat Head Summitt Drive, includes baseball and softball locker rooms, dressing rooms, offices, equipment rooms, a laundry room and storage, public restrooms and a concession stand.

"The new Baseball-Softball Fieldhouse will be the crowning feature for several facility improvements surrounding baseball and softball over the last three years," said Phil Diane, UT Martin's director of athletics.

The Fieldhouse footprint is approximately 6,700 square feet, and the total project, including new lights for the baseball and softball fields, will be completed for a total cost of $1.75 million. Primary funding for the project comes from a portion of the $350 per semester activity fee revenue approved by the UT Martin student body in 2007.

"I don't think anybody will have a finer on-campus facility in the Ohio Valley Conference," UT Martin head softball coach Sterley Canady said.

Allen Savory Contractors built the building while Vic Buehler of Anderson Buehler Architects of Jackson served as the project designer.

Work on the building began in Feb. 2010 and was completed earlier this month.

"Our facilities are in a peak right now and this helps in recruiting, but more importantly, it helps the guys who are here right now," UT Martin head baseball coach Bubba Canady said.

"You can walk into the dressing room just a few feet off the field. We haven't had the ability to do that – few teams in the Ohio Valley Conference who can do that and we are now one of them. I am just real happy for our current players to have this convenience."

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Memphis Photos

The University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Development Program met for "Fundamentals of Economic Development: Building Communities from the Base Up" on Jan. 27-28 in Brownsville and Covington. Among those in attendance (from left to right) were Donnie Leggett of Moscow, Hardeman Fayette Utility District general manager; WestStar class of 2011, Franklin Smith, Haywood County mayor, class of 1993; and Duane Lavery of Covington, HTI Advantage, Inc. president, class of 2010.
UT Martin Offers Online English as Second Language

By UT Martin University Relations
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Students who do not speak, read and write English are increasingly enrolling in Tennessee classrooms. Some non-English background students are immigrants, but statistics show that many English language learners are born in the United States. Educators know that all children can learn at grade level, but sometimes monolingual teachers feel challenged to create academic success with students who do not speak English.

That led University of Tennessee at Martin to offer an online English as a Second Language endorsement.

"It can be advantageous to regular classroom teachers who would like to better serve the needs of non-English language background students in their classroom and schools," said Dr. Beverly Hearn, program director. "And, it is essential for those teachers who would like to make a career move and work exclusively with English language learners."

The additional endorsement in English as a Second Language is for teachers who are presently licensed K-12 in Tennessee. With the additional endorsement in ESL, educators will be prepared to teach K-12 self-contained ESL classes as well as pull-out, push-in or any other program model.

"I really loved the convenience of UT Martin's online ESL endorsement," said Heather Roller, who teaches English Language Learners in grades 5 through 8 at Whitthorne Middle School in Columbia. "Since I work full-time, it was great that I never had to drive to class and could do my coursework on my schedule. Plus, I appreciated that I only had to take three classes to add the endorsement."

At UT Martin, the graduate coursework for the additional endorsement in English as a Second Language includes: TESL 700, Principles of Teaching ESL; TESL 710, Strategies for Teaching
ESL; and EDFN 720, Multicultural Issues in Education, or a total of nine hours. All classes are online and practicum hours are embedded into the assignments for each of the two TESL classes. All coursework directly addresses the ESL Praxis II, which is required in order to obtain the additional licensure in ESL.

For more information about the online ESL program, contact Hearn at bhearn@utm.edu or call 731-881-7197.

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REED Center, Chamber offer business advice

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, March 3, 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. He will be providing advice about business planning, financing options, marketing, customer service, cash flow and other issues. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free.

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Kolitsch is chair-elect of STEM

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DAR presents 2011 Good Citizen Awards

The James Buckley Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, is pleased to present its DAR Good Citizen Awards for 2011.

Recipients of the award are Danielle Lynn Lamb, Dresden High School; Benjamin Tyler Rollins, Gleason High School; Laura Elizabeth Croom, Greenfield High School; and Mallory Ann Simpson, Westview High School. These students exhibit dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their school and community. Each year DAR chapters nationwide honor seniors who demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree.

Wanda Powell, chairperson of the DAR Good Citizen Committee for the James Buckley Chapter, reports that Laura Elizabeth Croom, daughter of Jimmy and Diane Croom of Greenfield, is the inclusive Weakley County DAR Good Citizen.

Croom has been involved in many extracurricular activities during her four years at Greenfield High School. Croom, while highly involved in numerous clubs and activities that give her opportunities to develop and utilize her leadership skills, maintains a very high academic average and has completed 18 hours of college credit while in high school. She was also a cheerleader for six years. As a senior, she serves as an officer for her class and in Beta Club, FFA, Student Council, and Youth for Christ. She has been selected Class Favorite for three years, Homecoming Queen and Best All Around in Who’s Who this year, and Miss GHS. Croom aspires to be a veterinarian and plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin. One recommendation states, “It speaks very highly of Laura that she was chosen to attend Governor’s School for Agricultural Sciences considering only the brightest students across the state are selected.”

Benjamin Tyler Rollins, the DAR Good Citizen from Gleason High School, is the son of Chris and Monica Rollins. Rollins, who ranks first academically in his class, is president of the Student Council and a D.A.R.E. Role Model, active in the Beta Club, and has participated in the Science Club, G Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and FFA.

Rollins has been recognized with numerous awards as a basketball player for the Gleason Bulldogs. He was chosen as a member of Weakley County Youth Leadership. He plans to enroll at the University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall to major in biology with aspirations of attending medical school. His teachers who recommend him state that Rollins “is a difference-maker and will be a productive member of society working diligently to make the world and the people in it better in the process,” and “He truly believes everyone possesses value, and his concern is evident in his participation in many charity functions such as volunteering at WE CARE Ministries, Carl Perkins Child Abuse Center, and by packing shoe boxes for Samaritan’s Purse.”

Mallory Ann Simpson, the DAR Good Citizen from Westview High School, is the daughter of Mark and Julie Simpson. She has been involved at Westview as a member of FCA, The National Honor Society, Beta Club, Spanish Club, and FCCLA; she is currently serving as president of the Anchor Club, vice-president of the Senior Class, president of Health Occupations Students of America, and representative to Girl’s State. She was selected to attend Weakley County Youth Leadership and the Governor’s School for the Humanities. Simpson plans to major in nursing in college and has a dream to lead medical teams on mission trips to work with gypsies in Romania. She has already served as a missionary in Romania. One of her teachers states that Mallory “embodies the moral principles necessary to earn the respect of her peers, her teachers, and her fellow community citizens. Ms. Simpson exemplifies all that is good with young people and all that is good about our community.”

 Danielle Lynn Lamb is the daughter of Jackey and Terri Lamb. She represents Dresden High School as the DAR Good Citizen. Lamb has been an outstanding academic student at DHS and has made many accomplishments. She holds membership in Beta Club, Student Council, Interact Club, D Club, Mu Alpha Theta Math Club, DECA, and FCA.
Laura Elizabeth Croom is Beta Club President, Mu Alpha Theta Vice-President, DECA President, PCA Vice-President, and Cheerleader Captain. She has received the Cheerleading Leadership Award and Academic Award for three years and is currently ranked #1 in her class. She participated in the First State Bank Youth Leadership Program; she has been on mission trips to West Virginia. Lamb has done international travel to England, Italy, and Ireland. She wants to attend Union University and become a teacher of mathematics, first on the high school level and then on the university level. Danielle’s teachers give her their highest regards: “Seldom in a teaching career does one encounter a student with Danielle’s academic ability, leadership ability, and spirit of cooperation.” and “It is because of the integrity of citizens like Danielle that our country has been made great, and it is because of her desire to excel in every endeavor that will enable our country to remain great.”

“I trust that as the information on these 2010 DAR Good Citizens is read that the high degree of pride that I feel in the young people of Weakley County is felt by all,” Powell stated. In addition to exemplary qualifications of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism, each has expressed a sincere love for and desire to help their fellowman. If I may borrow from one of the letters of recommendation, all four of these DAR Good Citizens exemplify “all that is good with young people and all that is good about our community.

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Michael Lee Barnett Jr. graduated in December of 2010 with a Bachelor’s of Business Administration in Finance and Marketing from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Barnett is a 2006 graduate of Stewart County High School, and he currently works in the loan department of Legends Bank in Clarksville.

He is the son of Mike Sr. and Carmen Barnett of Dover.
Local NP Spotlight: Tracey Kizer

The physicians at the Martin Medical Center are honored to have Tracey Kizer, WHNP, as one of the providers at the clinic. Kizer also works at the Student Health Center on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus. She is at the Martin Medical Center Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8-11:30 a.m., Tuesday from 1-5 p.m., and all day Friday.

Kizer graduated with a Masters Degree in Science in Nursing from the Vanderbilt School of Nursing in Nashville in 1997. While earning her degree, she worked as a staff nurse at Vanderbilt Hospital.

She has a history of working at the Summit Medical Center in Nashville in Obstetrics and Gynecology and also with the Baptist Memorial Hospital Gynecologic Oncology Associates of Nashville. Kizer is a member of the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Reproductive Health, Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society for Nursing, past member of Oncology Nursing Society, and past Chairman of Oncology Unit Board.

She has served as a representative for patient care services for oncology, and as a past member of the leadership team for management transition, care partner integration, and clustering for Oncology Unit. Kizer has a true concern for the education of women's health in our community. She is a past member of the Union City Foundation Board, a current member of the Vizzuti review Club, and serves as a school volunteer for her children. She and her nurse, Michelle Plunk, are kind and compassionate women to meet the healthcare needs of your mother, daughter or yourself.

Call 731-587-9511 to make an appointment or visit its website at www.martinmedicalctr.com.

Sights and sounds to behold with proposed downtown soundscape

By: Sabrina Bates, News Editor
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A THING OF BEAUTY TO LAST A LIFETIME - The proposed "sculpture soundscape" envisioned by UT Martin student Joel Flowers would be a larger than life work of playful art. The goal is raise enough money to fund the project in the heart of downtown Martin. The sculpture soundscape would be the second of its kind in Tennessee. Sketch and design by Jason Stout

While the project is planned for two years in the making, the lasting effects can be life long across the region.

It has taken the vision of a University of Tennessee at Martin student and a collaboration of community partners and those involved will leave a permanent stamp in downtown Martin.

UTM broadcasting major Joel Flowers, 21, said the idea behind his University Scholars project is to create "playable art" for the young and young at heart to enjoy generation after generation.

The proposed metal exhibit can create sounds in a variety of ways. The first and most natural way to create sound would be from wind, according to Flowers. Another way to create sound is by moving the suspended inner workings of the sculpture against one another and a third way to create sound would be by striking parts of the sculpture.

Once the project is complete, it could be a permanent, interactive fixture in downtown Martin.

Not only would the Martin community be enhanced by the project, but very few “sculpture soundscapes” grace communities across the nation. The closest replica is located in Chattanooga, which is what Flowers said peaked his inspiration for the project.

"I saw one in Chattanooga in 2008 while visiting a friend and I wondered why there isn’t one in every park in the nation. I told myself that I want that here and I made it my goal to get one in downtown Martin," Flowers noted.

Typically, a University Scholars project involves the field of the student’s choice, but Flowers said he is not a music or science major.

"I didn’t want to do the bare minimum to get by and graduate with this project. I am not a science or math person. I wanted the project that I chose to have an impact. I always had a thing for music. I appreciate it for what it is, but I am not technical about it," Flowers noted.

When asked why he chose the City of Martin’s downtown festival Park as a location for the sculpture soundscape, Flowers said that a University Scholars project is designed as a community service and he didn’t understand why more projects don’t involve the community.

With a soundscape located in downtown Martin, the goals are to enhance the historic area, create a regional impact and enhance tourism for the community — things that the young college student feels are well within reach with the project.

"I want to leave Martin saying that I did something to impact the community in a positive way because I am proud of getting my education here," Flowers added.

The broadcasting major has enlisted the help of local welder John Null to help implement the design. Null has created numerous sculptures by manipulating metal and his work can be found across the nation.

UTM visual arts professor Jason Stout designed the sketch of the proposed soundscape.

Flowers said he has the full support of the Martin Historical Business District, the Martin Business Association and the City of Martin for the project.

From now until May, Flowers and his partners will be searching anywhere and everywhere to help raise funding for the soundscape.

The bulk of the money needed is for the metal that will be used to construct the 20 feet by 20 feet “playable art” structure that will be broken down into three pieces of art.

"The goal is to get the metal donated so that we are only left trying to raise $3,000 to actually build the soundscape. I am hoping for donations from local businesses to accomplish this so that the people in this community can actually put their stamp on it as well," Flowers shared.

Once the funding is secured, Null can begin bringing the sketch to life within a matter of weeks and the City of Martin would secure a work of art right in the heart of downtown that is both a sight and sound to behold.

"A friend of mine likened it to a Disney® movie, where kids love it, but parents also enjoy it too," Flowers added.

To find out how to contribute to the project, contact Flowers at 1-931-249-4791 or by email at jocelflow@yahoo.com.

There is also a Facebook page – City of Martin Sculpture Soundscape – dedicated to the project. Flowers asked community members to join the page and offer ideas and suggestions. He will use the social networking site to post progress reports and secured donations for the project.
UT Martin has 12th consecutive record spring enrollment

A record 7,824 students are enrolled for spring semester at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The enrollment tops the previous spring semester high of 7,692 students, set in 2010, and is the 12th consecutive spring semester increase. The most recent figures resulted in spring semester records for total undergraduates, total full-time equivalent and full-time equivalent undergraduate students.

The 1.7-percent spring 2011 enrollment increase also follows a fall 2010 enrollment of 8,469 that set six all-time records in various categories. All enrollment numbers are compiled and reported by the university's Office of Institutional Research.

"Enrollment increase is representative of growth in our undergraduate enrollment, both on campus and off-campus, in undergraduate online programs and in our dual-enrollment program," said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. "Our faculty and staff continue to work hard providing high-quality education and student-centric services. We are blessed to experience these levels of interest and by the ever-increasing achievement of students."

The 2011 spring enrollment set a spring semester record for undergraduate students, with 7,365, a 2.1-percent increase over spring 2010; undergraduate FTE, with 6,187, a 1.3-percent increase; and total FTE, with 6,421, a 1.1-percent increase over spring 2010. FTE is the total number of student credit hours divided by 15 for undergraduate students and 12 for graduate students. Also increasing over spring 2010 was the number of returning undergraduate students, by 3.1-percent, and the number of transfer students, by 16.1-percent.

Holly Crews Receives Scholarship - Holly Crews is the recipient of the 2010 Gibson County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship. Crews is the daughter of Peter and Teresa Lay and Tommy Crews. She is a graduate of Milan High School and is attending the University of Tennessee at Martin. Crews has entered her first year of studies in Animal Science. The Gibson County Cattlemen's Association thanks the students of Gibson County who applied for the scholarship. There are many very deserving students.

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Civil rights conference at UT Martin
The University of Tennessee at Martin is holding its 11th annual Civil Rights Conference this week.

The conference keynote speaker Thursday is Bernice Johnson Reagon, a civil rights activist who was jailed in the early 1960s and who is curator emerita at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History.

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First African-American Basketball Player in SEC to speak

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Perry won All-Metro, All-State and All-American honors. He was valedictorian of his Pearl High School class. After high school, he enrolled at Vanderbilt where he would become the first black varsity basketball player in the SEC.

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Weakley County Chamber offers business advice March 3

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, March 3, at the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce in Dresden.

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Exhibitions sponsored by the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will be located in the Paul Meek Library while the Fine Arts Building undergoes renovations. Call the Paul Meek Library at 731-881-7060 for information concerning standard and special library hours of operation.

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Special needs teaching program available at UTM

The BASE-TN (Become a Special Educator in Tennessee) Teaching Program, funded by the Tennessee Department of Education’s Division of Special Education, is now available at the University of Tennessee at Martin. BASE-TN is designed to increase the number of teachers qualified to teach students with special needs in Tennessee.

BASE-TN provides financial support for persons who meet eligibility criteria and desire to obtain an initial Tennessee teaching license or endorsement in special education. This support involves a commitment to teach in a Tennessee public school two years for each academic year of financial support received. BASE-TN will pay for tuition only. Additional costs, such as testing, copying, meals and books, must be paid by the student.

There are two groups of candidates who are eligible to apply for BASE-TN. Those with first priority include individuals who hold a bachelor’s degree in an area other than special education (2.75 GPA required) and desire to obtain a license to teach in special education. Individuals currently employed as an educational paraprofessional in a special education classroom and who have already completed a minimum of two years of undergraduate coursework or have earned an associate degree (2.75 GPA required) are among those in the second priority group.

The first group of UT Martin students who will be supported by BASE-TN tuition funding will begin in summer. The deadline to apply is March 11. Approximately 10 students will be selected.

For more information, contact Dr. Beth Quick, UT Martin Department of Educational Studies chair, at bquick@utm.edu or 731-881-7210.

To learn more about BASE-TN or to get an application, visit www.k12.tn.us/BASE-TN.

UT Martin hosts Civil Rights Conference

The University of Tennessee at Martin Civil Rights Conference is underway, with events held in the Boling University Center, Watkins Auditorium.

Events slated for Feb. 23-24 include the following:

Feb. 23, 10 a.m.- Brooke Haycock, Catalyst; 12 noon- Peace and Justice Rally;

1 p.m.- Brooke Haycock: Dilated Pupils and the Not-So-Soft Bigotry of a Nation;
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Memphis Photos

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LOCAL STUDENTS ATTEND HONOR BANDS – Several local musicians were selected to participate in area honor bands recently. UT Martin held its honor band with participants from all across the region. All-West Tennessee honor bands were held in Memphis, and participants were chosen by try-out. Students had classes by master teachers and gave a concert for family and friends at the conclusion. The students attend Westview High School, Martin Middle and Sharon School and are directed by Mike Tucker and Derek Cook. Grades 8-9 participants UTM participants include (top photo, from left) Austin Brewer, Katie Moore, Camilla D’Aprille, Kelby Smith, Abby Holford, Gillian Martin, Leslie Patterson, Michaela Johnson and not pictured Sydney Gilliam. Katie and Sydney also attended All-West Tennessee. Grades 10-12 UTM Participants include (bottom photo, from left) Ricky Cedeno, Megan Spellings; All-west Tennessee and UTM: Sarah Wade, Brooke Baker, Franco D’Aprille, Katie Moore, Sabab Getaneh. Not pictured are Heather Peckham, Blake Gallimore and Chantia Brown.

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Women's History Month Luncheon

The University of Tennessee at Martin Faculty Women's Club will host its annual Women's History Month luncheon at 11:30 a.m., March 10, in Room 206ABC, Boling University Center.

Jenna Wright, Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages interim chair, will be the speaker. Wright will read excerpts from "Past and Future Silence: A Woman's Search for Hope," a memoir she is writing that incorporates her search for voices in the silence she experiences after the deaths of both her only daughter (a child of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital) and her mother. This memoir explores Wright's relationship with her mother and daughter and the impact of their deaths on her as a woman - an only child - living in the South, where family is often alluded to as the number one institution.

Tickets for the luncheon are $12 and may be purchased by March 2 at the university center information desk, Vicki's Designer Touch, downtown Martin, or contact Georgia Baskett, 731-881-7079, gbasket@utm.edu; Carla Field, 731-587-3522, carlaf@charter.net; or Penny Moser, 731-588-5766, pennymoser@hotmail.com.

Program coming to UT Martin

The Congress-to-Campus Program is coming to the University of Tennessee at Martin, March 3-4, as part of the university's annual Institute for Civic Engagement Sculpting Summit.

Former U.S. Reps. Bill Burlison (Missouri) and Nick Smith (Michigan) will speak at the Forum on Public Service from 7:15-8:30 p.m., March 3, in Room 206 of Boling University Center. The topic will be the role public service plays in a democratic society. They will offer insights as former members of Congress. Burlison served from 1969-1981, and Smith from 1993-2005. The free event is open to the public.

The Congress-to-Campus Program sends bipartisan pairs of former members of Congress - one Democrat and one Republican - to visit college, university and community college campuses around the country. During the course of two days, the former members conduct classes, hold forums and meet informally with students and faculty. The U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress created the Congress-to-Campus Program in an effort to improve college students' understanding of Congress and American government and to encourage them to consider careers in public service. Beginning in 1996, the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership partnered with the association to assist in managing the program.

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He will perform various works using different percussion instruments including the marimba, vibraphone, timpani and snare drum. Colby is active in the marching band, percussion ensemble and wind ensemble. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of music, at 731-881-7418 or jhill@utm.edu.
The following undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin were named to the fall 2010 dean's list for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts:

**Germantown — Richard D. Ballinger, high honors; Austin W. Cardosi, highest honors; Jessica E. Couch, highest honors; Greer B. Crocker, high honors; Charles R. Curbo, high honors; Sarah E. Martin, high honors; Matthew H. Nickell, high honors; Christine A. Pick, highest honors; James D. Powers, honors; William M. Price, honors; Laura K. Richards, honors; Mary K. Richards, highest honors; Justin C. Sims, honors; Anna L. Tankersley, high honors; Tegan T. Thomas, highest honors; Christopher C. Wiggins, high honors; Michael W. Wiggins, honors; Megan R. House, high honors; Nathan D. Jolley, high honors; Audra C. Kiraly, high honors; Richard J. Kuenzinger, honors; Bruce M. Medler, honors; James L. Taylor, honors; Joshua R. Weiss, highest honors; Kenneth R. Williams, high honors.**

**Memphis — Ashley R. Bruno, high honors; Joel E. Sissman, honors; Danny E. Beil, highest honors; Ivory L. Brown, honors; Vanity B. Owens, honors; Melissa N. Gant, high honors; Erica L. Lemons, honors; Davida A. Ambrose, honors; Tierra J. Brown, highest honors; Brianna R. Hill, honors; Timothy J. Johnson, high honors; Erika L. Jones, highest honors; Kirsten J. McKnight, honors; Tierney V. Seals, high honors; James A. Winters, honors; Kandi D. Horton, high honors; April N. Klzer, honors; Jacqueline S. Boyland, highest honors; Cynthia M. Nalor, honors; Faith D. Davis, honors; Marquita L. Douglas, honors; Chasity D. Frazier, high honors; Antonio C. Gordon, honors; William E. Duffel, high honors; Caylen M. Follis, honors; Haylee A. Hearns, highest honors; Bobby G. Price, honors; Kimberly A. Thomley, high honors; Darlene T. Bratcher, honors; Rashunn D. Cheney, high honors; Anthony J. Hollister, highest honors; Desteni C. Leakes, highest honors; Lorenzen C. Lucas, highest honors; Anthony S. Wilkins, honors; Bosede E. Afolami, honors; Lauren E. Conley, highest honors; Fredrick M. Whalum, honors; Corey M. Brooks, honors; Courtney B. Cooper, high honors; Samba L. Diop, high honors; Jennie G. McFerren, honors; Wesley K. Patterson, honors; Lawanda N. Virgous, highest honors; Whittney L. Lucas, honors; DeMarcus L. Douglas, honors; Donnille A. Hubbard, high honors; Sacoyua K. Mull, honors; Dwayne Westbrook, highest honors; Jasmine N. Brooks, honors; James Buchanan, honors; Erika K. Cotton, honors; Jula R. McGaha, high honors; Crista A. Morales, highest honors; Candace M. Smith, highest honors; Steven A. Smith, honors; Jamie R. Arnett, honors; Keri E. Downs, honors; Mikhaela J. Williams, highest honors; Colby L. Snider, high honors; Christina N. James, honors; Harold D. Johnson, honors; Millington — Thomas T. Bowen, highest honors; Mark G. Harris, high honors; Emily L. McLeary, high honors; Sarah Muller, high honors; Will J. Norvell, honors; Jacob N. Reed, high honors; Carter J. Smalley, highest honors; Chenaequa I. Watson, honors; Julia N. Weatherford, high honors; Rachelle L. Weaver, honors.**

To be eligible for dean's list recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours for credit and achieve a 3.2 (B) GPA based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the dean's list with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

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The University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Development Program met for "Fundamentals of Economic Development: Building Communities from the Base Up" on Jan. 27-28 in Brownsville and Covington. Among those in attendance (from left to right) were Donnie Leggett of Moscow, Hardeman County Utility District general manager, WestStar class of 2011; Franklin Smith, Haywood County mayor, class of 1993; and Duane Lavery of Covington, HTL Advantage, Inc. president, class of 2010.

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Gary W. Kimzey, M.D. (CBHS '69) has been an anesthesiologist with Medical Anesthesia Group in Memphis since 1980. He serves on the board of directors of Metro Care Physicians, Memphis & Shelby County Medical Society, Health Choice, and Tennessee Medical Association. He has served as president of Tennessee Society of Anesthesiologists, Memphis & Shelby County Society of Anesthesiology, Medical Anesthesia Group, and Hippocratic Society. Currently, Kimzey serves as president of Med Temps and serves on the legislative board of the Tennessee Medical Association.

He graduated from University of Tennessee-Martin with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1973. He graduated from the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences in 1977 and completed his anesthesiology residency at Lloyd Nolan Hospital in Fairfield, Ala., in 1978. He then completed two years of clinical cardiology, pulmonary medicine, pediatrics and anesthesiology at the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences in 1980.
UT-Martin Wins Southeast Journalism Conf. Awards

By WestStar Staff

MARTIN, TN - WUTH-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, AL.

The station has placed in the top three in this category five of the last six years. This is the third time that WUTH-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 WUTH has again been recognized as the best in the South," said Dr. Robert Harkey, Department of Communications chair and associate professor. "I see firsthand the hard work and dedication that our students and their faculty advisor, Dr. Richard Robinson, demonstrate throughout the year to make this possible. I'm also very proud of all of our Pacem winners and advisor, Tomi Parrish, for her strong leadership in SESC."

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 year. She also took second place in this year's onsite radio anchoring competition.

Robinson, assistant professor of communications, said, "Our students worked extremely hard this year. This effort has been combined with strong administration support. It is gratifying that the Southeast Journalism Conference recognizes the commitment of the Department of Communications, which enables WUTH to be the best college radio station it can be."

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 Dettese, of Martin, placed sixth in advertising. Kim Barnett-Scott, 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 SESC for next year, when the event will be hosted on the UT Martin campus.

"All of our student media staff members work tirelessly to hone their skills," Parrish said. "We appreciate the awards, but we also appreciate the daily efforts of our students to serve UT Martin via print, Web and broadcast. We are incredibly excited about bringing the SESC convention here in February 2012, so we can show off our school."

Submitted by UT Martin University Relations

Two HCHS students awarded scholarships

Henry County High School students Kaylee Clark and Brianna Foss have been awarded dean's scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin beginning in the fall of the 2011-12 academic year. Kaylee is the daughter of Anthony and Sonya Clark of Paris. Brianna is the daughter of Pamela Corbin of Springville.