The future of alternative fuels
hot topic at
UT Martin Ag Conference

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Do you have a love story within you that you're just aching to tell? Or maybe you know how lucrative the romance writing market can be and you've realized that romance novels offer you your greatest opportunity to succeed as a writer. Either way, you'll discover everything you need to know about writing and publishing a romance novel in the new online course, "Romance Writing Secrets."

Taught by award-winning romance novelist, Lori Wilde, this new writing course will show you how to create compelling characters, how to identify timeless themes that sell and how to find the subgenre that's perfect for you.

Wilde is the author of 39 published romance novels. Her books have been translated into 17 languages, and her work has appeared in Cosmopolitan, Redbook and Quick and Simple magazines. She is a four-time nominee for Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award, and she is a former finalist for the RITA award from the Romance Writers of America. Several of her books have appeared on the Waldenbooks bestseller list.

Romance novels generate $1.2 billion in annual sales, eclipsing all the competition and showing no sign of stopping. More than 54 percent of all popular paperback fiction sold is in the romance genre.

“Romance Writing Secrets” can be taken online from the convenience of home or office and at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course – part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses – visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php or call ECCE at (800) 482-5199.
Register for annual science bowl

Area high schools are invited to send teams to the 27th annual Science Bowl at the University of Tennessee at Martin and can register for the March 3 event by e-mail or phone. The registration deadline is Feb. 20.

The science bowl is sponsored by the UT Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS). For the written test covering biology, chemistry and general science, there is no limit on the number of students each school may enter. Each test will have 25 questions from each of the three categories.

From the written test, eight schools will be chosen for the afternoon bowl competition based on comparing the average total score of two of each school’s highest scoring students. The rules are similar to the former TV show, “The G.E. College Bowl.” Each game is 20 minutes long with as many segments as possible in that time. A segment is composed of a toss-up question and a category question. The first team to answer the toss-up question correctly, dealing with biology or chemistry, will receive points and gain the right to choose from one of three categories: chemistry, biology or physics. If the first team answers the toss-up question incorrectly, the other team has a chance to answer the question. If that team cannot answer it, the procedure begins again and continues until the question is answered correctly.

Toss-up questions are worth five points, and team members are not permitted to confer on these questions. Category questions are worth 10 points. Team members are allowed to confer on these, but the team captain must give the final answer.

While students are taking the written test, teachers may participate in a mini-workshop on green chemistry. Students and teachers will be entertained with demonstrations and a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the importance of green chemistry while the tests are being graded.

Four to five students from West Tennessee region for Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society scoring high on the chemistry portion of the written test will be invited to take the national examination (to be administered in April) for selection to participate in the International Chemistry Olympiad (to be held in Moscow on July 15).

The results from last year’s bowl are available online at http://www.utm.edu/staff/skaire/scibowl. To register for the science bowl, e-mail skairee@utm.edu or call 881-7450.

Keith Priestley new McKenzie Bank president

Keith Priestley has been promoted to president of McKenzie Banking Co. and has been elected to the bank’s board of directors.

The decision to promote Priestley was made “after considerable thought and consideration of long-term planning for the bank,” according to Charles P. Wilson, the bank’s chief executive officer who will remain in that role as well as continue his duties as chairman of the board.

“Gradually, over time, Keith will take on some of my responsibilities and will eventually take over all of my responsibilities,” Wilson wrote in an e-mail to bank employees. “However, I plan to remain active in the bank and do not plan to retire as long as my health permits.”

Prior to his current position, Priestley had been a vice president with the bank since June 2004.

He has been actively involved in the McKenzie Rotary Club, the Board of Commissioners for McKenzie Housing Authority, the Municipal Regional Planning Commission for the City of McKenzie and is a past president of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Priestley and Wilson have a long-standing working relationship.

“I have known Keith for twenty-one years,” said Wilson. “He served as an advisory board member to the bank in the late 1980s and early 1990s and also was a member of our board of directors for ten years.”

Priestley was owner of the Jim Alexander Insurance Agency for 22 years until he sold the business in 2001.

Priestley is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, the Southeastern School of Banking, Southeastern School of Commercial Lending and the Southeastern School of Consumer Credit.

He and wife Sherri have two sons, Brents, an investment representative for Edward Jones Investments in McKenzie, and Brice, a freshman at Harding University in Searcy, Ark.; and a daughter, Cara Kelly, who sells real estate in Goodlettsville.

Priestley and his family are members of McKenzie Church of Christ where he is a Sunday school teacher and an elder.

“McKenzie Banking Company exemplifies what it means to be a community bank,” said Priestley. “Mr. Wilson, the directors and the dedicated staff have devoted themselves to preserving this unique identity.”

“I am confident we will continue to build upon this strong foundation and I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve our communities and our customers as president of McKenzie Banking Company.”

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FAFSA sessions set for February

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The sessions are scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. They will be held Monday in Room 206ABC of Boling University Center at UT Martin; Feb. 8 at the UT Martin Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley; and Feb. 22 at McNairy Central High School.

The workshops will provide assistance to fill out the FAFSA form online, answers to financial aid questions and information regarding the Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship. Participants need to bring completed 2006 tax returns for both the student and parents; W2 forms from 2006 for both the student and parents; and, if available, their Personal Identification Number (PIN) for electronic signature.

To apply for a PIN, go to www.pin.ed.gov.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance at (731) 881-7040.

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Student government, as well as alumni, board members, leadership directors and volunteers involved with youth leadership, are invited to participate.

The dress is casual and participants should dress warmly and bring one semi-formal change of clothes for a dinner reception. A luau-themed mixer will be hosted Friday night.

The registration fee is $75 per participant and covers meals, lodging and entertainment, materials and a T-shirt. Each student also will receive a book written by Cordes. Lodging will be in Clement Hall. Pillows, blankets and linens will be provided. Meals include dinner on Feb. 22; breakfast, lunch and dinner on Feb. 23; and brunch on Feb. 24.

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‘PILATES BEGINNERS’ MATWORK’

6:15 p.m., Mondays, Monday through March 12 and 7 p.m., Saturdays, Feb. 3-March 10 at UT Martin. Fee: $55. Appropriate for all ages and fitness levels, the matwork teaches that the body is the finest and only tool necessary for achieving physical fitness. Nationally certified through National Exercise Trainers Association, Carol Hinman will demonstrate the basics to this form of body conditioning. Classes are done with an empty stomach and without shoes.

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MUSEUM EXPLORES SENTIMENTS OF WARTIME NATION EXPRESSED VIA MUSIC, GRAPHICS

Through Feb. 16 at UT Martin Museum. A varied and colorful collection of World War II-era sheet music covers.

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Honor choir event at UTM canceled

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The event was to be held Feb. 2-3.

For more information, contact Mark Simmons, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, at 731-981-7412 or marksim@utm.edu.
Experts gather at UTM to discuss biofuels future

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A "motivational speaker" who now co-owns a biodiesel-producing plant in Memphis shared some insight on an industry that sparks her passion. Diane Mulloy of Milagro Biofuels offered historical quotes as well as strengths and weaknesses associated with the biodiesel industry.

"There are obvious strengths with biodiesel use. It reduces CO2 emissions by up to 78 percent. Because of farmers, it is renewable. You don't have to go out and buy anything extra to use it. If you already have a vehicle that uses diesel fuel, you can start using biodiesel," Ms. Mulloy explained.

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Tonight marks first UTM faculty series event

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Drs. Julie Hill and Amy Simmons, assistant professors of music, will perform solo and chamber works for clarinet and percussion in the upcoming faculty recital.

Works on the program include “Corker” by Libby Larson, “Blue Rondo ala Turk” by Brubeck, “Tango Suite” by Piazzolla and others.

Those in attendance will experience surprises in instrumentation and theatrics.

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

Hip-hop dance class offered by UTM’s ECCE

Hip-Hop Dance Class, offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, will have participants dancing like professionals.

In the class, college students, teens and adults will learn the basics of hip-hop dance. The class will be offered from 6-7 p.m., Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 6. However, participants may join the class at any time.

Those taking the class will learn moves and routines similar to the ones from today’s music videos.

The class is for those who have no dance experience or years of dance experience. It also is good for people who just want to stay in shape.

The first class is free, so anyone interested may try it. The instructor is Marcus Collins, a professional hip-hop instructor/dancer/choreographer.

Registration fee is $35 per month or $10 for a single class.

To register, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082 or drop by ECCE at 110 Gooch Hall on the UTM campus.
UTM grad inducted in Order of the Engineer

University of Tennessee Martin engineering graduates were inducted into the Order of the Engineer at a ceremony prior to spring commencement. Graduates pledged to be ethical and impartial and adhere to safety codes as they enter the engineering profession.

Among those taking the oath and receiving a ring and certificate was Dusty Mays, of Medon. Making the presentation were Dr. Richard Helgeson, Department of Engineering chair, and Dr. Doug Sterrett, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences dean.

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UTM awards local students

Eight Gibson County students, including students from Milan and Bradford, have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Tyler Barbour, son of Thorne and Lorrie Barbour of Milan, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor's Award.

Daniel Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Morris of Bradford, will be a freshman. He received the Dean's Scholarship.

Kurt Brown, son of Rodney and Leigh Anne Brown of Humboldt, will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.

Rachel Carroll, daughter of Dale and Kay Carroll of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship.

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

Deadline for UTM science bowl is Feb. 20

MARTIN, Tenn. — Deadline is Feb. 20 for high school students around the region to register for the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Science Bowl scheduled for March 3.

The competition features two parts. First, there is a 25-question written test covering biology, chemistry and general science. From that, eight schools will be chosen for the afternoon competition, played in an academic bowl format with team members answering questions verbally.

While students take the written exam, teachers can participate in a mini-workshop on green chemistry. Four to five students, based on the chemistry portion of the written test, will earn invitations to take the national examination — administered in Martin in April — for selection to participate in the International Chemistry Olympiad July 15 in Moscow, Russia.

Registration: www.utm.edu/staff/skairie/scbowl or e-mail skairie@utm.edu or phone 731-881-7450.

More consultants and advice available

Ron Acree will be at the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center in Martin twice this month, according to a university press release.

Acree will be at the university's REED center at 920 University St. in Martin.

A consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), Acree will be available to talk with business owners from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and again from 12:30-4:30 p.m. on Feb. 15, according to the release.

Acree is available to meet with existing business owners to give advice on improving marketing, customer service or cash flow issues. New business owners can gain advice on writing a business plan, marketing and record keeping.

For more information or to make an appointment, call: 731-587-7333.

Ned B. Hunter is The Jackson Sun business reporter. You can reach him at (731) 425-9641, outside Madison County at (800) 372-3922, Ext. 641 or by e-mail at nhunter@jacksonsun.com.
UT Martin joins Pearson VUE network

The University of Tennessee at Martin has signed an agreement with Pearson VUE, the electronic testing business of Pearson Education, to become a Pearson VUE® Authorized Center Select. In addition to delivering exams for leading IT certification programs such as Microsoft, Cisco Systems®, CompTIA, IBM and others, UT Martin will have the ability to deliver the Graduate Management Admission Test® (GMAT®), the most widely used assessment for graduate management admissions, as well as exams for other select Pearson VUE clients in the certification, licensure and academic admissions markets.

UT Martin was chosen as a Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select in part because of its high quality standards and outstanding customer service. Test centers that become a part of this new network offer enhanced security, biometrics and digital audio and video monitoring services. The Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network provides Pearson VUE clients with a new option of having their exams delivered in premier authorized test centers located around the world.

“We’re very excited to be a part of the new Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network,” said Dr. George Daniel, director, UT Martin Student Success Center. “By becoming a Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select, it will expand our offerings and allow us to deliver the prominent GMAT® exam as well as the exams for other Pearson VUE clients who wish to test in this worldwide network. It’s a privilege to be chosen by Pearson VUE to be a part of its select test center network.”

“As you know, the MBA is open to college graduates of all majors. The availability of the GMAT® at UT Martin will enhance our recruiting efforts. It will improve customer service and program quality,” said Dr. Thomas H. Payne, professor of finance/Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking.

Bob Whelan, Pearson VUE vice president and general manager, said, “We are proud to welcome UT Martin to the Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network. UT Martin has been selected as the regional representative for our exclusive network because of its excellent service and great reputation. With great select test centers like UT Martin, our clients can be assured their candidates will receive an exceptional experience each and every time they test.”

Pearson VUE is the global leader in electronic testing services for academic admissions, certification and licensure programs. Pearson VUE offers exams through the world’s largest network of more than 4,000 test centers in 145 countries, providing testing services for information technology, regulatory and certification boards, academic, government and corporate clients.

For additional information contact the UT Martin Student Success Center Testing Center at 881-7727 or visit the Web site http://www.utm.edu/success.

‘Writing Food’ workshop to be held at UTM

Love of food and writing will merge at a workshop, “Writing Food,” scheduled March 24 in Martin. Sponsored by the Tennessee Writers Alliance and the University of Tennessee at Martin, the workshop is designed to help writers draw upon their personal experiences and the cultural traditions surrounding southern food in their writing. The workshop will be led by John Egerton, a freelance writer from Nashville; Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede, UT Martin professor of English; and Bill Ahlschwede, UT Martin English instructor.

Egerton was the recipient of the 2003 Southern Foodways Alliance Lifetime Achievement Award. His non-fiction books include “Speak Now Against the Day,” a chronicle of events leading to the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s; “Southern Food,” a collection of recipes and tales of southern food; “The Americanization of Dixie: Southernization of America” and “Cornbread Nation,” an anthology of writings about food and the South.

Margrethe Ahlschwede, also director of the West Tennessee Writing Project, will lead off the workshop with a warm-up writing exercise designed to tap the rich cultural heritage surrounding food.

Bill Ahlschwede, workshop coordinator, will describe how writing about food has helped students put in words their experiences with family and food.

The workshop will be held in the Bob Carroll Football Building on the UT Martin campus. Morning coffee will be available at 9 a.m. The workshop begins at 9:30 and will end by 3 p.m. Lunch is included.

The Writing Workshop is a collaborative effort of the Tennessee Writers Alliance, the Department of English and WTP at UT Martin. Preregistration is requested prior to March 17. Registration (including morning coffee and lunch) is $30; TWA members, $25; students, $15. To register, send name, address, and fee to TWA Writing Workshop, 131H Humanities, UT Martin, TN 38237.

For more information, contact Bill Ahlschwede, 131H Humanities, UT Martin, TN 38238; e-mail at billahls@utm.edu; or phone 881-7300.
Weakly County residents in WestStar 2007 Class

Bobby Goode, Steve Holt, Tommy Cates and Sam Lewallen, of Weakley County, are among 30 members of the 2007 WestStar class. Representing 15 counties in the 21-county region, class members have a diverse range of occupations and volunteer leadership experiences. Among this year's class, there are chamber and economic development professionals, bankers, counselors, elected officials, city government personnel, executive directors and state employees.

Goode is the area director of USDA Rural Development in Union City. He is event co-chair of the Tennessee Iris Festival-Cemetery Walk and is active on various church committees. He has served as state vice president and president of the Tennessee Association of Credit Specialists, president, vice president and secretary of Rotary and as a Dresden Parks and Recreation Department board member. Goode has received a certificate of merit from various federal, governmental departments, and in 2000 and 2001, he was named Rotarian of the Year.

He says the most critical issue in West Tennessee is regional development and the challenge of getting counties and cities to work together. He believes that participating in WestStar will allow him to meet new people and enhance his leadership skills. Also, he hopes to gain a better understanding of West Tennessee's regional economic and social development.

Holt is the manager of the UT Martin Instructional Technology Center and Web Services. He is a member of the Martin Rotary Club board of directors, a technology consultant/trainer for the UT Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center, a computer science instructor in the UT Martin Department of Computer Sciences and Information Systems, co-chair of the Tennessee Podcasting Sandbox Educational Initiative and Web design consultant for the Tennessee Soybean Festival. Holt is a graduate of Leadership Weakley County.

He says the most critical issue in West Tennessee is the lack of a regional attitude. He says that educating communities about regionalism will make a tremendous difference in the lives of West Tennesseans. He adds that participating in WestStar will allow him to understand the availability of regional resources and give him ideas to take back to his own community.

Cates is the director of the Office of Online and University Studies at UT Martin. He is chair of the board of the West Tennessee Chrysalis Community and serves on various church committees. He has served on the board of directors for UT Martin's Interfaith Center and is a member of the board of directors for the Martin Economic Development Council and UT Martin's Marketplace of Ideas.

Cates thinks the most critical issue is that economic growth in West Tennessee has been hindered by the lack of education. He believes that participating in WestStar will provide him a chance to develop contacts in a network of leaders and to learn about regional resources and opportunities.

Lewallen is community bank president for First State Bank in Martin. He is a member of the Martin Industrial Board, the UT Martin Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking advisory board, the UT Martin College of Business and Public Affairs advisory board and the UT Martin Athletics board. He serves as chairman of the city of Martin's finance committee, the UT Martin Skyhawk Club and is an advisory board member for the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in Martin. He also served as past chairman of the Martin Economic Development Corp. Lewallen is a member of the Martin Rotary Club and is a 2000 graduate of Leadership Weakley County. In 2006, he was the recipient of the "Big Brain Award" from the Tennessee Soybean Festival Committee for his support of the festival.

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'BALLROOM DANCE!' 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 22, and March 1, 8 at UT Martin. Fee: $60 per single/ $110 per couple and instructors will be Fran and Richard Robinson. This five-week course is designed for participants to learn the basics of ballroom dancing. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes (no tennis shoes or rubber soles). A partner is not required. 'Ballroom Dance II' is scheduled for March 22- April 20.
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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 6:30 p.m., February 13, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center, for the Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture. This year’s Muriel Tomlinson lecturer is Doug Cook, Department of Visual and Theatre Arts chair. His presentation is titled “Cultural Aesthetic Outlooks: Why We Like What We Like When We Like It.” The lecture is free and open to the public.

The Muriel Tomlinson Lecture is an annual event honoring the memory of Dr. Tomlinson, a loyal 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 17. Dr. Lynn Alexander, Department of English chair, interim dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, and president of Phi Kappa Phi, will preside at the Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture.

For more information, contact Jenna Wright, instructor of English, at 731-881-7300.

Romance writing featured in online class

“Romance Writing Secrets” is the latest in a series of online courses offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) and Education To Go.

Taught by award-winning romance novelist Lori Wilde, the new writing course will show students how to create compelling characters, how to identify timeless themes that sell and how to find the subgenre that’s perfect for them.

Wilde is the author of 39 published romance novels. Her books have been translated into 17 languages and her work has appeared in Cosmopolitan, Redbook, and Quick and Simple magazines. She is a four-time nominee for Romantic Times Reviewers Choice Award and is a former finalist for the RITA award from the Romance Writers of America. Several of her books have appeared on the Waldenbooks bestseller list. Romance novels generate $1.2 billion in annual sales, eclipsing all the competition and showing no sign of stopping.

“Romance Writing Secrets” can be taken online from the convenience of home or office at any time of the day or night. For more information, visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/online-courses.php or call the ECCE at 1-800-482-5199.
UT Martin professor donates Reelfoot Lake collection to library

By BUD GRIMES
Special to The Messenger

MARTIN — Wintfred Smith made his mark as a University of Tennessee at Martin biology professor. Future generations might better remember him as a Reelfoot Lake scientist and historian.

His career-long fascination with the legendary body of water resulted in a detailed personal collection of materials about the lake. Now, that collection is being preserved as a gift to Corbett Special Collections in the Paul Meek Library.

Richard Saunders, curator and university archivist, describes the Reelfoot Lake material as “collectively irreplaceable” and is pleased that Smith chose UT Martin as the collection’s permanent home. “It makes sense that the largest collection of data regarding the lake would remain in the institution closest to it,” he said. “I am delighted that it is here and feel it will be of the major collections at our institution.”

Smith, professor emeritus of biology, came to UT Martin in the fall of 1964. He left to attend graduate school in 1969, returned in 1972 with his doctorate from the University of North Dakota and resumed teaching at UT Martin until he retired in 2001. He first saw Reelfoot Lake in 1963 while taking a graduate herpetology course at Tennessee Tech. The appearance, the quiet and the remoteness of the area appealed to him. “It struck me as a primeval place, and I thoroughly liked it then, and I thoroughly like it now,” he said.

Smith said that he seriously began collecting Reelfoot materials and information in the mid-1970s. “I’ve always enjoyed photography, and the first thing I started doing was collecting old photographs showing Reelfoot Lake,” he recalled. Photographs offered a way for him to better understand the lake’s development, but his collection gradually grew to include more that just images.

Beyond photographs, he documented literature about the lake, gathering everything from references to the lake, to copies of material, to originals of “papers, stories, books, which in one way or another involve Reelfoot Lake.” A database developed by his wife, Shirley, currently shows 7,383 written references to Reelfoot Lake, including scientific papers, popular literature and reports from local, state and federal agencies.

Other items include taped recorded interviews with people at the lake and some videotapes. Newspaper references about the lake date back into the 1800s. “I think of it as a kind of all-inclusive collection,” he said. “I suppose you might describe it as a kind of obsession to collect all of these things.”

Unique items include a 1915 booklet written about duck hunting and fishing at Reelfoot Lake. Beyond advice for hunters, the publication describes how the lake appeared and what people were doing then around the lake. The book even describes the lake’s freezing over in 1912 “and cracking on occasions so

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UT Martin announces scholarship recipients

Four Henry Countians and another student whose father lives in Henry County have been awarded scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin. Each student will be starting their freshman year in college this fall.

Countians receiving aid include:

- Molly Barnett, daughter of William and Martha Barnett of Buchanan, who received a McWhorter Freshman Scholarship.
- Lauren Kesterson, daughter of Tommy and Sally Kesterson of Paris, who also received a McWhorter Scholarship.
- Morgan O’Connor, daughter of Sean O’Connor and Makista Shadrer, both of Paris, received a Dean’s Scholarship.
- Jamie Leigh Paige, daughter of Darryl and Freida Page of Henry, who was given a Chancellor’s Award Scholarship.
- Charity Allen, daughter of Charles Allen of Paris and Kathy Austin of Humboldt, also received a Chancellor’s Award Scholarship. Charity attends high school in Gibson County.

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COLLECTION DONATED — Dr. Winfred Smith displays a movie poster for a film released in 1953 titled “Mystery Lake,” which was based upon film shot in the late 1930s at Reelfoot Lake by Karl Maslowski. Maslowski’s natural history film was titled, “Earthquake Lake” and he presented it as one of the Audubon Society’s “Screen Tours” that made their debut in 1944. Additional footage filmed at Reelfoot Lake was added and “Mystery Lake” was released as a drama in 1953. Smith donated the poster and hundreds of other Reelfoot Lake-related items he has collected through the years to the university library.

Articles for environmental problems associated with the lake, noting that humans have interacted with the lake for at least 200 years.

“We’ve affected the lake. The lake’s affected us,” Smith said. “The lake affects what we can do in that area and, to northwest Tennessee, it’s a huge economic resource, which sometimes I think goes a bit unappreciated. But, it’s still very important.”

Although Smith has been to the lake many, many times, he still goes back to visit. He said that he’s even been known to go to the lake, find an isolated spot and just sit, especially when he needs inspiration for writing that he continues to pursue. Friends and contacts remain in the lake area, and a camera is never too far away for taking more photographs.

Future researchers and historians already owe a debt of gratitude to Smith for this generous gift. And, if the lake could talk, it would thank him as well. Reelfoot Lake doesn’t have a better friend than Winfred Smith.

Editor’s note: Bud Grimes, who serves as director of university relations at the University of Tennessee at Martin, wrote this story for the Winter-Spring edition of UT Martin’s Campus Scene.

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*PILATES BEGINNERS’ MATWORK  
6:15 p.m., Mondays, through March 12 and 7 a.m., Saturdays, through March 10 at UT Martin. Fee: $55. Appropriate for all ages and fitness levels, the matwork teaches that the body is the finest and only tool necessary for achieving physical fitness. Nationally certified through National Exercise Trainers Association, Carol Hinman will demonstrate the basics to this form of body conditioning. Classes are done with an empty stomach and without shoes.

*POTTERY ON THE WHEEL  
6 p.m., Tuesdays, through Feb. 27, with Clint Riley as the instructor at UT Martin. Course fee: $55. This is an opportunity to learn how to make bowls, cups and pitchers on the potter’s wheel. No experience is necessary. There will be a supply fee of $20 (estimated) to be paid to the instructor.
Travel study set by UTM

Only a few seats are left for the University of Tennessee at Martin’s 25th annual travel-study program to the Alpine area of Germany, Austria and Switzerland July 9-23.

Among the highlights of the travel-study program will be the fairy tale castle of Neuschwanstein; Oberammergau, world-famous for its passion plays and woodcarvers; Salzburg, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and where “The Sound of Music” was filmed; Hitler’s retreat at Kehlstein; a visit to a salt mine near Berchtesgaden; Innsbruck, the alpine capital of the Habsburgs; the small country of Liechtenstein; Lauterbrunnen Valley, Switzerland’s most beautiful valley; Chateau de Chillon, immortalized in Byron’s poem, “The Prisoner of Chillon”; and the Matterhorn rising above Zermatt.

Estimated travel cost is $3,000 per person, which includes the fare for round trip by bus from Martin to Memphis; round-trip airfare from Memphis to Zurich, Switzerland; transfers between the airports and hotels; all transportation while in Germany, Austria and Switzerland; admissions to all scheduled events; 14 nights of hotel accommodations based on double occupancy; and a daily buffet breakfast.

For complete information on the Alpine travel-study program, contact Stan Sieber, professor of history and philosophy, by telephone at (731) 881-746 or by e-mail at ssieber@utm.edu.

UTM awards scholarships to Gibson County students

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

Included are:
- Ashley Poore, daughter of Anthony and Wanda Poore of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor’s Award.
- Jennifer Reeves, daughter of Frank and Lori Reeves of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Rachel Carroll, daughter of Dale and Kay Carroll of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship.
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Online course being offered for writers

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Working Women’s Conference is Feb. 20

“The Balancing Act of Juggling Life’s Many Roles” is the theme of the ninth annual Conference for Working Women, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 20, at the University of Tennessee at Martin Boling University Center Duncan Ballroom. UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan and David Belote, Westar executive director, will welcome participants following breakfast and registration, which are scheduled for 8:30-9 a.m.

Sponsored by the Westar Leadership Program, the conference is designed to appeal to all working women in West Tennessee. Whether you are an assistant, an executive, in management, an elected official or the chief executive officer of a company, this conference is for you.

Some of the speakers and their topics include:
- Melody Zucker, counselor, Lambuth University, “Emotional Intelligence,” 9:15-10 a.m.;
- Dr. W. Keith Williams, obstetrician and gynecologist, the Jackson Clinic North, “Women’s Health Issues,” 10:15-11 a.m.;
- Anita Battershell McCollum, Anita’s Travel, Jackson, “Travel...With Confidence,” 12:15-1 p.m.;
- Beth A. Hamil, program director, Leadership Knoxville, “Colors of Personality Profile,” 1-1:45 p.m.

Mary Kate Ridgeway, family and consumer science agent, UT Extension Services, Westar class of 2001, will lead the conference.

Lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the conference.

The deadline to register is Feb. 14. Forms may be mailed to Westar, UT Martin, 320 Administration Building, faxed to 731-881-7019 or emailed to vr196@utm.edu. If registering via email, include name, business, complete address and phone number. If registering for two people, make sure to include all information on both registrants.

The fee is $35 per person/$60 for two and includes continental breakfast, lunch and networking. Make checks payable to Westar.

Real estate course offered online

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) has partnered with Education To Go to provide real estate law as an online course.

Anyone interested in real estate law, can now learn the essentials, including everything from investments to foreclosures, in a new instructor-facilitated course offered entirely over the Internet.

Students of “Real Estate Law,” a new six-week online course, will receive a foundation in real estate practice and investment, as well as a deeper appreciation for the impact that real estate law has on nearly every aspect of their lives. The course will explain topics such as foreclosure, real estate investing, landlord-tenant law, as well as many other topics, providing students with hands-on applications and examples to show them how to use this knowledge in a day-to-day real estate practice.

Course instructor, Neal Bevans, is a veteran lawyer with extensive experience as a real estate title examiner, investor and real property attorney. By mixing explanation of legal theory with specific and practical examples, the instructor draws a balance between legal philosophy and legal practice.

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Preparing writers for the fight

By SARA REID

Staff Writer

This past Monday night, for the first time in its history, the University of Tennessee at Martin's academic speaker series featured one of the university's own — English professor Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede.

"She's won just about every award on campus that you can win and I really can't think of anyone better to have as a speaker," Dr. Dan McDonough, professor of history, remarked.

Though Ahlschwede has worn many hats including professor, colleague, published writer, quilter, wife, mother and grandmother, to the students she has taught since she came to UT Martin in 1992, she is simply the name she signs off her papers with — MA — and those initials say it all when it comes to her passion for helping students learn to appreciate and respect writing.

Ahlschwede sat in front of the crowded Watkins Auditorium in the University Center this past Monday night and, after reading from a Ted Kooser poem, "Selecting a Reader," made a single request, "Now, let's write."

Audience members then picked up the pencils and paper they'd been provided at their entrance into the room and began recording their thoughts and feelings until Ahlschwede signaled that time was up, which for anyone who has ever taken one of her classes is a common practice of the beloved professor.

"Most everybody in my classes have a Myspace™ page or are blogging, somehow," she said. "But we build on what they know and what they know how to do already."

"You take an idea, collect more ideas to make it stronger, give it a focus and an order for the reader, make a draft and clarify it by revision," she added.

Ahlschwede's method of writing, sharing, making suggestions and making revisions has become the trademark of her classes for students ranging from those in Freshmen composition courses to those in advanced writing classes. Instead of looking at the paper primarily for its structural and grammatical errors, she most often chooses to insert comments of encouragement and praise. Her non-traditional approach of prioritizing the potential of the writing on a personal level before analyzing its structure might go against the grain, but for Ahlschwede, as long as the student continues to write and open up doors, the goal has been reached.

"Writing is discovered. You won't know it if you don't put your pen to paper or your fingers to a typewriter or keyboard," she said.

As a quilter of 20 years, Ahlschwede parallels writing a story with making a quilt. Both works of art begin as pieces which must, with time, patience and skill, be sewn together for the finished product.
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It’s a concept she has been living and teaching for many years and particularly hits home in an incident that happened 34 years ago. Ahlschwede fell six to eight feet off some scaffolding causing permanent and partial paralysis in her legs. As she was being taken into the hospital, she remembered thinking to herself, “I can still think and I can still write.”

In addition to speaking about writing, Ahlschwede voiced concerns over campus writing and its future.

“What would happen if personal writing were considered academic enough to be academic writing?” she asked. “We’re in the process of testing a new program called Safe Assignment. It scans assignments against plagiarism. It automatically assumes that students cheat, that they’re not honest and that they don’t do their own work, but we’ve learned that this can all be traced back to time management, so why don’t we work on that?”

“They’re also working on an iTunes program now that will allow students access to software that gives us the ability to make audio and video content available to people who have missed class,” she said. “If you’re not in class, students don’t get the benefit of your knowledge. There’s no personal and there’s no ‘wow’ achieved through that.

What’s driving learning? Technology or the curriculum?

Teachers and students should challenge each other.”

Ahlschwede was born in Denmark and grew up in Nebraska. She graduated with a master’s degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and a master’s and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. Her husband, Bill, also teaches writing at the university and the couple has two children, Tom and Stephanie, who both live in Nebraska.

Foreign film series to begin Feb. 9th

“Le Placard” or “The Closet,” a French film, is the first foreign film in the spring 2007 foreign film series at the University of Tennessee at Martin. It is scheduled at 7 p.m., Feb. 9, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

“The Closet” (2000) features the ultra-boring accountant François, mocked by his colleagues, abandoned by his wife, ignored by his son and about to be fired, who schemes to keep his job at a rubber factory by pretending to be gay. François’ gay neighbor, who is a psychologist, advises him not to change anything about himself. What will change is other people’s perception of him. But François’ life ends up changing in unforeseen ways, as do the lives of the people around him, particularly that of Santini, the homophobic personnel manager, who must suddenly play up to François in order to keep his own job. Various complications ensue, and the denouement is appropriately light-hearted and humorous. “The Closet” features Gérard Depardieu and Daniel Auteuil and is directed by Francis Veber.

Lucía Florido, assistant professor of French, will introduce the film. It is free and open to the public. All films are in original foreign language with English subtitles. The Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council.

For more information, contact the Department of Modern Foreign Languages at 881-7420.

UT Martin has eighth consecutive record enrollment

A record 6,504 students are enrolled for spring semester at the University of Tennessee at Martin, the eighth consecutive period UT Martin has enrolled a record number of students. The enrollment tops the previous spring semester high of 6,225 students set in 2006 and is the sixth consecutive spring semester increase. The most recent figures resulted in spring semester records for total undergraduates, transfer students, and total full-time equivalent and full-time equivalent undergraduate students.

The 4.5 percent spring 2007 enrollment increase also follows a fall 2006 enrollment of 6,893 that set six all-time records in various categories. All enrollment numbers are compiled and reported by the University’s Office of Institutional Research.

“The university’s growth is an affirmation of the quality of our academic and student-life programs,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. “Our location in a moderately sized community that is safe and friendly will continue to be a positive growth factor.”

The 2007 spring enrollment set a spring semester record for undergraduate students, with 5,992, a 5.9 percent increase over spring 2006; transfer students, with 225, a 16 percent increase; undergraduate FTE, with 5,317, a 3.2 percent increase; and total FTE, with 5,573, a 2.4 percent increase over spring 2006. FTE is the total number of student-credit hours divided by 15 for undergraduate students and 12 for graduate students.

“It is exciting for students, faculty and staff to be a part of this historical growth cycle,” said Dunagan. “It is important to our region that we maintain the ability to attract and retain serious students.”
BUSINESS CONSULTANT’S FEBRUARY VISITS TO REED CENTER ANNOUNCED

Martin, TN - Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will be available twice in February at the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center in Martin. He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Feb. 8, and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Feb. 15.

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

The UT Martin REED Center is a service of the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and the Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Free Enterprise.

The REED Center also offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at 731-587-REED(7333). The REED Center is located at 920 University St., Martin, Tenn. 38237. For additional services offered by the REED Center go to www.utm.edu/reed.

REGISTER FOR ANNUAL SCIENCE BOWL AT UT MARTIN

Martin, TN - Area high schools are invited to send teams to the 27th Annual Science Bowl at the University of Tennessee at Martin and can register for the March 3 event by email or phone. The registration deadline is Feb. 20.

The science bowl is sponsored by the UT Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS). For the written test covering biology, chemistry and general science, there is no limit on the number of students each school may enter. Each team will have 25 questions from each of the three categories.

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To register for the science bowl, email skairee@utm.edu or call 731-881-7450.

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

They include:

- Ashley Baldwin, daughter of Carl and Tammy Baldwin of Hornbeak, who will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Kimberly Batts, daughter of Moss and Teena Batts of South Fulton, who will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- John Robert Burrow, son of Robert and Pam Burrow of South Fulton, who will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Award and the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Kyle Greer, son of David and Barbara Greer of South Fulton, who will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship and the Leaders-in-Residence Award.
- Allison Jones, daughter of John and Karen Jones of South Fulton, who will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Award and the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Andrew Moore, son of Hoyt and Leigh Ann Moore of South Fulton, who will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Award and Chancellor’s Award.
- Justin Stroud, son of Penny Stroud of Hornbeak, who will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. In-state residents may telephone 1-800-829-UTM1, while out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
Humphreys County students receive scholarships to UTM

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

• Robert Lanham, son of David and Peggy Atia of McEwen, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship and the Leaders-in-Residence Award.

• Courtney Parrish, daughter of Russell and Tammy Parrish of McEwen, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor’s Award.

• Britney Seals, daughter of Jerry Seals of Waverly, and Carol Seals, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.

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UTM Honors Band Clinic

Amanda Callahan, Samantha Royle and Elizabeth Brooks, members of the Lakeview Band, participated in the University of Tennessee at Martin Honors Band Clinic Jan. 25-27 in Martin.

The students were selected to participate in the 7-8th grade band by nomination from their band director and a UTM selection committee based on their playing ability.

The honors bands practiced Thursday, Friday and Saturday and performed a concert at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The annual event, which is sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin Music Department, selects participants from across the west and mid-state region to play in one of four bands (7-8, 9-10 and two 11-12).

The event allows the students to experience playing with a full 120-member band with all parts covered by the correct instrumentation and to have interaction with other students from around the region.

The University treated the students to a concert featuring various performing groups from the University.

Each instrument section also had an instrument specific clinic taught by UTM faculty.

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It was a workout just waiting for the plane at the Denver airport

Trying to maintain an exercise routine while traveling can be extremely challenging. Recently I wrote an article about taking a winter vacation, and I decided to listen to my advice and go skiing. The ski trip was excellent, and I definitely enjoyed daily workouts by skiing 3 miles down the mountain multiple times day and night. Even though I was not performing my variety of treadmill, elliptical and bike, I was still getting an exhilarating workout each day. Life was good.

The last day of our ski trip we got up, did not exercise, and met our shuttle for the airport. On the way to the airport a radio bulletin announced that 30 percent of the flights from our airlines were cancelled due to bad weather. Over the duration of the ride to Denver, the news reported that 70 percent of the flights were cancelled and that this was probably one of the worst storms that Denver has ever had! Lucky us (that isn't really what I was thinking)!

Upon our arrival at the airport, we found out it was closed. We had to stand in line five hours to rebook our flight - first available ticket four days later! By this time all roads to and from the airport were closed, therefore my family was about to embark on the journey of finding a nice piece of carpet upon which we could sleep with one eye open.

How does this relate to fitness? Well there were 4,600 people snowed in at the airport, and I was surprised to find that only three people stuck with their fitness routines. As I sat on the ground wearing my jacket and gloves and feeling a little sorry for myself, I looked up and saw a lady wearing shorts, running shoes and a tank top (none of which were in my suitcase) jogging by enjoying the tunes on her radio. It was like I was seeing a mirage among the thousands of people, suitcases and Christmas decorations. My son and I decided to explore and go in search of additional fitness seekers, but alas, we were not successful.

In total, my family spent two nights and three long days in the Denver International Airport. During our stay we only witnessed two people jogging and one mother power walking with a stroller. Our food choices were Burger King, Dominos and Taco Bell, all of which I enjoy but not for seven meals straight.

For a moment, a very brief moment, I thought it would be fun to exercise in the airport just to say I did it. Then I remembered that we had no shower facilities and no way to get to a hotel to enjoy the pleasure of cleanliness. Since I was not hiking in the Grand Canyon and I would eventually be sitting in a confined...
space, possibly next to a stranger, I decided to forgo my fitness routine for the sake of the noses around me.

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

Kids -N- pets

Photo submitted - Adaiee Lube, 12, of Jackson is shown with Oliver, her 9-month-old cockapoo, who is wearing his hat to stay warm in winter weather. They’re sharing secrets between friends.

What’s a cockapoo, you ask? It’s a cross between an American Cocker Spaniel and a Poodle, in most cases, the miniature or toy poodle. For more information, check out The American Cockapoo Club, American Cockapoo Club Breed Standard and the Cockapoo Club of America. There are Web sites for Cockapoo Meetup Clubs.
Law firm honored for community service at Pinnacle Awards

By WENDY ISOM
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Attorney William C. Bell Jr. likes to use baseball analogies as it relates to the talent base at his downtown Jackson law firm.

"We sort of have our own farm team. We don't have laterals or what you might consider free agents. We try to hire people out of law school and keep them here throughout their career. And for the most part, that's what we've done," Bell said of Rainey Kizer Reviere and Bell P.L.C.

Rainey Kizer Reviere and Bell, with 35 attorneys on staff, is regarded as Jackson's largest law firm. The firm started in 1975 with a local general practice. It is now nationally known as a diversified law firm covering cases ranging from elder law to employment law.

Phillips: Obviously, it's a tremendous honor for the firm to be recognized for that award and I think it's really a tribute to all of the folks at the firm, certainly not just the lawyers, but the staff and others who make the firm work.

Bell: I think that the majority or maybe all the lawyers and people who work here have strong Christian values and we try to exhibit that not just in practicing law, but in the way we lead our lives.

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About Bell
- Name: William C. Bell Jr.
- Age: 55
- Profession: Member of Rainey Kizer Reviere and Bell P.L.C. in Jackson since 1981
- Hometown: Humboldt
- Education: University of Tennessee Martin; M.B.A. from Jacksonville State University; law degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law
- Church/community involvement: Member of Englewood Baptist Church; currently on the board of directors of the Exchange Club/Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse; Boy Scout Board of Directors; formerly helped run a tutoring program at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Jackson
- Family: Wife, Denise, and five sons ages 15 to 7: Will III, Bailey, Parker, Palmer and Hayes

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Then, I think we've had a lot of consistency. We have 17 partners in the firm, and all but one of them are what we call homegrown or through our farm system in a sense.

Then, conscientious. All of our lawyers and our staff are conscientious about handling their cases, files, taking care of their business. That's my three C's: Christian values, consistency and conscientiousness.

Q: What made you both want to become attorneys?

Phillips: The spark was ignited in me in the fourth grade after a 4-H public speaking contest. I enjoyed public speaking and always have and I started thinking about a field that would give me an opportunity to use those speaking skills. Law seemed like one of interest to me. As the years passed, law seemed more and more attractive. It's all I ever wanted to do from the fourth grade on.

Bell: I don't have any magic revelation. It's much more pragmatic. I figured out when I was in college that I wanted to have some profession or job in life that I didn't get moved around every three or four years. I grew up in Humboldt and we didn't have a lot of people move in and out. You generally stay, as we have, with one law firm.

I thought that (law) would be a profession in which I could establish my roots somewhere and be able to stay in that community for my adult life and raise my children and not have to move them around. I wasn't a fourth-grade Perry Mason like you (laughing, looking at Phillips).

Q: What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Phillips: In my particular line of practice, which is defending civil cases largely, you're usually dealing with people when they're not exactly at their highest. They've gone through some problem or tragedy and they're usually at the bottom. To me, the most rewarding part about practicing law is to get to try to help those folks up off the floor and help them understand that eventually things will be OK and walk with them through that process.

Bell: Mine is almost the opposite of that. I do a fair amount of business transactional work. That's usually, when it's concluded, a happy time for people. They've done a business transaction that they think will be promising for them in the future. And it's rewarding to help people accomplish business goals like that. Typically, when you walk away from a business transaction, everybody's happy.
Real estate law course offered online

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) has partnered with Education To Go to provide real estate law as an online course.

Anyone interested in real estate law can now learn the essentials, including everything from investments to foreclosures, in a new instructor-facilitated course offered entirely over the Internet.

Students of "Real Estate Law," a new six-week online course, will receive a foundation in real estate practice and investment, as well as a deeper appreciation for the impact that real estate law has on nearly every aspect of their lives. The course will explain topics such as foreclosures, real estate investing, landlord-tenant law, as well as many other topics, providing students with hands-on applications and examples to show them how to use this knowledge in a day-to-day real estate practice.

Course instructor Neal Bevans is a veteran lawyer with extensive experience as a real estate title examiner, investor and real property attorney. By mixing explanation of legal theory with specific and practical examples, the instructor draws a balance between legal philosophy and legal practice.

"Real Estate Law" can be taken online from the convenience of home or office at any time of the day or night. The registration fee is $85. For more information about this course, part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses, visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ccce/onlinecourses.php and click "Education To Go."

Ms. James included in WestStar class

Lee Ann James of Obion County is among 30 members of the 2007 WestStar class.

Representing 15 counties in the 21-county region, class members have a diverse range of occupations and volunteer leadership experiences. Among this year's class are chamber and economic development professionals, bankers, counselors, elected officials, city government personnel, executive directors and state employees.

Ms. James is president of E.W. James & Sons Supermarkets. She is a board member and past president of the Obion County Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Food Marketing Institute, member of the Horse Show Patrons Committee and Headquarters Development Committee of the Kentucky Junior League in Lexington, Ky., and board member and program chair of the National Grocers Association Department of Research and Development.

In 2005, she was named Woman of the Year by the National Grocers Association. She is a graduate of Leadership Obion County.

Ms. James says the most critical issue in West Tennessee is industrial recruitment. She says that participating in WestStar will allow her to gain a greater understanding and appreciation for the various industries and businesses that form the region's economy and how they contribute to improving local communities.

WRITE ANYWAY — Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede, University of Tennessee at Martin professor of English, was the first faculty member to speak as part of the University of Tennessee at Martin 2006-07 Academic Speaker Series. Following her recent presentation, "Write Anyway," Ahlschwede met with students and faculty members and signed her chapbook, "Three Stories and a Poem." With Ahlschwede is Nicole Bell, of Franklin.
Helping out is what it's all about at Habitat for Humanity

By NELDA RACHELS
Special to the Press

Weakley County Habitat for Humanity and the UTM HFH chapter have teamed up to construct yet another home for a deserving family in northwest Tennessee.

Sometime during the fall of 2007, that family, Jerry and Sharon McMullen and their five children, hope to move into their very own four bedroom home in Greenfield.

The journey to their new home, however, began at the University of Tennessee at Martin, some 10 miles from the house site. In April of last year, UTM's Alpha Phi Omega and Phi Mu Alpha organized Al-Sing 2006, which raised over $2,000 for Habitat.

Participating organizations of Al-Sing, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Sigma Phi Epsilon, also made the generous donation possible. With the monies, Habitat purchased a 20 feet trailer that provides a well-organized, central location for Habitat's tools and supplies.

Habitat volunteer Charles Wright of Sharon constructed shelving for the trailer, and board member Les MacDiarmid of Martin designed and painted many of its bright and cheery logos; the UTM chapter and official Habitat symbol, a representation of the trailer being ripped open to reveal a new home, and a family relaxing in a warm and secure environment.

MacDiarmid says, “The side [of the trailer] with a family — a father, mother, daughter, baby and cat is a take-off, sort of, of Fernand Leger’s style, who was a French painter in the 20th century.” The whole process, from design stage to the painting itself took about two and a half months.

The volunteers at the McMullen house site will be the first to benefit from this new construction trailer.

The McMullens themselves are among the volunteers working on the home. After the December groundbreaking, Jerry McMullen pitched in on Dec. 2, the first major day of construction, laying concrete blocks for his home’s foundation. In fact, family members will eventually pitch in with at least 500 sweat equity hours as part of their contribution toward paying for their home.

Mr. McMullen, who works at MTD, says he and his family have already worked several hours on others' Habitat homes, one in Martin, and another in Sharon. He says he's learned so much about building a home from Mike Caudle, construction foreman. A teenage daughter and mother Sharon McMullen, who works at CDS in Martin, have been excitedly looking at paint samples and planning for some of the home's decor.

A Habitat home is therefore a major undertaking for any recipient family.

Even though the home's cost is lower than most due to volunteer labor, a family must still make a down payment, work many hours on their own or another home, and make monthly house payments for several years.

And all of this takes place after the family has actually qualified for housing. There is an application and interview process and then review by a committee to evaluate a family's housing needs and ability to pay back the loan.

Helping to keep the costs low, community members, churches, and the UTM Habitat chapter and other university organizations often provide manual labor. For instance, Jeremy Caudle of Greenfield works as one of the many community volunteers, and Boy Scout Troop 11, from Martin, came out on Dec. 9 to serve their pre-cooked hot meal for the construction crew.

During the month of December, UTM's Cross Country Team and University Scholars helped the McMullens with their home's foundation, with the Skyhawks football and the UTM Rifle teams also slated for a work weekend.

John Schommer, UTM math professor and chapter sponsor, says, "There are over 150 folks who have asked to be part of the Habitat listserve," but admits that prior commitments can make it difficult for students and others to be consistently active.

If the opening sally of UTM organizations holds, the future of the McMullen home looks bright.

However, since homework, research papers and exams will likely take their toll, Habitat will continue to need help from outside sources. Groups and individuals are needed to fix meals for the volunteer construction crews on Saturdays or to lend a hand with construction. Monetary donations are also always welcome.

For more information on how you can help, send an e-mail to habitat2@utm.edu; call 881-7366; or leave a message at 881-7360.

Habitat thanks you, and so do the McMullens, who have a new start on life.

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UTM announces scholarship recipients

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

Robyn Burns, the daughter of Jeffery Burns and Cynthia Wade, both of Dyersburg, will be a freshman. She received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship.

Meredith McBride, the daughter of Will and Shelia McBride of Dyersburg, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Award and the Dean's Scholarship.
BUILDING THE FOUNDATION – Members of UTM’s Cross Country team Paul Thames, Tyler Robertson and Luke Richardson mix concrete for the home’s foundation. Habitat for Humanity’s efforts combine working in building a home from the ground up.

First State Insurance announces the hiring of Joseph Brasher

First State Insurance, a subsidiary of First State Bank headquartered in Union City, Tenn., has hired Joseph Brasher to join their insurance team. Brasher’s office is located inside First State Bank of Martin at 109 University Street.

Brasher will be responsible for developing client relations in First State Insurance’s West Tennessee market. Previous to working at First State Insurance, Brasher was employed with BancorpSouth as a management trainee in Tupelo, Miss. and then transferred to Milan, Tenn. as a loan officer.

“We’re proud to have a person of Joseph’s ability and potential on our staff,” said John Clark, president and CEO of First State Bank. “Joseph is a young promising producer originally from Weakley County who will strive to serve the community and First State Insurance with exceptional customer service.”

“The most exciting aspect of joining First State is the diversity of products offered.” said Brasher. “The First State group truly goes above and beyond customer expectations by offering such a wide array of services. Customers not only visit First State Bank for regular day to day banking activities, they visit First State for investments, insurance, mortgage, and many other services.”

Brasher attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a concentration in Economics and Finance. Presently, he is pursuing a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Brasher is a member of the Martin Lions Club, co-founder of the Milan Downtown Association, and vice chairman of the Milan Healthcare Foundation. Also, he is chairman of Milan/Medina Relay for Life and events coordinator of the college and career class at First Baptist Church in Milan.

First State Insurance is a subsidiary of First State Bank, which is owned by Community First Bancshares, a holding company headquartered in Union City, Tenn. Community First Bancshares also operates a mortgage company, a specialized ag services division, investment services, a consumer finance company, and an indirect auto financing division at various locations across the state.
Civil rights legacy highlighted at conference

"The Legacy of a Decade of Civil Rights Acts and Actions, 1957-1968" is the theme of the University of Tennessee at Martin Seventh Annual Civil Rights Conference, slated for Feb. 26-March 3.

Dr. Julian Bond, civil rights leader and author of "A Time to Speak, A Time to Act," narrator of the Academy Award-winning movie, "A Time for Justice," and Oscar-nominated "The Shadow of Hate," will be the conference keynote speaker and present a lecture, "The Civil Rights Movement: Past, Present, and Future," at 7:30 p.m., March 1, at Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

Scheduled during the conference are Native American Day, Feb. 27; Diversity Day, Feb. 28; and History Celebration Day, March 1.

Opening ceremonies will be at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 26, at Obion County Public Library in Union City, as Brent Cox, instructor of history, presents "The First Peoples of West Tennessee." Cox’s love of American Indian history is exemplified through his current and past memberships in such organizations as the Trail of Tears Association, Chattanooga Intertribal Association and Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama. In addition to being the recipient of the 2006 Tennessee Eagle Award, Cox co-authored "Cherokee Proud" and authored "Heart of the Eagle: Dragging Canoe and the Emergence of the Chickamauga Confederacy."

A video, "Hateful Things," will follow at 7 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium, and will include a discussion by a student panel and Richard Saunders, UT Martin curator and archivist. Prior to coming to UT Martin in 2000, Saunders gained experience as an archivist at the Utah State Historical Society and working at the University of Utah library, Montana State University and in commercial academic publishing. He now focuses on special collections library work in the context of Tennessee’s local history and genealogy.

Native American Day will begin at noon at the Obion County Public Library with J.J. Kent’s presentation, "In the Spirit of Crazy Horse." Kent is the adopted son of a full-blooded Lakota woman from the Ogala Band of the Lakota. As a speaker, musician, sun dancer and educator, Kent has offered spiritual advice to the UT Martin Native American Student Association and holds a membership in the Ogala Strongheart Society. His latest CD, "Come and Get To Know Me," was nominated for a Native American Musical Award in 2005.

At 3 p.m., exhibits will be held at Boling University Center, along with a Native American Dinner, at 5 p.m., in the Boling University Center cafeteria.

Musical performances by Kent and Tanasi Thunder Singers will follow at 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively, in Watkins Auditorium. Tanasi Thunder is a high-energy band with a Southern style of singing. Its sound reflects traditional and contemporary Native music.

Tom Kunesh, a Hunkpapa Lakota, will present "Reconstruction in a Time of Atheism: The Past, Present and Future of Tennessee Indian Affairs," at 7:15 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium. Kunesh has actively promoted civil rights for more than a decade and is one of seven commissioners of Indian Affairs in Tennessee. His experiences include being a professor at various institutions, a Russian and Farsi naval linguist for the U.S. Naval Intelligence and radio-traffic analyst as a petty officer third class. Along with leading several protest marches to protect sacred sites, Kunesh also was a founding member of the Chattanooga Intertribal Association.

The "Breaking Bread" workshop/lunch, hosted by the UT Martin counseling center, will usher in Diversity Day, at noon, Room 230, of Boling University Center. An African-American Dinner, featuring the Boys and Girls Choir of Union City, is scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m., in Boling University Center cafeteria. The UT Martin Vanguard Theatre will perform "The Left Hand Singing," at 8 p.m., in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. Ticket prices are $10 for general admission and $5 for students. Admission will be free for UT Martin students. Box office opens on Feb. 26.


At 11 a.m., Teri Bolden will present "Trenton and Dyer Rosenwald Schools - A Case Study." A 2004 UT Martin alumna, Bolden currently is assistant head start teacher for the Northwest Economic Development Council. She graduated from Trenton Peabody High School and attended Trenton Rosenwald Elementary School and Rosenwald Middle School before they were integrated. She is a second generation Rosenwald School student.

A luncheon featuring remarks by Dr. Tom Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Janie Orr, Student Government Association president, will follow at 11:45 a.m., in Duncan Ballroom, of Boling


Lovett has taught at Memphis Public Schools, Eureka College and Tennessee State University. He serves on the editorial board for the "Arkansas Historical Quarterly," "Tennessee Historical Quarterly," board of directors of the Tennessee Historical Society and on the State Review Board for nomination of national historic sites for Tennessee. He has published several books including "The Civil Rights Movement in Tennessee: A Narrative History," which won the Tennessee Book Award.

Payne is a professor of African and African-American studies, history and sociology at Duke University. His honors include being a Carnegie Scholar, receiving Choice Outstanding Academic Book recognition for authoring "I’ve Got the Light of Freedom" and "Getting What We Ask For." He has served on various advisory and editorial boards, including those for the University Press of Kentucky series, "Civil Rights and the Struggle for Black Equality in the Twentieth Century."

Jones, a UT Martin alumna, founded and serves as national executive director of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. He is a leader in the national fight
for alternatives to the U.S. incarceration industry and holds a law degree from Yale Law School. He is the recipient of such awards as Global Leader for Tomorrow, Reebok International Human Rights Award and Rockefeller Foundation Next Generation Leadership Fellowship. He has been featured on CNN, BET and National Public Radio.

Beau Pemberton, of Gallatin and a UT Martin alumnus, will respond to the presentations at 3:30 p.m. Pemberton is a second year law student at the University of Tennessee and a member of the UT Student Bar Association. While at UT Martin, Pemberton was active in Student Government Association and received the Paul and Martha Meek Leadership Award.

The evening program will feature musical selections to be performed at 7 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium, by the UT Martin Collegiate Choir; led by the Rev. Alvin Summers, of Martin. Gloria Sweet-Love, state president of Tennessee NAACP chapters, will introduce the keynote speaker, Dr. Julian Bond. Bond was the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center and served on the Georgia General Assembly for more than 20 years. As a writer, teacher and lecturer, Bond has been involved with social change for more than 45 years. Being chairman of the board of directors of the NAACP since 1998 and holding a membership on the Southern Poverty Law Center board are among his most prominent roles in organizations dedicated to civil rights.

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Concluding the conference is a field trip on March 3 to the Nashville Public Library. Reservations are needed. The trip will include a visit to the Civil Rights room of the library, film presentations and an address by the Rev. James Lawson at 10:30 am. Lawson helped coordinate the Freedom Rides in 1961 and the Meredith March in 1966. He played a major role in the Memphis sanitation workers strike of 1968 and was an active supporter of non-violent strategies.

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Martin Community Connection

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University of Tennessee at Martin
Applications Increase for Fourth Consecutive Year: ACT Scores

MARTIN, Tenn. - Applications for summer and fall admission at the University of Tennessee at Martin have increased by 10 percent over the same period last year, according to the office of admissions. The ACT scores of students applying also increased to an average of 22.32, up from 21.71 last year.

This is the fourth consecutive year that application numbers have increased. A recent report showed that by Jan. 1, 2007, 1,809 students had applied for admission to UT Martin, up from 1,644 by that date in 2006. Also, there has been a 9 percent increase in housing applications this year.

Students who plan to attend UT Martin and have not applied should note that Feb. 1 is the deadline for scholarship applications.

"There's no doubt the Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship program is playing a significant role in students choosing to attend UT Martin and stay in Tennessee," said Judy Rayburn, UT Martin director of admissions. "The new apartment-style housing also is very attractive to incoming freshmen," she added.

The number of applications also has increased simply because UT Martin offers features and services students want," said Rayburn. "We think students tend to make their decisions based on a school's atmosphere. Students are looking for more personal attention. They are looking at the size of the university and the opportunity to be involved in campus activities." She added, "Students who choose UT Martin like the fact that their classes are going to be smaller and taught by faculty, not graduate students, and they like the fact that they will have access to those faculty members outside of class.

Rayburn said proximity to home and cost of tuition also are important considerations when students choose to apply to UT Martin.

"It is my sincere belief that more and more students and parents are understanding the economic and quality of life values associated with a university degree," said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. "UT Martin represents an excellent place for a high-quality education in a safe environment at a reasonable cost that values teaching and interaction with students. Our caring faculty and staff are doing great work, and students and parents are taking notice."

For application information, visit the UT Martin admissions home page at www.utm.edu/admis.php or call 1-800-829-UTMI.
UT Martin students helping look for answers in biofuel development

By RITA MITCHELL
Special to The Messenger

Alternative fuels. The topic sparks debate on political, social, intellectual and cultural levels.

As consumers continue to anticipate unstable prices for gasoline, nearly everyone has an opinion about fuel production and consumption and, ultimately, how to rescue the motorist at the pump, curb U.S. dependence on foreign oil and lessen adverse effects on the environment.

While these debates are waged in a variety of arenas, often raising many questions, faculty members at the University of Tennessee at Martin are doing what they do best — preparing college graduates who will take their places among those trying to find the answers. Also, as part of University outreach, workshops are being conducted for regional high school educators to help provide a strong background for students who want to pursue post-secondary education or training in a myriad of related fields. And, faculty members are providing technical support at seminars for local and regional officials as multi-million dollar ethanol plants and biodiesel operations become viable economic development projects.

“This is a new frontier, and we’re proud to be part of it,” said Dr. Jim Byford, dean of the UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and a proponent of biofuels, especially ethanol. “We have the capacity to be energy self-sufficient and not adversely affect our food supply.”

Byford pointed to recent announcements of two ethanol plants within 10 miles of UT Martin as examples of how prevalent they have become. A 100-million-gallon plant in Obion County is targeted for completion in summer 2008, and construction of a 55-million-gallon plant is underway in Fulton. A 60-million-gallon plant is already in production in Loudon County. Byford noted that nationwide, there are 100 plants, with another 40 under construction. He added that a number of other states have plans for plants. Iowa, the No. 1 corn-producing state, has 55 plants planned.

“We can produce corn cheaper than anywhere else in the world. Commercial corn ethanol is here now, and there are enough plants to produce 4.6 billion gallons per year,” he said.

He said corn yields continue to increase, noting U.S. production since the 1930s is up more than 400 percent on 25 percent less land.

“Genetically engineered corn varieties, especially suited to make ethanol, are being developed, and ethanol production efficiency is still increasing,” Byford said. “Producing ethanol from nonfood materials, such as switchgrass and woody plants, will ultimately yield the most ethanol — on a sustainable basis — but we’re three to five years away from commercial economic feasibility.”

Speaking of his involvement in the Obion County plant, Byford added, “It’s the most exciting thing I’ve done in my career. This is monumental for farmers, economic development and the region. It gives us new life.”

Likewise, Dr. Tim Burcham, UT Martin professor of agricultural engineering, is enthusiastic about biodiesel’s potential as a transportation fuel source. “The technology to produce biodiesel is available today and offers opportunities for Americans to reduce our dependency on foreign oil,” he said.

Biodiesel is a domestic, diesel-engine, renewable fuel derived from natural oils and fats. Soybean oil is the leading feedstock for biodiesel production in the U.S. Other sources include canola oil, corn oil and used cooking oil and fats. Natural oils are converted to biodiesel by a relatively simple chemical conversion called transesterification.

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In addition to the agricultural engineering technology curriculum, UT Martin's Agriculture and Natural Resources faculty have proposed a broad-based biofuels option in the agricultural science concentration, further demonstrating the department's commitment to providing timely and relevant education for its students. Specifically, the biofuels option will include new courses in agricultural engineering technology and plant science to augment current offerings.

"In the past, agriculture has focused on creating stability in food and fiber," Burcham said. "With future expectations of agriculture and natural resources, the focus will be food, fiber and fuels."

This represents one of the most radical changes in agriculture since land grant universities were established."

Additionally, the UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources recently provided instruction in alternative fuels to students enrolled in the 2006 Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences. The exercise involved students making biodiesel from used cooking oil. The biodiesel fuel was then used to power a single-cylinder, diesel engine in the small-engines laboratory.

"It is evident, as the supply of petroleum-based fuels decreases, that there will be increased demand for knowledge about alternative fuels," Burcham said. "The demand for information will be proportional to the need for these fuels."

Richard Shadden, UT Martin professor of agricultural engineering, who has included waste-to-energy methane production in his courses for years, added, "Educational units, which by their very nature have traditionally dealt with instruction in the area of internal combustion engine power, are well equipped to move forward in the area of alternative fuels. This is even more appropriate if the fuel derivation and power application are related to living (biological) systems."

Looking ahead, the department has proposed the development of the Biofuels Education and Research Facility (BERF), to serve as an improved laboratory for the teaching program in agricultural engineering technology and also to serve as a center for outreach as the public seeks to gain knowledge and understanding of alternative fuels and, in particular, biofuels.

"The mission of land grant universities has always been to provide education, research and development activities to improve the lives of people in their region," Burcham said. "With the anticipated increase in worldwide demand for fuel, it is imperative that researchers in the United States develop technologies that ensure energy independence for future generations of Americans."

Editor's note: Rita Mitchell, who serves as university editor in the office of university relations at UT Martin, wrote this story for the Winter-Spring edition of UT Martin's Campus Scene.
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"We're very excited to be a part of the new Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network," said Dr. George Daniel, director, UT Martin Student Success Center.

Bob Whelan, Pearson VUE vice president and general manager, said, "We are proud to welcome UT Martin to the Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network. UT Martin has been selected as the regional representative for our exclusive network because of its excellent service and great reputation. With great select test centers like UT Martin, our clients can be assured their candidates will receive an exceptional experience each and every time they test."

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Local Students receive UT Martin scholarships

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

- Kimberly Batts, daughter of Moss and Teena Batts of South Fulton, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.
- John Robert Burrow, son of Robert and Pam Burrow of South Fulton, will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Award and the Dean's Scholarship.
- Kyle Greer, son of David and Barbara Greer of South Fulton, will be a freshman. He received the Dean's Scholarship and the Leaders-in-Residence Award.
- Allison Jones, daughter of John and Karen Jones of South Fulton, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Award and the Dean's Scholarship.
- Andrew Moore, son of Hoyt and Leigh Ann Moore of South Fulton, will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Award and Chancellor's Award.
- Bret Parham, son of Richard and Lynn Parham of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor's Award.

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


Dr. Julian Bond, civil rights leader and author of “A Time to Speak, A Time to Act,” narrator of the Academy Award-winning movie, “A Time for Justice,” and Oscar-nominated “The Shadow of Hate,” will be the conference keynote speaker and present a lecture, “The Civil Rights Movement: Past, Present, and Future,” 7:30 p.m., March 1, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

Scheduled during the conference are Native American Day, Feb. 27; Diversity Day, Feb. 28; and History Celebration Day, March 1.

Opening ceremonies will be at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 26, at Obion County Public Library in Union City, as Brent Cox, instructor of history, presents “The First Peoples of West Tennessee.” Cox’s love of American Indian history is exemplified through his current and past memberships in such organizations as the Trail of Tears Association, Chattanooga Intertribal Association and Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama.

A video, “Hateful Things,” will follow at 7 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium, and will include a discussion by a student panel and Richard Saunders, UT Martin curator and archivist. Prior to coming to UT Martin in 2000, Saunders gained experience as an archivist at the Utah State Historical Society and working at the University of Utah library, Montana State University and in commercial academic publishing.

Native American Day will begin at noon at the Obion County Public Library with J.J. Kent’s presentation, “In the Spirit of Crazy Horse.” Kent is the adopted son of a full-blooded Lakota woman from the Oglala Band of the Lakota.

As a speaker, musician, sun dancer and educator, Kent has offered spiritual advice to the UT Martin Native American Student Association and holds a membership in the Oglala Strongheart Society.

At 3 p.m., exhibits will be hosted in Boling University Center, along with a Native American Dinner, 5 p.m., in Boling University Center cafeteria.

Musical performances by Kent and Tanasi Thunder Singers will follow at 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively, in Watkins Auditorium. Tanasi Thunder is a high-energy band with a southern style of singing. Its sound reflects traditional and contemporary Native music.

Tom Kunesh, a Hunkpapa Lakota, will present “Reconstruction in a Time of Atheism: The Past, Present and Future of Tennessee Indian Affairs,” at 7:15 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium. Kunesh has actively promoted civil rights for more than a decade and is one of seven commissioners of Indian Affairs in Tennessee.

The “Breaking Bread” workshop/lunch, hosted by the UT Martin counseling center, will usher in Diversity Day, at noon, Room 230, of Boling University Center. An African-American Dinner, featuring the Boys and Girls Choir of Union City, is scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m., in Boling University Center cafeteria. The UT Martin Vanguard Theatre will perform “The Left Hand Singing,” 8 p.m., in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the UT Martin campus. Ticket prices are $10 for general admission and $5 for students. Admission will be free for UT Martin students. Box office opens on Feb. 26.

History Celebration Day begins with opening remarks by UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan, at 9:30 a.m., in Watkins Auditorium. At 10 a.m., Watkins Auditorium, Dr. Cynthia Griggs Fleming, author of “Soon We Will Not Cry: The Liberation of Ruby Doris Smith Robinson” and co-author of “The Chicago Handbook for College Teachers,” will present “A Crisis of Victory; The Continuing Struggle for Civil Rights in the New Millennium.” As a University of Tennessee professor of history, Fleming is knowledgeable in the area of black activism, black educational history and African-American identity.

At 11 a.m., Teri Bolden will present “Trenton and Dyer Rosenwald Schools – A Case Study.” A 2004 UT Martin alumna, Bolden is currently assistant Head Start teacher for the Northwest Economic Development Council. She graduated from Trenton Peabody High School and attended Trenton Rosenwald Elementary School and Rosenwald Middle School before they were integrated. She is a second generation Rosenwald School student.

A luncheon featuring remarks by Dr. Tom Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, and James Orr, Student Government Association president, will follow at 11:45 a.m., in Duncan Ballroom, of Boling University Center.

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Area schools are invited to Annual science bowl

Area high schools are invited to send teams to the 27th Annual Science Bowl at the University of Tennessee at Martin and can register for the March 3 event by email or phone. The registration deadline is Feb. 20.

The science bowl is sponsored by the UT Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS). For the written test covering biology, chemistry and general science, there is no limit on the number of students each school may enter. Each test will have 25 questions from each of the three categories.

From the written test, eight schools will be chosen for the afternoon bowl competition based on comparing the average total score of two of each school’s highest scoring students. The rules are similar to the former TV show, “The G.E. College Bowl.”

Each game is 20 minutes long with as many segments as possible in that time. A segment is composed of a toss-up question and a category question. The first team to answer the toss-up question correctly, dealing with biology or chemistry, will receive points and gain the right to choose from one of three categories: chemistry, biology or physics. If the first team answers the toss-up question incorrectly, the other team has a chance to answer the question. If that team cannot answer it, the procedure begins again and continues until the question is answered correctly.

Toss-up questions are worth five points, and team members are not permitted to confer on these questions. Category questions are worth 10 points. Team members are allowed to confer on these, but the team captain must give the final answer.

While students are taking the written test, teachers will be entertained with demonstrations and a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the importance of green chemistry while the tests are being graded. Champions and runners-up will receive trophies for their schools and medallions for team members.

Four to five students (from West Tennessee region for Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society) scoring high on the chemistry portion of the written test will be invited to take the national examination (to be administered in Martin in April) for selection to participate in the International Chemistry Olympiad (to be held in Moscow on July 15).

The results from last year’s bowl are available online at http://www.utm.edu/staff/skaira/ sci/bowl. To register for the science bowl, email skaira@utm.edu or call 731-881-7450.

Fulton’s Citizens Bank manager participates in local program

Brad Dame, of South Fulton, branch manager of Citizens Bank in Fulton, was among participants at “Biofuels: Opportunities for Tennessee Agriculture,” a conference recently sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The regional conference drew an audience of farmers, educators, high school students, economic development directors and other business representatives and focused on how agricultural producers, businesses and communities will be impacted by the emerging alternative fuels market. He is pictured with Tara Woods, UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources research associate.
Local Workshop slated for March 24

Love of food and writing will merge at a workshop, “Writing Food,” scheduled March 24 in Martin. Sponsored by the Tennessee Writers Alliance and the University of Tennessee at Martin, the workshop is designed to help writers draw upon their personal experiences and the cultural traditions surrounding southern food in their writing. The workshop will be led by John Egerton, a freelance writer from Nashville; Dr. Margrethe Ahlswede, UT Martin professor of English; and Bill Ahlswede, UT Martin English instructor.

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The Writing Workshop is a collaborative effort of the Tennessee Writers Alliance, the Department of English and WTP at UT Martin. Pre-registration is requested prior to March 17. Registration (including morning coffee and lunch) is $30; TWA members, $25; students, $15. To register, send name, address, and fee to TWA Writing Workshop, 131H Humanities, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38237

For more information, contact Bill Ahlswede, 131H Humanities, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238; e-mail at billahls@utm.edu; or phone 731-881-7300.

Mexican educator to visit UT Martin

Dr. Luis Alberto Aguirre Uribe, former rector of the Autonomous Agrarian University “Antonio Narro,” considered one of the top 13 universities in Mexico, will present “Sanitary and PhysioSanitary Measures in International Trade” 3-4 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Legislative Chamber in Boling University Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Also on Feb. 22, Aguirre will tour the UT Martin campus with Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, and view the facilities of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

Dr. Aguirre has served as a distinguished professor, investigator and director of physiosanitary regulations for trade between the United States and Mexico. Some of his previous positions include posts related to international trade for the administration of President Ernesto Zedillo. Serving as director of physiosanitary regulation and general director of sanitation of produce are a few of his achievements under this administration.

In March 2006, Dr. Aguirre and Dunagan signed an agreement of cooperation for student and faculty exchange and collaborative research between UT Martin and la Narro. UT Martin is only the fourth U.S. institution of higher education to sign a formal agreement of this kind with the university.

The event is free and open to the public. For more details, contact Dr. Daniel Nappo, assistant professor of Spanish, by telephone at (731) 881-7420 or by e-mail at dnappo@utm.edu.

Foreign film series to feature two Spanish movies

Two Spanish films will be shown in February as part of the Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

“There’s the Rub!” will run at 7 p.m. Tuesday and “Adventuress” will show 7 p.m. Wednesday in Watkins Auditorium on the UT Martin campus.

Dr. Daniel Nappo, assistant professor of Spanish, will introduce the films.

“There’s the Rub!” or “¡Ahí está el detalle!” (1940) was the film that launched the career of Charlie Chaplin. It was written by Mario Moreno, whom Chaplin called the world’s greatest comic. Moreno created the Cantinflas character.

The film is directed by Juan Bustillo Oro.

Although tame by contemporary standards, “Aventurerá” or “Adventuress,” (1949) was the film that Mexican parents advised their teenage children not to see. It has since become a highly successful musical and ranks fourth on the list of the greatest films of Mexican cinema.

The film is directed by Alberto Gout.

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UTM has eighth consecutive record enrollment

A record 6,504 students are enrolled for spring semester at the University of Tennessee at Martin, the eighth consecutive period UT Martin has enrolled a record number of students. The enrollment tops the previous spring semester high of 6,225 students set in 2006 and is the sixth consecutive spring semester increase. The most recent figures resulted in spring semester records for total undergraduates, transfer students, and total full-time equivalent and full-time equivalent undergraduate students.

The 4.5 percent spring 2007 enrollment increase also follows a fall 2006 enrollment of 6,893 that set six all-time records in various categories. All enrollment numbers are compiled and reported by the University's Office of Institutional Research.

"The university's growth is an affirmation of the quality of our academic and student-life programs," said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. "Our location in a moderately sized community that is safe and friendly will continue to be a positive growth factor."

The 2007 spring enrollment set a spring semester record for undergraduate students, with 5,992, a 5.9 percent increase over spring 2006; transfer students, with 225, a 16 percent increase; undergraduate FTE, with 5,317, a 3.2 percent increase; and total FTE, with 5,573, a 2.4 percent increase over spring 2006. FTE is the total number of student-credit hours divided by 15 for undergraduate students and 12 for graduate students.

"It is exciting for students, faculty and staff to be a part of this historical growth cycle," said Dunagan. "It is important to our region that we maintain the ability to attract and retain serious students."
Horner, Smith are in WestStar 2007 class

Allyson Horner and Alex Smith of Gibson County are among 30 members of the 2007 WestStar class. Representing 15 counties in the 21-county region, class members have a diverse range of occupations and volunteer leadership experiences. Among this year’s class, there are chamber and economic development professionals, bankers, counselors, elected officials, city government personnel, executive directors and state employees.

Horner is financial manager for the Gibson County Utility District in Trenton. She serves (Continued on page 3)
'WRITE ANYWAY' — Dr. Margrethe Ahlswede (seated), University of Tennessee at Martin professor of English, was the first faculty member to speak as part of the University of Tennessee at Martin 2006-07 Academic Speaker Series. Following her recent presentation, "Write Anyway," Ahlswede met with students and faculty members and signed her chapbook, "Three Stories and a Poem." Among those who visited with her was Lydia Mudd of Union City.

The Fulton Shopper, Fulton, Kentucky, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007

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"As you know, the MBA is open to college graduates of all majors. The availability of the GMAT® at UT Martin will enhance our recruiting efforts. It will improve customer service and program quality," said Dr. Thomas H. Payne, professor of finance/Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking.

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PKP recently held Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society chapter will meet at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 13, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center, for the Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture. This year’s Muriel Tomlinson lecturer is Doug Cook, Department of Visual and Theatre Arts chair. His presentation is titled “Cultural Aesthetic Outlooks: Why We Like What We Like When We Like It.” The lecture is free and open to the public.

The Muriel Tomlinson Lecture is an annual event honoring the memory of Dr. Tomlinson, a loyal 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 17. Dr. Lynn Alexander, Department of English chair, interim dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, and president of Phi Kappa Phi, will preside at the Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture.

For more information, contact Jenna Wright, instructor of English, at 731-881-7300.

UTM offers Romance Writing Secrets

“Romance Writing Secrets” is the latest in a series of online courses offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) and Education To Go.

Taught by award-winning romance novelist, Lori Wilde, will offer instruction on how to create compelling characters, how to identify timeless themes that sell and how to find the best subgenre.

Wilde is the author of 39 published romance novels. Her books have been translated into 17 languages, and her work has appeared in Cosmopolitan, Redbook and Quick and Simple magazines. She is a four-time nominee for Romantic Times Reviewers’ Choice Award, and she is a former finalist for the RITA award from the Romance Writers of America. Several of her books have appeared on the Waldenbooks bestseller list.

“Romance Writing Secrets” can be taken online from the convenience of home or office and at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course – part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses – visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinenl.php or call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199.

Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede first faculty member academic speaker at UT Martin

Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede, University of Tennessee at Martin professor of English, was the first faculty member to speak as part of the University of Tennessee at Martin 2006-07 Academic Speaker Series. Following her recent presentation, “Write Anyway,” Ahlschwede met with students and faculty members and signed her chapbook, “Three Stories and a Poem.” With Ahlschwede is Nicole Bell, of Franklin.
UT Martin joins Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select Network

The University of Tennessee at Martin has signed an agreement with Pearson VUE, the electronic testing business of Pearson Education, to become a Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select. In addition to delivering exams for leading IT certification programs such as Microsoft, Cisco Systems, CompTIA, IBM and others, UT Martin will have the ability to deliver the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), the most widely used assessment for graduate management admissions, as well as exams for other select Pearson VUE clients in the certification, licensure and academic admissions markets.

UT Martin was chosen as a Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select in part because of its high quality standards and outstanding customer service. Test centers that become a part of this new network offer enhanced security, biometrics and digital audio and video monitoring services. The Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network provides Pearson VUE clients with a new option of having their exams delivered in premier authorized test centers located around the world.

"We're very excited to be a part of the new Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network," said Dr. George Daniel, director, UT Martin Student Success Center. "By becoming a Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select, it will expand our offerings and allow us to deliver the prominent GMAT exam as well as the exams for other Pearson VUE clients who wish to test in this worldwide network. It's a privilege to be chosen by Pearson VUE to be a part of its select test center network."

"As you know, the MBA is open to college graduates of all majors. The availability of the GMAT at UT Martin will enhance our recruiting efforts. It will improve our customer service and program quality," said Dr. Thomas H. Payne, professor of finance/Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking.

Bob Whelan, Pearson VUE vice president and general manager, said, "We are proud to welcome UT Martin to the Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network. UT Martin has been selected as the regional representative for our exclusive network because of its excellent service and great reputation. With over 2,000 select test centers like UT Martin, our clients can be assured their candidates will receive will receive an exceptional experience each and every time they test."

Pearson VUE is the global leader in electronic testing services for academic admissions, certification and licensure programs. Pearson VUE offers exams through the world's largest network of more than 4,000 test centers in 145 countries, providing testing services for information technology, regulatory and certification boards, academic, government and corporate clients.

For additional information contact the UT Martin Student Success Center Testing Center at 731-881-7727 or visit the Web site http://www.utm.edu/success.

"Writing Food" workshop slated by Tennessee Writers Alliance, UT Martin

Love of food and writing will merge at a workshop, "Writing Food," scheduled March 24 in Martin. Sponsored by the Tennessee Writers Alliance and the University of Tennessee at Martin, the workshop is designed to help writers draw upon their personal experiences and the cultural traditions surrounding southern food in their writing. The workshop will be led by John Egerton, a freelance writer from Nashville; Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede, UT Martin professor of English; and Bill Ahlschwede, UT Martin English instructor. Egerton was the recipient of the 2003 Southern Foodways Alliance Lifetime Achievement Award. His non-fiction books include "Speak Now Against the Day," a chronicle of events leading to the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s; "Southern Food," a collection of recipes and tales of Southern food; "The Americanization of Dixie: Southernization of America" and "Cornbread Nation," an anthology of writings about food and the south. Margrethe Ahlschwede, also director of the West Tennessee Writing Project, will lead the workshop with a warm-up writing exercise designed to tap the rich cultural heritage surrounding food.

Bill Ahlschwede, workshop coordinator, will describe how writing about food has helped students put in words their experiences with family and food.

The workshop will be held in the Bob Carroll Football Building on the UT Martin campus. Morning coffee will be available at 9:00 a.m. The workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. and will end by 3:00 p.m. Lunch is included.

The Writing Workshop is a collaborative effort of the Tennessee Writers Alliance, the Department of English and WTW at UT Martin. Pre-registration is required prior to March 17. Registration (including morning coffee and lunch) is $30; TWA members, $25; students, $15. To register, send name, address, and fee to WWA Writing Workshop, 131H Humanities, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38237.

For more information, contact Bill Ahlschwede, 131H Humanities, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238; e-mail at billahs@utm.edu; or phone 731-881-7300.

Feb. 15, 2007 • Get Out!

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

MUSEUM EXPLORES SENTIMENTS OF WARTIME NATION EXPRESSED VIA MUSIC, GRAPHICS
Today and Friday at UT Martin Museum. A varied and colorful collection of World War II-era sheet music covers...
Civil Rights Legacy highlighted at UT Martin
7th Annual Civil Rights Conference

"The Legacy of a Decade of Civil Rights Acts and Actions, 1957-1968" is the theme of the University of Tennessee at Martin Seventh Annual Civil Rights Conference, slated for February 26-March 3.

Dr. Julian Bond, civil rights leader and author of "A Time to Speak, A Time to Act," narrator of the Academy Award-winning movie, "A Time for Justice," and Oscar-nominated "The Shadow of Hate," will be the conference keynote speaker and present a lecture, "The Civil Rights Movement: Past, Present, and Future," 7:30 p.m., March 1, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

Scheduled during the conference are Native American Day, February 27; Diversity Day, February 28; and History Celebration Day, March 1.

Opening ceremonies will be at 6:30 p.m., February 26, at Obion County Public Library in Union City, as Brent Cox, instructor of history, presents "The First Peoples of West Tennessee." Cox’s love of American Indian history is exemplified through his current and past memberships in such organizations as the Trail of Tears Association, Chattanooga Intertribal Association and Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama. In addition to being the recipient of the 2006 Tennessee Eagle Award, Cox co-authored "Cherokee Proud" and authored "Heart of the Eagle: Dragging Canoe and the Emergence of the Chickamauga Confederacy.

A video, "Hateful Things," will follow at 7 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium, and will include a discussion by a student panel and Richard Saunders, UT Martin curator and archivist. Prior to coming to UT Martin in 2000, Saunders gained experience as an archivist at the Utah State Historical Society and working at the University of Utah library, Montana State University and in commercial academic publishing. He now focuses on special collections library work in the context of Tennessee’s local history and genealogy.

Native American Day will begin at noon at the Obion County Public Library with J.J. Kent’s presentation, "In the Spirit of Crazy Horse." Kent is the adopted son of a full-blooded Lakota woman from the Ogala Band of the Lakota. As a speaker, musician, sun dancer and educator, Kent has offered spiritual advice to UT Martin Native American Student Association and holds a membership in the Ogala Strongheart Society. His latest CD, "Come and Get to Know Me," was nominated for a Native American Musical Award in 2005.

At 3 p.m., exhibits will be hosted in Boling University Center, along with a Native American Dinner, 5 p.m., in Boling University Center cafeteria. Music performances by Kent and Tanasi Thunder Singers will follow at 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively, in Watkins Auditorium. Tanasi Thunder is a high-energy band with a southern style of singing. Its sound reflects traditional and contemporary Native music.

Tom Kunesh, a Hunkpapa Lakota, will present "Reconstruction in a Time of Atheism: The Past, Present and Future of Tennessee Indian Affairs," 7:15 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium. Kunesh has actively promoted civil rights for more than a decade and is one of seven commissioners of Indian Affairs in Tennessee. His experiences include being a professor at various institutions, a Russian and Farsi naval linguist for the U.S. Naval Intelligence and radio-traffic analyst as a 3rd Class Petty Officer. Along with leading several protest marches to protect sacred sites, Kunesh also was a founding member of the Chattanooga Intertribal Association.

The "Breaking Bread" workshop/lunch, hosted by the UT Martin counseling center, will usher in Diversity Day, at noon, Room 200, at Boling University Center. An African-American Dinner, featuring the Boys and Girls Club of Union City, is scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m., in Boling University Center cafeteria. The UT Martin Vanguard Theatre will perform "Miss L HISTORY," 8 p.m., in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. Ticket prices are $10 for general admission and $5 for students. Admission will be free for UT Martin students. Box office opens on February 26.


At 11 a.m., Dr. Julian Bond will present "Trenton and Dyer Rosenwald Schools - A Case Study." A 2004 UT Martin alumnus, Bolden is currently assistant head start teacher at the Northwest Economic Development Council. She graduated from Trenton Peabody High School and attended Trenton Rosenwald Elementary School and Rosenwald Elementary School before they were integrated. She is a second generation Rosenwald School student.

A luncheon featuring remarks by Dr. Tom Rakes, dean of arts and vice chancellor for academic affairs, and James Orr, Student Government Association president, will follow at 11:45 a.m., in Dunn Ballroom, of Boling University Center. The luncheon will feature a local band, the Memphis Sound. The luncheon is open to the public, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Dunn Ballroom. RSVPs are recommended for the luncheon.

From 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., afternoon sessions will resume in Watkins Auditorium. Keynote presentations include: Dr. Bobby Lovett, "The African-American Civil Rights Movement in 19th Century Tennessee," Dr. Charles Pannell, "How Much: Civil Rights Organizations in the Post-World War II South?"; and Van Jones, "The New Civil Rights: Insights into the Future.

Lovett has taught at Memphis Public Schools, Eureka College and Tennessee State University. He serves on the editorial board for the "Arkansas Historical Quarterly." "Tennessee Historical Quarterly," board of directors of the Tennessee Historical Society and on the State Review Board for Distribution of national historic sites for Tennessee. He has published several books including "The Civil Rights Movement in Tennessee: A Narrative History," which won the Tennessee Book Award.

Payne is a professor of African and African-American studies, history and sociology at Duke University. He is a Carnegie Scholar, receiving Choice Outstanding Academic Book recognition for authoring "I’ve Got the Light of Freedom:" "Getting What We Ask For." He has served on various advisory and editorial boards, including those for the University Press of Kentucky series, "Civil Rights and the Struggle for Black Equality in the Twentieth Century.

Jones, a UT Martin alumna, founded and serves as national executive director of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. He is a leader in the national fight for alternatives to the death penalty. A certified attorney, he holds a law degree from Yale Law School. He is the recipient of such awards as Global Leader for Tomorrow, Reebok International Human Rights Award and Rockefeller Foundation Next Generation Leadership Fellowship. He has been featured on such programs as CNN, BET and National Public Radio.

Beau Pemberton, of Gallatin and a UT Martin alumnus, will respond to the presentations at 3:30 p.m. Pemberton is a 2nd year law student at the University of Tennessee and is a member of the UT Student Bar Association. While at UT Martin, Pemberton was active in Student Government Association and received the Paul and Martha Meek Leadership Award.

The evening program will feature musical selections to be performed at 7 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium, by the UT Martin Collegiate Choir, led by the Rev. Alvin Summers, of Martin. Gloria Sweet-Love, state president of Tennessee NAACP chapters, will introduce the keynote speaker, Dr. Julian Bond. Bond was the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center and served on the Georgia General Assembly for more than 20 years. As a writer, teacher and lecturer, Bond has been involved with social change for more than 45 years: being chairman of the board of directors of the NAACP since 1998 and holding a membership on the Southern Poverty Law Center board are among his most prominent roles in organizations dedicated to civil rights.

A film festival including "Higher Learning," followed by a discussion with UT Martin students and moderated by Dr. David Barber, assistant professor of history, is slated for 6:30 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium. "Catch a Fire," a SAC sponsored film, will follow at 9 p.m.

Concluding the conference is a field trip on March 3 to the Nashville Public Library. Reservations are needed. The trip will include a visit to the Civil Rights room of the library, film presentations and an address by Rev. James Lawson at 10:30 a.m. Lawson helped coordinate the Freedom Rides in 1961 and the Meredith March in 1966. He played a major role in the Memphis sanitation workers strike of 1968 and was an active supporter of non-violent strategies.

For information, complete schedule or reservations, visit the conference Web site, www.utm.edu/staff/accars/civilrights, call (731) 881-7472 or e-mail Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, conference director, at accars@utm.edu.
Final session for science educators scheduled

The third and final sessions of the Institute for Middle Grade Educators in Science (IMEGS) will be offered during the summer of 2007. IMEGS is an interdisciplinary, field and online sequence of courses designed to improve the delivery of science education by Tennessee middle school educators. It is funded by the Tennessee Math and Science Partnership Program. All three base curriculum standards — earth, physical and life sciences — will have been covered over the three-year period.

Summer 2007 institutes, taught by UT Martin faculty, are physical science, June 17-29, with Drs. Lionel Crews, assistant professor of physics, and Rosemary Effriong, assistant professor of chemistry; and life science, July 9-20, with Drs. Darrell Ray, associate professor of biology, John Collins, professor of biology, Dawn Wilkins and Tom Blanchard, assistant professors of biology. Additionally, each teacher will be enrolled in a fall semester online education application course taught by Dr. Becky Cox, assistant professor of educational studies.

Participants spend two weeks during summer in each chosen institute focusing on the aspects of science data collection and interpretation and demonstrations of basic principles. Teachers may take up to two workshops per year. Participants will leave the workshops with “teacher kits” that will allow them to transfer their newfound knowledge to their classrooms. These teacher kits will include such things as CBL interfaces and sensors, binocular microscopes, telescope materials, physics demonstration equipment and a variety of software. In addition, participants will videotape demonstrations of the various principles so that all teachers in Tennessee can benefit from the experience. Nearly every curriculum standard will be covered by a variety of hands-on activities that directly can be translated to the classroom.

Eighteen participants will be selected April 6. The deadline to register is March 30. The program is open to middle school educators followed by high school educators. Selection will be based on date of application, potential for applicant’s experience being shared with students and other teachers and demographics. New and minority teachers are encouraged to apply. Participants will be given stipends to cover travel, lodging and meals. Teachers will receive three hours of graduate credit per workshop course, and all participants automatically are registered for the education follow-up course, all paid for by the grant. Participants must pay $200 in UT Martin fees that are not covered by grant funding, but are eligible for reimbursement through school district monies.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael A. Gibson, UT Martin professor of geology, at 881-7435 or mgibson@utm.edu.

Autodialer streamlines semester calls to students

An automatic dialing system that places calls to students reminding them to pay fees and confirm attendance to avoid having their schedules purged paid off in terms of efficiency in reaching the students and allowed University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Business Affairs staff to operate more efficiently.

“The students were confirmed earlier, and fewer were administratively dropped for not confirming attendance,” said Laura Foltz, assistant director of business affairs, one of two UT Martin staff members who initiated use of the system prior to the spring semester. “The autodialer was able to make more attempts than we could have made manually and reached more students than we could have reached.”

After reviewing the number of purges that occurred at the beginning of the fall semester, Al Hooten, vice chancellor of administration and finance, said Marsha Mitchell, bursar, and Foltz pursued the idea of an automated call system. Roger Elmore, Office of Information Technology Services technical specialist, supervised the installation of the system that IT will manage.

At a cost of $5,800, Hooten said, “It proved itself to be a highly efficient process that also can handle special issues and circumstances. The system is capable of handling other things,” he added. “One of the additional uses currently being studied is the system application in a tornado warning plan.

In its use to remind students to confirm attendance and pay fees, the system not only makes repeated calls, sometimes to as many as 1,700-2,000 students, but also records when someone answers at the number called.

There were 42,090 dialing attempts made by the autodialer; 190 fewer students purged compared to spring 2006; a 50 percent reduction in students on first purge compared to last year; and 57 percent of registered students with confirmed attendance five days before purge compared to 47 percent in spring 2006. There were 28 fewer hours of overtime recorded by the business affairs office staff.

“Because students confirmed earlier, the workload was more evenly distributed across two weeks. From our office’s perspective, this was a successful project,” said Foltz.

“We had to purge fewer students,” said Hooten, who noted that the system also freed staff members to respond to student issues and requests that required more time to resolve. “The implementation of just a small item has made for significant improvement in service.”
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UT Martin has enrolled record number of students

A record 6,504 students are enrolled for the 2007 spring semester at the University of Tennessee at Martin, the eighth consecutive period UT Martin has enrolled a record number of students.

The enrollment tops the previous spring semester high of 6,225 students set in 2006 and is the sixth consecutive spring semester increase.

The 4.5 percent spring 2007 enrollment increase also follows a fall 2006 enrollment of 6,893 that set six all-time records in various categories. All enrollment numbers are compiled and reported by the university’s Office of Institutional Research.

“The university’s growth is an affirmation of the quality of our academic and student-life programs,” said Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. “Our location in a moderately sized commu-
Dunagans say farewell to UTM

By BUD GRIMES
Special To The Messenger

MARTIN — Saying goodbye isn’t easy. But bidding farewell to a family can be even tougher. And that’s just what the University of Tennessee at Martin is — family — to Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin’s eighth chancellor.

So it was only fitting that he announced his retirement plans Sept. 7, 2006, to his UT Martin family at the university’s annual faculty and staff picnic before the season’s first home football game. Joining him for the announcement were his wife, Cathy; other family members, and Dr. John Petersen, UT president. A search for Dunagan’s successor is expected to conclude sometime this spring, and he will say his final farewell at the end of June 2007.

“A lot of thought and with a great deal of appreciation for the opportunities Cathy and I have had during our 33 years at UT Martin, we want to announce that this will be our final academic year,” Dunagan told the crowd, adding, “but I want you to know that this has been the most wonderful honor in my life to be able to serve the great people that make up this campus.”

Petersen thanked the Dunagans for their service and wished them well in their retirement years. He expressed special appreciation for their support since he became UT’s 23rd president in July 2004. “Nick and Cathy are two of the most selfless people that I’ve ever met,” he said. Petersen added, “I think the exciting thing is the fact that we are in such good shape at this institution.”

Dunagan, 60, was born in Humboldt to the late Horace and Sara Dunagan but quickly returned to Martin where his father attended UT Junior College, thereby beginning his lifelong association with the campus. Years later, the Dunagans’ family includes many UT Martin alumni, including Dunagan’s two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews. Also, the Dunagans’ three married children and their spouses all graduated from the university. And, even though the university didn’t offer the fourth child a chance to continue, he supported the Dunagan/UT Martin connection by picking up additional courses toward his degree in summer school.

Several weeks after Dunagan’s retirement announcement, he reflected on his years at the university. While his announcement surprised many, he sees this as the right time for a change. When he was named chancellor, Dunagan planned to serve in the position for up to five years. Once he retires, he will have served six years and counting three interim stints as chancellor, he’s held the position approximately eight years. “I think when you look at a university, there are always a lot of things that are going on, so you’re never going to come to that place where, ‘OK, I can stop here and there will not be any other projects under way,’ ” he said.

Significant changes have occurred since he became chancellor in 2001. Especially significant during his administration was growth in enrollment. Online degrees and off-campus centers contributed to greater numbers of students. “When I started, we had the one center in Selmer, and we now have a new location in Jackson with new centers inoperation in Parsons and Ripley, so the diversity of our enrollment has greatly changed,” he said, “and I think it’s helped us as a university to reach out to West Tennessee in a much more positive way.” In addition to the four centers, online course offerings have increased from fewer than 10 to 109 in the past five years.

To Dunagan, improved outreach is evident in other ways. The university’s Dual-Credit Program, which allows students

Dunagans... (Continued from Page One)
to take selected courses for both high school and college credit, is now offered in 25 high schools. “And I know our faculty, while they’ve always been engaged, are even more engaged in our service area, and that’s a positive thing for the university.”

With many projects under way, he knows that some will not be completed when he retires. Other initiatives will continue to evolve. A big proponent of globalization, Dunagan was instrumental in establishing the university’s Center for Global Studies and International Education. The center provides study-abroad opportunities and establishes formal working relationships with universities in other countries. Now, with President Petersen’s globalization emphasis in UT’s new strategic plan unveiled in August, Dunagan will watch with interest to see how these new relationships further position UT Martin in the international community to benefit students and faculty members.

Another of Dunagan’s lasting legacies is the WestStar Leadership Program. As a founder and executive director of the leadership-development program for six years, he sees how WestStar has benefited West Tennessee. Hesitant to name names from the growing WestStar alumni base, he does mention three graduates serving in the Tennessee General Assembly: Mark Norris, Randy Rinks and Delores Gresham.

“But I think just as important as those three, we have numerous county mayors, city mayors, aldermen and other civic leaders who have told me that their interest in running for public office and serving their community was a result of their WestStar experience,” he said.

I look to the future, and I see what the university is doing budget wise, when I see what fees we are assessing students for the support of athletics, those sources, by any measure, are near the maximum of what we can expect from our budget and from students,” he said.

For Dunagan, everything points back to students and those touched by the university. "I think the thing that makes a continual smile on my face is when I see students and alumni and hear them express what the university has meant to their lives and community leaders express what the university has meant to West Tennessee and to Tennessee,” he said.

Dunagan also has left his mark on intercollegiate athletics. He was heavily involved when UT Martin joined the Ohio Valley Conference as a full member in 1992. Years later, under his watch as chancellor, athletics facilities have greatly improved, including construction of the Bob Carroll Football Building, soccer field enhancements and new Elam Center seating. “There is no doubt that I join a lot of people who realize that athletics is an important component of students receiving the total collegiate experience,” he said of his support for such improvements.

Still, he acknowledges that success in athletics comes with a price tag, and he sees fans and donors holding the key through increased ticket sales and gifts dedicated to the program. “As
James Orr, Student Government Association president from Bolivar, has seen firsthand Dunagan’s focus on students. “Chancellor Dunagan is amazing to work with. He truly cares about the well being of students. He has an open-door policy and is always willing to speak about student concerns,” Orr said. As for his legacy, Orr said, “Chancellor Dunagan will be remembered as a strong, compassionate leader. He is a great man, and I hope to one day impact as many lives as he has impacted.”

Another person who daily sees Dunagan’s concern for students is his wife, Cathy, who received equal billing from President Petersen at the retirement announcement. She has been a visible partner to Dunagan, sharing his passion for serving students. She’s even answered the surprise telephone calls when, without her knowing, he gave out their home number for parents to call if they had concerns. She tells this as a humorous story, but she knows it speaks volumes about her husband.

“I hear countless stories about Nick talking with homesick students, encouraging students to apply themselves to their academic goals and helping with letters of recommendation,” she said. “I think that hearing from folks who say that Nick has had a positive impact on their lives makes both of us feel extremely proud.”

UT Martin’s first family plans to take on no new obligations in the first year following Dunagan’s retirement. However, at the retirement announcement, he promised that Cathy and he would remain in Martin to “be the most devoted alums that this institution could have.” His 24/7 job will be replaced with travel and time with children and grandchildren. Most will agree that it’s a well-deserved change for two people who have given 34 years of their lives to the university.

Future generations will see buildings that were built, programs that began and scholarships that were established under Nick Dunagan’s leadership. When asked how he wanted to be remembered, Dunagan said, “That’s easy. I’d like to be remembered as someone who loved UT Martin, tried to keep its students, faculty and staff uppermost in my mind with every decision I made and strived to make West Tennessee a better place to live and work.”

Editor’s note: Bud Grimes, who serves as director of university relations at the University of Tennessee at Martin, wrote this story for the Winter-Spring edition of UT Martin’s Campus Scene.

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For more information, contact the Vanguard Theatre and box office at 881-7090.

Spanish film to be shown Wed.

A Spanish film will be shown in February as part of the Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series at the University of Tennessee at Martin. “Adventuress” will be featured at 7 p.m., Feb. 21, in Watkins Auditorium on the UT Martin campus. Dr. Daniel Nappo, assistant professor of Spanish, will introduce the film.

Although tame by contemporary standards, “Aventurera” or “Adventuress,” (1949) was the film that Mexican parents advised their teenage children not to see. It has since become a highly successful musical and ranks fourth on the list of the greatest films of Mexican cinema. The story is about a young woman named Elena, who is tricked into becoming a dance-prostitute in a cabaret after her secure family life falls apart. But Elena is no victim. She gradually becomes so powerful that she is able to exact a cruel revenge on the person who ruined her life. Although the plot of the film moves along at a frenetic pace, there are several musical interludes that feature Elena’s energetic singing and dancing (including the well-known song, “Chiquita Banana”)

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

For more information, contact the Department of Modern Foreign Languages at 881-7420.
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Local student receives scholarship to UT Martin

An Obion County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Keri Glisson, daughter of Mitchell and Lee Glisson of South Fulton, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor's Award.

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

Ballroom dancing, yoga, computers and horse and piano lessons – the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering classes in each of these areas in March.

A ballroom dance II course will be offered from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, March 22-April 20. The five-week course will aid participants in improving basic ballroom dancing skills. They also will learn new dances such as the tango and salsa. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes (no tennis shoes or rubber soles). A partner is not required. This class is recommended to anyone who has already completed ballroom dance I. The fee is $60 for singles and $110 per couple. The instructors are Fran and Richard Robinson.

A yoga class for all levels is scheduled for 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, March 20-April 24. Participants will be guided through this ancient practice at a level tailored to serve each individual. Yoga can aid strength, endurance and flexibility as well as increase energy. Many people find that a yoga practice can improve their concentration and help them deal more effectively with stress. Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and in bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights). The instructor is Ken Zimmerman, nationally certified yoga teacher. The fee is $55.

Private beginning horsemanship English/Western riding lessons will be offered to participants at a scheduled date. Individual lessons will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship to include handling, grooming, equipment, riding Western/English and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being. Riders are required to wear long pants and boots with a heel. Riding helmets are required and will be provided. No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least 7 years of age to participate. The fee is $35 for an hour lesson, and participants will ride for a half hour. Meghan Cunningham (hunt) and Kristen McDonald (western), UT Martin women’s equestrian coaches, will teach the lessons. To schedule a lesson(s), contact Coach Cunningham at 881-7273 or Coach McDonald at 881-7261.

A class offering students personal computer basics is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon, March 15. Participants will learn the essentials of how a PC works and helpful skills for using Windows. This class is recommended for anyone who has just started using a PC and wants hands-on practice. All ages are welcome. The instructor is Larry Holder, UT Martin database administrator/IT administrator III. The fee is $55.

A course in Internet basics is slated for 1-4 p.m., March 15. The course examines how the Web can be both wonderful and confusing. Participants will learn helpful tips that will make surfing the Internet much more enjoyable. Students will have hands-on practice. All ages are welcome. Holder is the instructor. The fee is $55.

"Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People" will be offered from 6-9:30 p.m., March 20. This class is suitable for any person who wants to learn how to play the piano without years of weekly lessons. The class highlights piano chords, notes, and students will learn all the chords needed to play any pop song in any style and key. The secrets of embellishing songs also will be discussed.

Participants also will learn how chords work in music, musicians’ shortcuts, how to speed read sheet music, how to derive all major, minor and seventh chords, how to handle different keys and time signatures, simple techniques of counting and how to substitute for 12,000 complex chords.

Any person who can find "middle C" and knows the meaning of Every Good Boy Does Fine is ready to enroll. If not, send a SASE for a free pamphlet to Music Masters, 90 Molly Lane, Ringgold, GA 30736. Then register with confidence.

The fee is $49 plus a $25 supply fee. The instructor is David Haynes, piano workshop teacher and former music director from Ringgold, Ga. Haynes will collect $25 for a book and 68-minute practice CD in class. All March classes are offered in Martin. To register, call ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082 or visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.
UT Martin offers online course on Quickbooks

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) has partnered with online course provider, Education To Go, to offer a new course, "Introduction to QuickBooks 2007."

"Introduction to QuickBooks 2007" is designed to make running a small business much easier. Taught by Craig Power, a veteran adult educator and small-business owner, this course will help people take control of their business finances.

"QuickBooks is the single-most popular accounting application for small businesses," said Power. "I'm not aware of any other accounting program that has been as successful at packing so many features into such an intuitive, easy-to-use interface."

Power takes his students step-by-step through QuickBooks' extensive feature set. Participants will gain hands-on experience with the chart of accounts, reconciliation, invoicing, managing payables and receivables, tracking inventory, budgeting and more.

Power emphasized that his course is not a tutorial. The power and convenience of communication across the Internet allows his online classroom to be frequently filled with discussions. Students can interact not only with the instructor, but also with each other. "Bring your questions, ideas, tips and suggestions," Power said. "We can all learn from one another."

"Introduction to QuickBooks 2007" can be taken online from the convenience of home or office and at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course – part of a growing catalog of more than 300 instructor-facilitated online courses – visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php or call ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.

Former Rector of High-Ranking Mexican University to visit UTM

Dr. Luis Alberto Aguirre Uribe, former rector of the Autonomous Agrarian University "Antonio Narro," considered one of the top 13 universities in Mexico, will present "Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures in International Trade," from 3-4 p.m., Feb. 22, in the Legislative Chamber in Boling University Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Also on Feb. 22, Aguirre will tour the UT Martin campus with Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, and view the facilities of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

Dr. Aguirre has served as a distinguished professor, investigator and director of phytosanitary regulations for trade between the United States and Mexico. Some of his previous positions include posts related to international trade for the administration of President Ernesto Zedillo. Serving as director of phytosanitary regulation and general director of sanitation of produce are a few of his achievements under this administration. He also has worked as a professor of agriculture and entomology at la Narro, where he serves on many committees for the review and coordination of the agricultural programs and directs dissertations and master's theses.

In March 2006, Dr. Aguirre and Chancellor Dunagan signed an agreement of cooperation for student and faculty exchange and collaborative research between UT Martin and la Narro. UT Martin is only the fourth U.S. institution of higher education to sign a formal agreement of this kind with the university.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Daniel Nappo, assistant professor of Spanish, at 881-7420 or e-mail dnappo@utm.edu.

ECCE offers online courses, career certificate programs

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) has partnered with Education To Go (Ed2go) and Gatlin Education Services (GES) to offer online courses and career certificate programs.

Ed2go courses may be taken from the comfort of home or office at any time. Online courses range from anatomy to Web design.

A new section of each course starts monthly. Upcoming start dates include March 21, April 18 and May 16.

All courses run for six to eight weeks and are composed of 12 lessons, representing 24 or more hours of instruction. Participants can ask questions and give or receive advice at any time. Courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas, supplementary links and more. Ed2go strives to have a supportive community of learners.

Courses require Internet access, e-mail, Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Internet Explorer. Some courses may have additional requirements. ECCE's online instruction center offers more information.

GES career certificate programs offer students the workforce skills necessary to acquire professional caliber positions for many in-demand occupations. Participants may enroll and study when they want.

More than 60 online certificate programs in allied health, computer and Internet, business, technical and construction industries are available. Programs are built with a team of professionals to provide a Web-based learning experience. GES online education includes everything students need, including textbooks and trained instructors.

For a complete list of ECCE programs, descriptions, pricing or to enroll, visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php.
Women's changing roles is focus of presentation

The University of Tennessee at Martin Faculty Women's Club will host a luncheon at 11:30 a.m., March 5, in Room 206 of Boling University Center, in observance of Women's History Month. Dr. Mary Lemons, UT Martin professor of management, will be the guest speaker at 12:15 p.m. Her topic is “Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Lessons From a Management Pioneer.” Tickets are $10 and can be purchased from board members, at the university center information desk and at the Apple Barrel in Martin. For free child care, call Annie Schornmer at 588-0794 by March 1. The luncheon is open to the public. For more information, contact Penny Moser at 588-5766.

Lemons' presentation will examine the background and career of a woman pioneer in management, Lillian Gilbreth (1878-1972), and relate her challenges in achieving recognition in the “man’s world” of the early 20th century to the problems of women today. Gilbreth was an author, the recipient of many honorary degrees and the mother of 12. She is perhaps best remembered for her book “Cheaper by the Dozen” and “Belles on Their Toes” about their experiences growing up with such a large and famous family. But, Lillian Moller Gilbreth was not only a mother; she was an engineer and an industrial psychologist.

Following a brief summary of background literature on the glass ceiling, Lemons will review the early life of Gilbreth, her educational opportunities, accomplishments and her significant achievements in a male-dominated field. Then, she will examine the relationship of Gilbreth's experiences to the challenges of women who are attempting to break the glass ceiling today.

Local educator, musician to present program for book club

T he African-American Literature Book Club will have a double treat at its monthly meeting today. The club will meet at 5:30 p.m., an hour earlier than its usual time, in the Jackson-Madison County Library Program Center. Jerry Woods, Ph.D., will lead a discussion on Rosenwald schools. But first, Robert Taylor will inspire with singing. The music will be laced with his reflections on black history. Taylor, a historian who works with genealogical research in the Tennessee Room at the library, will reprise the program he presented this month at First Friday Forum. Tonight's audience can look forward to the pianist taking them on a musical journey as he discusses early gospel recordings and quartet singing.

Woods, an associate professor of educational studies at the Jackson graduate campus of the University of Tennessee Mar-

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who was president of Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Many of them were built in the South, including several in Madison County, but were ordered closed under desegregation.

The black farming families were the unsung heroes, said Woods, who did his doctoral dissertation on the Rosenwald schools in West Tennessee.

They were the ones who sacrificed and pooled their resources to come up with matching funds to build the schools, he said. After construction, the family name would be a part of the school.

The school that Woods, a Pinson native, attended was the site of the original Spann-Rosenwald School.

The schools continue to hold a sacred place in many hearts. Some have been restored as community centers or museums.

An example is the Allen-White Rosenwald School in Whiteville, in Hardeman County. Closed in 1970, it was placed last year on the National Register of Historic Places.

Elcanaan Baptist Church, adjacent to the school, is giving it new life. The church has received funding from the National Trust's Rosenwald Schools Initiative to turn the school into a community center.

Last fall, Woods, former superintendent of the Clinton City Schools, in East Tennessee, was part of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the public high school.

Green McAadoo School was pivotal in that struggle as some of its black students, who became known as the Clinton Twelve, helped integrate education in Anderson County in 1956.

Woods helped in getting Green McAadoo named to the National Register.

Formerly known as Clinton Colored School, it grew from efforts started by a Rosenwald School Fund Committee. The school has since become a museum.

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Third-year Institutes for Middle-Grade Science Educators Scheduled

MARTIN - The third and final sessions of the Institute for Middle Grade Educators in Science (IMEGS) will be offered during summer of 2007. IMEGS is an interdisciplinary, field and online sequence of courses designed to improve the delivery of science education by Tennessee middle school educators. It is funded by the Tennessee Math and Science Partnership Program. All three base curriculum standards - earth, physical and life sciences - will have been covered over the three-year period.

Summer 2007 institutes, taught by UT Martin faculty, are physical science, June 17-29, with Drs. Lionel Crews, assistant professor of physics, and Rosemary Effiong, assistant professor of chemistry; and life science, July 9-20, with Drs. Durrell Ray, associate professor of biology, John Collins, professor of biology; Dawn Wilkins and Tom Blanchard, assistant professors of biology. Additionally, each teacher will be enrolled in a fall semester online education application course taught by Dr. Becky Cox, assistant professor of educational studies.

Participants spend two weeks during summer in each chosen institute focusing on the aspects of science data collection and interpretation and demonstrations of basic principles. Teachers may take up to two workshops per year. Participants will leave the workshops with "teacher kits" that will allow them to transfer their newfound knowledge to their classrooms. These teacher kits will include such things as CBL interfaces and sensors, binocular microscopes, telescope materials, physics demonstration equipment and a variety of software. In addition, participants will videotape demonstrations of the various principles so that all teachers in Tennessee can benefit from the experience. Nearly every curriculum standard will be covered by a variety of hands-on activities that directly can be translated to the classroom.

Eighteen participants will be selected April 6. The deadline to register is March 30. The program is open to middle school educators followed by high school educators. Selection will be based on date of application, potential for applicant's experience being shared with students and other teachers and demographics. New and minority teachers are encouraged to apply. Participants will be given stipends to cover travel, lodging and meals. Teachers will receive three hours of graduate credit per workshop course, and all participants automatically are registered for the education follow-up course, all paid for by the grant. Participants must pay $900 in UT Martin fees that are not covered by grant funding, but are eligible for reimbursement through local school district monies.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael A. Gibson, UT Martin professor of geology, at 731-881-7435 or mgibson@utm.edu.

Local students included in recital

Clint Rawls of Union City, Sarah Roberts of Martin and Scottie Somerville of Kenton will perform a junior percussion recital at 7:30 p.m. March 7 in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus.

The event is free of charge and open to the public, a spokesman said.

Solo works will be performed on marimba, vibraphone and multi-percussion.

The group, along with Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music, will perform a new marimba quartet by Dutch composer Rudiger Pawassar.

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Civil Rights conference honorees recognized at luncheon

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This year’s honorees include:

• Mariolu Awikta has worked at all levels of civic involvement in the civil rights movements. She is the author of “Abiding Appalachia Where Mountain and Atom Meet,” “Rising Dawn and the Fire Mystery; A True Story from the Choctaw Removal of 1833,” and “Selu: Seeking the Corn Mother’s Wisdom.” Among her accomplishments, she founded the Far Away Cherokee Association in 1982, which became the Native American Intertribal Association. Awikta has worked with the Center for Research on Men at the University of Memphis.

• Julian Bond was the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center and served in the Georgia General Assembly for more than 20 years. As a writer, teacher, and lecturer, Bond has been involved with social change for more than 45 years. Being chairman of the board of directors of the NAACP since 1998 and holding a membership on the Southern Poverty Law Center board are among his most prominent roles in organizations dedicated to civil rights. As a civil rights leader and author of “A Time to Speak, A Time to Act,” narrator of the Academy Award-winning movie, “A Time for Justice,” and Oscar-nominated “The Shadow of Hate,” Bond is the keynote speaker for the Civil Rights Conference.

• Sidney Chism currently serves on the Shelby County board of commissioners. He has been an active business and community leader in Memphis for more than 30 years. President and CEO of S & L, Inc., he also has served as president of the Teamsters Local 1196 for 14 years; organizer of the Southern Conference of Teamsters for 10 years; and president of the Teamsters Joint Council 87 for nine years.

• Anna Lee Cooke started her career in Haywood County, where she integrated the city library. She then worked at the Jackson-Madison County Library for 15 years before her appointment at Lane College’s library, a position she held for 25 years. In 1997, she received an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Lane College. She was the first secretary of the Jackson Arts Council and a county solicitor for the American Cancer Society. She brought Ebony Fashion Fair to Jackson and started the Ms. Bronze West Tennessee Pageant in 1960.

• Brent Cox is a UT Martin instructor of history. Cox’s love of American Indian history is exemplified through his memberships in such organizations as the Trail of Tears Association, Chattanooga Intertribal Association and Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama. In addition to being the recipient of the 2006 Tennessee Native American Eagle Award, Cox co-authored “Cherokee Proud” and authored “Heart of the Eagle: Dragging Canoe and the Emergence of the Chickamauga Confederacy.”

• Van Jones, a UT Martin alumus, founded and serves as national executive director of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. He is a leader in the national fight for alternatives to the U.S. incarceration industry and holds a law degree from Yale Law School.

• Tom Kunesh, a Hunkpapa Lakota, has actively promoted civil rights for more than a decade and is one of seven commissioners of Indian Affairs in Tennessee. His experiences include being a professor at various institutions, a Russian and Farsi naval linguist for the U.S. Naval Intelligence and radio-traffic analyst as a 3rd class petty officer.

• Waltion W. Harrison, M.D. (Nov. 28, 1920-Feb. 27, 2005), graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1945. He served in the Air Force at Maxwell Field Station Hospital in Montgomery, Ala., from 1946 to 1958. After practicing in Los Angeles Children’s Hospital and the Christie Clinic in Champaign, Ill., he moved to Jackson and helped found the Children’s Clinic in 1952. Under Harrison’s leadership, the Children’s Clinic became the first in Jackson to integrate its entrance. During the 1960s, Harrison was a member of the Jackson Civil Action Council, a racially mixed group whose goal was to improve race relations.

• James, M. Lawson, Pennsylvania native, is a leader in nonviolence within the American Rights Movement. In the 1940s, he conducted sit-ins in northern cities and participated in some of the earlier freedom rides. As a faculty member at Vanderbilt University, the Rev. Lawson, who also attended Vanderbilt’s Divinity School, has worked with Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and trained such civil rights leaders as Diane Nash, James Bevel, Marion Barry and John Lewis in his nonviolent tactics.

In January 2007, Lawson participated in a three-day Freedom Ride commemorative program in Alabama alongside activists such as Jim Zwerg, Diane Nash, Bernard Lafayette, the Rev. C.T. Vivian and John Seigenthaler.

• William Little was born and raised in Memphis. He holds degrees from LeMoyne-Owen College and the University of Memphis and has pursued graduate studies from schools such as the University of California at Santa Clara, Southern California University, San Francisco State University and Northern Illinois University. In the 1950s, Little started covering sports for the Memphis World, then the Tri-State Defender in the early 1960s, where he held the position of sports editor for 25 years. Today, he still writes specials for the Tri-State Defender.

• Dr. Bobby Lovett has taught at Memphis Public Schools, Eureka College and Tennessee State University. He serves on the editorial boards for the “Arkansas Historical Quarterly” and “Tennessee Historical Quarterly,” board of directors of the Tennessee Historical Society and on the state review board for nomination of national historic sites for Tennessee. He has published several books including “The Civil Rights Movement in Tennessee: A Narrative History,” which won the Tennessee Book Award.

• Van Lynch, a Yorkville resident, was born in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. She now serves as chair of the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs, a group composed of only seven members. She is a graduate of Bethel College, teacher at Obion County and recipient of the Eagle Award. Since arriving in Tennessee, she has been active in American Indian affairs and civil rights. In the past, she spoke regularly to classes in West and Middle Tennessee about American Indians.

• Former Gov. Ned Ray McWherter is a native of Pulmerville. After serving two terms in the House of Representatives, McWherter was elected speaker of the House, and he held this position longer than any previous House speaker in the state’s history. After being elected as the 46th governor
of Tennessee, McWherter sponsored such legislation as the “Sunshine Law,” and he assisted minority groups, encouraged women to take leadership roles in legislature and pursued education reform programs. He has served on the state building commission joint fiscal review committee and the council on pensions and retirement, as well as the board of governors of the United States Postal Service, following his nomination by former President Bill Clinton.

- Dr. Charles Payne is a professor of African and African-American studies, history and sociology at Duke University. His honors include being a Carnegie Scholar, receiving “Choice Outstanding Academic Book” for authoring “I’veGot the Light of Freedom” and “Getting What We Ask For.” He has served on various advisory and editorial boards, including those for the University Press of Kentucky series, “Civil Rights and the Struggle for Black Equality in the Twentieth Century.”

- Maxine Smith made education and civil rights leadership prominent aspects of her adult life. Her positions of responsibility include being a board member of the NAACP since 1957; serving on the Memphis Board of Education for 24 years; being elected president of this board from 1991-1992; and serving as a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the National Civil Rights Museum. Her involvement with the NAACP has aided her in promoting educational equity for African-American children in Memphis.

Cost of the awards luncheon is $15. For details about the conference, go to the Web site at http://www.utm.edu/staff/accards/civilrights, or contact Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, conference coordinator, at 731-881-7472 or email accards@utm.edu.

MY VIEW
Career decisions

By Dennis Richardson

Scholarships are being tendered, both academic and scholastic. Financial aid forms are flying between colleges and prospective students. It is that time of year when the Class of 2007, like it or not, must get serious.

In a little more than a couple of months this school year will come to a close. Some will go to college, some to the armed forces, others into the civilian work places. Some will just sit around hoping to “find themselves.”

I remember when I was at those crossroads. I had my heart set on going to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Coming from a small school, my advisor recommended starting out at UT Martin. Growing up in the middle Tennessee area I had not heard of Martin before. So out came the map and the road trip began.

The first two years at Martin were to prepare me for the next two at Knoxville. Martin had neither engineering nor journalism major at the time. Two years of “Incomplete”s for not being able to pass the typing test sent me out into the real world until, luckily, a Communications major was added at UTM. No typing test required.

Although I can now type fairly well, the words of Carl Giles echoed through my mind. “Richardson,” he said as I pecked my way through sports articles at the school newspaper at UTM, “typing is a tool of the trade. A carpenter needs to know how to use a hammer and a saw. Journalists must learn to type.

Besides that,” he howled in jest, “your copy smells like a sweaty locker room.”

I had to admit that the paper smelled like all the others at the Union City daily newspaper where we put our paper to bed.

But the Communications major may have saved my life. When I came back to Martin to finish my degree I met my future wife, Lisa. Fate?

So here I have stayed in West Tennessee to bring up our family. And here I am today, trying not to look at the keypad on my notebook as I bang out another column.

I didn’t start out to be a journalist. My advisor said since my ACT scores were best in math and science that I

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should give it a try. Journalism came later after I wrote my first article for the UTM newspaper on the new lights on campus. I followed Dan Morris into the sports editor’s job. Dan went on to a career at The Jackson Sun. I went into business. Dan was just inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame. While I love to write, I also love making a business work. I have fun coming to work, if that makes sense.

My advice to today’s high school seniors is to look past the money as they contemplate a career. Money is fine, don’t get me wrong, but give strong consideration to doing what you love. Follow your passion. After all, I was taught long ago that it is not the paycheck that makes one wealthy, but what is done with that paycheck.

No matter where your plans point to after graduation, I encourage each and every high school senior to get to work.
Third-year institutes slated for middle-grade educators

The third and final sessions of the Institute for Middle Grade Educators in Science (IMEGS) will be offered during summer of 2007. IMEGS is an interdisciplinary, field and online sequence of courses designed to improve the delivery of science education by Tennessee middle school educators. It is funded by the Tennessee Math and Science Partnership Program.

All three base curriculum standards — earth, physical and life sciences — will have been covered over the three-year period.

Summer 2007 institutes, taught by UT Martin faculty, are physical science, June 17-29, with Drs. Lionel Crews, assistant professor of physics, and Rosemary Effiong, assistant professor of chemistry; and life science, July 9-20, with Drs. Darrell Ray, associate professor of biology, John Collins, professor of biology, Dawn Wilkins and Tom Blanchard, assistant professors of biology.

Additionally, each teacher will be enrolled in an all semester online education application course taught by Dr. Becky Cox, assistant professor of educational studies.

Participants spend two weeks during summer in each chosen institute focusing on the aspects of science data collection and interpretation and demonstrations of basic principles. Teachers may take up to two workshops per year.

Participants will leave the workshops with "teacher kits" that will allow them to transfer their newfound knowledge to their classrooms. These teacher kits will include such things as CBL interfaces and sensors, binocular microscopes, telescope materials, physics demonstration equipment and a variety of software.

In addition, participants will videotape demonstrations of the various principles so that all teachers in Tennessee can benefit from the experience. Nearly every curriculum standard will be covered by a variety of hands-on activities that directly can be translated to the classroom.

Eighteen participants will be selected April 6. The deadline to register is March 30. The program is open to middle school educators followed by high school educators. Selection will be based on date of application, potential for applicant's experience being shared with students and other teachers and demographics. New and minority teachers are encouraged to apply.

Participants will be given stipends to cover travel, lodging, and meals. Teachers will receive three hours of graduate credit per workshop course and all participants automatically are registered for the education follow-up course, all paid by the grant.

Participants must pay $200 in UT Martin fees that are not covered by grant funding, but are eligible for reimbursement through local school district monies.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael A. Gibson, UT Martin professor of geology, by telephone at (731) 881-7435 or by e-mail mgibson@utm.edu.

Humor, drama found in Vanguard Theatre's production of "The Left Hand Singing"

The University of Tennessee at Martin Vanguard Theatre will perform a play titled "The Left Hand Singing," March 1-4, on the main stage in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. All evening performances begin at 8:00 p.m. and the Sunday matinee begins at 3:00 p.m.

An additional performance is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., February 28, during the Civil Rights Conference.

The play, written by Barbara Lebow, traces the lives of three parents following the disappearance of their children: Honey, Linda and Wes. In dealing with their tragic loss, the parents inevitably become the heirs of the missing children's dreams. Over the course of three decades, the relationships of the disparate parents are set against the politically and socially turbulent Freedom Summer of 1964 Mississippi. By incorporating humor and thoughtful drama, the play explores the family and political pressures that turn youths into activists.

The play's structure intertwines naturalism with a surprising time curve that depicts the whirl of events surrounding the parents' intertwined journeys. It subtly explores how prejudice infects people regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, or geographic location and gives a face to a grim chapter of the nation's history without making any of its self-sacrificing characters into mindless saints.
UT Martin hosts Sixth Annual Technology Showcase

The Instructional Technology Center (ITC) and the computer store at the University of Tennessee at Martin will present the sixth annual Technology Showcase, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., March 6, in Boling University Center on the campus of UT Martin. The event is free and open to the public.

The showcase will enable members of UT Martin and surrounding communities to exchange ideas and view model examples of the latest instructional technology. UT Martin computer vendors will present to display and demonstrate their best product offerings and showcase the campus’s latest technology.

Also included in the showcase will be various presenters and two to three featured presenters, who will be selected by the Technology Showcase Committee. The featured presenters will receive a 45-minute time slot to present their materials in the Legislative Chamber in Boling University Center. All presenters will be available from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to display and demonstrate their materials. The presentations are open to the public.

“The Technology Showcase gives us the opportunity to show the campus and the local community the things that our faculty members and departments are doing in and out of the classroom in regard to technology,” said Steve Holt, UT Martin director of the instructional technology center and Web services. “We feel that UT Martin is on the cutting edge of learning in higher education, and this event will show you exactly what we are doing.”

For more information, contact the ITC at ite@utm.edu or 731-881-7877.

March 2 marks Nutrition Seminar at UT Martin

“Nutritional Health and Wellness: An Alternative Approaches,” a seminar offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, is slated from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., March 2, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

The Joe and Pat Johnson Nutrition Symposium is a one-day seminar. It will inform participants of up-to-date research findings and information on alternative nutrition. Some non-traditional perspectives on treating specific disease conditions will be presented.

This program is sponsored by private gift funds. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. From 8:30-9:00 a.m., Katie Donaldson, BS, will present “What Can BLUE Do For You?” From 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Jeanette Tinsley, BS, will present “The Spice is Right.” Laura Beth Gray, BS, will discuss “Floundering Your Health: Examining Fish Oil Supplementation” from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Nicole Williams, BS, will present “Probiotics: The New Culture,” scheduled for 10:10-10:30 a.m.; Donaldson, Tinsley, Gray and Williams are dietetic interns.

A break is scheduled from 10:30-10:45 a.m. Keynote speaker, Rick Melton, MS, RD, LDN, CNSD, of Mission Hospitals in Asheville, North Carolina, will begin his presentation, “Holistic Nutrition: The Alternative Journey of a Traditional RD,” at 10:45 a.m. At noon, lunch will be provided. Melton will continue his presentation from 1:15-2:30 p.m. From 2:30-2:45 p.m., a break is planned. Activities are scheduled from 2:45-4:00 p.m. will be announced.

The UT Martin Department of Family and Consumer Sciences is the program provider. The program coordinator is Lori H. Littleton, MS, RD, director, Dietary Internship Program. Littleton is assistant professor of nutrition/food systems management at UT Martin.

This workshop conforms to guidelines for Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits. A certificate of completion from UT Martin and CEUs will be awarded at the conclusion of the program, and attendance at the entire workshop earns 2 CEUs.

Registration fee is $25. This fee includes materials handouts, refreshments at breaks and lunch. To register, contact ECCC at 1-800-482-8199 or 731-881-7082.

Women’s changing roles focus of Faculty Women’s Club presentation

The University of Tennessee at Martin Faculty Women’s Club will host a luncheon at 11:30 a.m., March 5, in Room 206 of Boling University Center, in observance of Women’s History Month. Dr. Mary Lemons, UT Martin professor of management, will be the guest speaker at 12:15 p.m. Her topic is “Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Lessons From a Management Pioneer.” Tickets are $10.00 and can be purchased from board members, at the university center information desk and at the Apple Barrel in Martin. For free children, call Annie Schrammer at 588-0794 by March 1. The luncheon is open to the public. For more information, contact Penny Moser at 731-988-5765.

Lemons’ presentation will examine the background and career of a woman pioneer in management, Lilian Gilbreth (1878-1972), and relate her challenges in achieving recognition in the “man’s world” of the early 20th century to the problems of women today. Gilbreth was an author, the recipient of many honorary degrees and the mother of 12. She is perhaps best remembered for motherhood. Her children wrote the popular books, “Cheaper by the Dozen” and “Belles on Their Toes” about their experiences growing up with such a large and famous family. But, Lilian Moller Gilbreth was not only a mother; she was an engineer and an industrial psychologist.

Following a brief summary of background literature on the glass ceiling, Lemons will review the early life of Gilbreth, her educational opportunities, accomplishments of her significant achievements in a male-dominated field. Then, she will examine the relationship of Gilbreth’s experiences to the challenges of women who are attempting to break the glass ceiling today.
Civil Rights Conference
honorees
recognized at luncheon

Several special awards will be presented during the seventh annual Civil Rights Conference, slated February 26-March 3, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The awards luncheon is scheduled for 11:45 a.m., March 1, in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center.

This year's honorees include:
* Marilou Awikiota has worked at all levels of civic involvement in the civil rights movements. She is the author of "Abiding Appalachia: Where Mountain and Atom Meet." "Rising Pawn and the Fire Mystery: A True Story from the Choctaw Removal of 1833," and "Sulu: Seeking the Corn Mother's Wisdom." Among her accomplishments, she founded the Far-Away Cherokee Association in 1982, which became the Native American Intertribal Association. Awikiota has worked with the Center for Research on Women at the University of Memphis. She has received awards for her work pertaining to women from the National Conference of Christians and Jews and National Indian Women's Health Organization.
* Julian Bond was the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center and served in the Georgia General Assembly for more than 20 years. As a writer, teacher and lecturer, Bond has been involved with social change for more than 45 years. Being chairman of the board of directors of the NAACP since 1985 and holding a membership on the Southern Poverty Law Center board are among his most prominent roles in organizations dedicated to civil rights. As a civil rights leader and author of "A Time to Speak, A Time to Act," narrator of the Academy Award-winning movie, "A Time for Justice," and Oscar-nominated "The Shadow of Hate," Bond is the keynote speaker for the Civil Rights Conference.

* Sidney Chism currently serves on the Shelby County board of commissioners. He has been an active business and community leader in Memphis for more than 30 years. President and CEO of S & L, Inc., he also has served as president of the Tennessee Local 119 for 14 years; organizer of the Southern Conference of Teamsters for 10 years; and president of the Teamsters Joint Council 77 for nine years. He has taken special interest in seeking to improve the justice system and has promoted significant changes including equitable treatment for all people.

* Anna Lee Cooke started her career in Haywood County, where she integrated the city library. She then worked at the Jackson-Madison County Library for 15 years before her appointment at Lane College's library, a position she held for 25 years. In 1997, she received an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Lane College. She was the first secretary of the Jackson Arts Council and a county solicitor for the American Cancer Society. She brought Ebony Fashion Fair to Jackson and started the Ms. Bronze West Tennessee Pageant in 1960. She has won several awards, including awards from the governor of Tennessee, the dedication of two rooms named in her honor at Lane College and a place in "Who's Who of American Women, Tennessee Lives."

* Van Jones, a UT Martin alumnus, founded and serves as national executive director of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. He is a leader in the national fight for alternatives to the U.S. incarceration industry and holds a law degree from Yale Law School. He is the recipient of such awards as Global Leader for Tomorrow, Reebok International Human Rights Award and Rockefeller Foundation Next Generation Fellowship. He has been featured on such programs as CNN, BET and National Public Radio.

* Tom Kunesh, a Hankapa Lakota, has actively promoted civil rights for more than a decade and is one of seven commissioners of Indian Affairs in Tennessee. His experiences include being a professor at various institutions, a Russian and Farsi naval linguist for the U.S. Naval Intelligence and radio-traffic analyst as a 3rd class petty officer. Along with leading several protest marches to protect sacred sites, Kunesh also was a founding member of the Chata-nooga Intertribal Association.

* Walton W. Harrison, M.D. (Nov 28, 1929-Feb 7, 2006), graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1945. He served in the Air Force at Maxwell Field Station Hospital in Montgomery, Alabama, from 1946 to 1958. After practicing in Los Angeles Children's Hospital and the Christie Clinic in Champaign, Illinois, he moved to Jackson and helped found the Children's Clinic in 1952. Under Harrison's leadership, the Children's Clinic became the first in Jackson to integrate its entrance. During the 1960s, Harrison was a member of the Jackson Civil Action Council, a racially mixed group whose goal was to improve race relations. His concern for making medicine accessible to low-income patients led him to found a free clinic in 1966, which became the blueprint for the current Health and Healing Clinic located on Skyline Drive in Jackson. The Jackson Sun recognized him in the early 2000s for his work on behalf of racial equality in Jackson. His widow, Katherine Harrison, will accept his award.

* James M. Lawson, Pennsylvania native, is a leader in nonviolence within the American Civil Rights Movement. In the 1940s, he conducted sit-ins in northern cities and participated in some of the earlier freedom rides. As a faculty member at Vanderbilt University, the Rev. Lawson, who also attended Vanderbilt's Divinity School, has worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and trained such civil rights leaders as Diane Nash, James Bevel, Marion Barry and John Lewis in his nonviolent tactics. In January 2007, Lawson participated in a three-day Freedom Ride commemorative program in Alabama alongside activists such as Jim Zwerg, Diane Nash, Bernard Lafayette, the Rev. C.T. Vivian and John Seigenthaler. Journalists and approximately 180 students, faculty and administrators from Vanderbilt, Fisk University, Tennessee State University and American Baptist also were present.

* William Little was born and raised in Memphis. He holds degrees from LeMoyne-Owen College and the University of Memphis and has pursued graduate studies from schools such as the University of California at Santa Clara, Southern California University, San Francisco State University and Northern Illinois University. In the 1960s, Little started covering sports for the Memphis World, then the Tri-State Defender in the early 1980s, where he held the position of sports editor for 25 years. Today, he still writes specials for the Tri-State Defender.
Phillip Van Hooser to speak at 6th Annual West Tennessee Economic Development Summit

Phillip Van Hooser

The sixth annual West Tennessee Economic Development Summit will be held from 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m., March 13, in Boling University Center on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus. Phillip Van Hooser, leadership expert and author of the best-selling book, "Willie's Way: 6 Secrets for Winning, Wowing and Winning Customers and Their Loyalty," will be the keynote speaker.

Registration will be held from 8:30-9:15 a.m., followed by welcoming remarks. Jay Garver, president and founder of the Competitive Strategies Group, LLC, in Atlanta, Georgia, will present "Preparing to Compete in the Global Economy" from 9:30-10:30 a.m. A break is scheduled from 10:30-10:45 a.m.

Also on the program is Matthew Jett Hall, who will discuss "Technology 101." Hall is assistant vice chancellor for information technology services and associate chief information architect for Enterprise Infrastructure.

From noon-1:30 p.m., lunch will be served, and Hooser will make his keynote presentation. Hooser will offer a bonus session on leadership from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

With experience in managing Fortune 500 companies and founding a company that provides transnational internal training programs on leadership and customer service to businesses, Hooser is currently a director for a locally owned community bank and is the national director for the National Speakers Association. His background in customer service and leadership has aided him in challenging businesses and employees to evaluate their customer service efforts from a customer's perspective. His advice and suggestions are practical and relevant, offering owners and executives insight into acknowledging employee contributions balancing competing objectives and maintaining performance profitability and strong customer service.

In his program, Hooser explores establishing trust through leadership, equipping leaders to empower their people, managing change and maximizing the opportunities change brings, handling conflict and confrontation while building high-performance teams.

Registration is $50 per person and is nonrefundable, but may be transferred. It includes a signed, hardback copy of "Willie's Way: 6 Secrets for Winning, Wowing and Winning Customers and Their Loyalty." The book details how company executives, managers and front line staff can connect immediately with customers, offer special treatment that creates lasting, positive impression create long-lasting relationships with customers and more.

Registration deadline is March 6. Checks should be made payable to West Tennessee Economic Summit. Remit to West Tennessee Industry Association, 26 Conrad Dr. Jackson, TN 38305

"I encourage conscious changes to create an environment where organizations grow and profit where individual find value and satisfaction in their work - where customers return again and again," said Hooser.

Sponsors are USDA Rural Development, Northwest Tennessee Development District, Southwest Tennessee Development District, West Tennessee Industrial Association, Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, WestStar Leadership and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

For more information, contact Virginia Grimes at 731-881-7298 or email vgrimes@utm.edu.
Local students attend Athletic Training Workshop

Thirteen University of Tennessee at Martin Athletic Training Education Program students recently attended the Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association (SEATA) annual student workshop in Atlanta, Georgia. This workshop is designed for all levels of athletic training students and is the perfect opportunity for students to network with other students, find graduate programs, look for job opportunities and prepare for the national certification examination. The students who attended (back row, left to right) were: Amelia Hollenberg, Martin; Jared Vowell, Brighton; Robert Bethel, Memphis; Marquis Tyus, Brownsville; Dawn Swartz, Arlington; Allica Austin, Dresden; Travis Livingston, Murfreesboro; Justin Martin, Memphis; (seated): Retta Riley, Maury City; Carrie Joyner, Gleason; Hiromi Hirai, Martin; Blong Vang, Jackson; Robert Eldredge, Bruceton.

UT Martin offers new online course on QuickBooks 2007

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) has partnered with online course provider, Education To Go, to offer a new course, "Introduction to QuickBooks 2007." "Introduction to QuickBooks 2007" is designed to make running a small business much easier. Taught by Craig Power, a veteran adult educator and small-business owner, this course will help people take control of their business finances.

"QuickBooks is the single-most popular accounting application for small businesses," said Power. "I'm not aware of any other accounting program that has been as successful at packing so many features into such an intuitive, easy-to-use interface."

Power takes his students step-by-step through QuickBooks' extensive feature set. Participants will gain hands-on experience with the chart of accounts, reconciliation, invoicing, managing payables and receivables, tracking inventory, budgeting and more.

Power emphasized that his course is not a tutorial. The power and convenience of communication across the Internet allows his online classroom to be frequently filled with discussions. Students can interact not only with the instructor, but also with each other: "Bring your questions, ideas, tips and suggestions," Power said. "We can all learn from one another."

"Introduction to QuickBooks 2007" can be taken online from the convenience of home or office and at any time of the day and night. For more information about this course - part of a growing catalog of more than 300 instructor-facilitated online courses - visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php or call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.
ECCE announces March classes at UT Martin

Ballroom dancing, yoga, computers and horse and piano lessons - the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering classes in each of these areas in March.

A ballroom dance II course will be offered 7:00-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, March 22-April 20. The five-week course will aid participants in improving basic ballroom dancing skills. They also will learn new dances such as the tango and salsa. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes (no tennis shoes or rubber soles). A partner is not required. This class is recommended to anyone who has already completed ballroom dance I. The fee is $60 for singles and $110 per couple. The instructors are Fran and Richard Robinson.

A yoga class for all levels is scheduled 5:30-7:00 p.m., Tuesdays, March 20-April 24. Participants will be guided through this ancient practice at a level tailored to the individual. Yoga can aid strength, endurance and flexibility as well increase energy. Many people find that a yoga practice can improve their concentration and help them deal more effectively with stress. Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and in bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights). The instructor is Ken Zimmerman, nationally certified yoga teacher. The fee is $55.

Private beginning horsemanship English/Western riding lessons will be offered to participants at a scheduled date. Individual lessons will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship to include handling, grooming, equipment, riding Western/English and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being. Riders are required to wear long pants and boots with a heel. Riding helmets are required and will be provided. No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least 7 years of age to participate. The fee is $35 for an hour lesson, and participants will ride for a half-hour. Meghan Cunningham (hunt) and Kristen McDonal (western), UT Martin women's equestrian coaches, will teach the lessons. To schedule a lesson(s), contact Coach Cunningham at 731-881-7273 or Coach McDonald at 731-881-7261.

A class offering students personal computer basics is scheduled 9:00 a.m.-noon, March 15. Participants will learn the essentials of how a PC works and helpful skills for using Windows. This class is recommended for anyone who has just started using a PC and wants hands-on practice. All ages are welcome. The instructor is Larry Holder, UT Martin database administrator/IT administrator III. The fee is $55.

A course in Internet basics is slated for 1:00-4:00 p.m., March 15. The course examines how the Web can be both wonderful and confusing. Participants will learn helpful tips that will make surfing the Internet much more enjoyable. Students will have hands-on practice. All ages are welcome. Holder is the instructor. The fee is $55.

"Instant Piano for霍plessly Busy People" will be offered 6:00-9:30 p.m., March 20. This class is suitable for anyone who wants to learn how to play the piano without years of weekly lessons. The class highlights piano chords, not notes, and students will learn all the chords needed to play any pop song in any style and key. The secrets of embellishing songs will also be discussed. Participants also will learn how chords work in music, musicians' shortcuts, how to speed read sheet music, how to derive all major, minor and seventh chords, how to handle different keys and time signatures, simple techniques of counting and how to substitute for 12,000 complex chords.

Any person who can find "middle C" and knows the meaning of every Good Boy Does Fine is ready to enroll. If not, send a SASE for a free pamphlet to Music Masters, 90 Molly Lane, Ringgold, GA 30736. Then register with confidence.

The fee is $49 plus $25 supply fee. The instructor is David Haynes, piano workshop teacher and former music director from Ringgold, Georgia. Haynes will collect $25 for a book and 68-minute practice CD in class.

All March classes are offered in Martin. To register, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082 or visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.

Former Rector of High-Ranking Mexican University to visit UTM

Dr. Luis Alberto Aguirre Uribe, former rector of the Autonomous Agrarian University "Antonio Narro," considered one of the top 13 universities in Mexico, will present "Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures in International Trade," from 3-4 p.m., Feb. 22, in the Legislative Chamber in Boling University Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Also on Feb. 22, Aguirre will tour the UT Martin campus with Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, and view the facilities of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

Dr. Aguirre has served as a distinguished professor, investigator and director of phytosanitary regulations for trade between the United States and Mexico. Some of his previous positions include posts related to international trade for the administration of President Ernesto Zedillo. Serving as director of phytosanitary regulation and general director of sanitation of produce are a few of his achievements under this administration. He also has worked as a professor of agriculture and entomology at la Narro, where he serves on many committees for the review and coordination of the agricultural programs and directs dissertations and master's theses.

In March 2006, Dr. Aguirre and Chancellor Dunagan signed an agreement of cooperation for student and faculty exchange and collaborative research between UT Martin and la Narro. UT Martin is only the fourth U.S. institution of higher education to sign a formal agreement of this kind with the university.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Daniel Nappo, assistant professor of Spanish, at 881-7420 or e-mail dnappo@utm.edu.
Local students receive scholarships to Martin

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

- Kimberly Batts, daughter of Moss and Teena Batts of South Fulton, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.
- John Robert Burrow, son of Robert and Pam Burrow of South Fulton, will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Award and the Dean's Scholarship.
- Kyle Greer, son of David and Barbara Greer of South Fulton, will be a freshman. He received the Dean's Scholarship and the Leaders-in-Residence Award.
- Allison Jones, daughter of John and Karen Jones of South Fulton, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Award and the Dean's Scholarship.
- Andrew Moore, son of Hoyt and Leigh Ann Moore of South Fulton, will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Award and Chancellor's Award.
- Bret Parham, son of Richard and Lynn Parham of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor's Award.

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

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Julian Bond to speak at UT Martin March 1

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Civil rights leader, Julian Bond, will serve as the keynote speaker for the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Civil Rights Conference and as a participant on the university's Academic Speakers Series program at 7:30 p.m., March 1, in Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center.

"Julian Bond is one of the most significant figures of the Civil Rights movement, a movement that he continues to serve after almost 50 years in the forefront," said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin honors program director. "He is a national treasure: not only can he tell us where we have been, he also possesses great insight into where our nation is going in the future. Anyone interested in the social direction of our country will not want to miss his visit."

Born in Nashville, Bond entered Morehouse College in Atlanta, but left one semester shy of graduation to join the staff of a protest newspaper, The Atlanta Inquirer, later becoming managing editor. He completed his journalism degree at Morehouse in 1971. While a student, he was a founding member of the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights (COAHR), which helped to integrate Atlanta movie theaters, lunch counters and parks. In 1960, he helped to form the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), serving as communications director (1961-66) and editing the SNCC newsletter, The Student Voice. While at SNCC, he worked in voter registration drives throughout the rural south.

In 1965, Bond entered elective politics and was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives. He was refused his seat because of his vocal opposition to the Vietnam War. He was elected to two more terms before the Supreme Court finally declared that his rights had been violated and ordered him seated. After serving in the Georgia House from 1965-1974, he was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1974 and served there until 1987.

Bond has served in prominent roles in several organizations dedicated to civil rights. Most prominently, he has served on the board of directors of the NAACP, and has served as chairman of the board since 1998. He also sits on the board of the Southern Poverty Law Center, an organization which he helped found and served as first president from 1971-1979.

A collection of his essays has been published as "A Time to Speak, A Time to Act." His poetry has been published in "American Negro Poetry," and he has published numerous essays and articles in most of the leading American newspapers.

Bond currently serves as Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence at the American University in Washington, D.C., and as a professor of history at the University of Virginia.

His presentation is sponsored by UT Martin Honors Programs, Office of Student Affairs, UT Martin Civil Rights Conference, Student Activities Council, American Democracy Project, Vertical Immersion Project and the Department of History and Philosophy.
Third-year institutes for middle-grade science educators scheduled

The third and final sessions of the Institute for Middle Grade Educators in Science (MEGS) will be offered during summer 2007. MEGS is an interdisciplinary, field and online sequence of courses designed to improve the delivery of science education by Tennessee middle school educators. It is funded by the Tennessee Math and Science Partnership Program. All three base curriculum standards: earth, physical, and life sciences - will have been covered over the three-year period.

Summer 2007 institutes, taught by UT Martin faculty, are physical science, June 17-29, with Drs. Lionel Crews, assistant professor of physics, and Rosemary Effiong, assistant professor of chemistry, and life science, July 9-20, with Drs. Darrell Ray, associate professor of biology, John Collins, professor of biology, Dawn Wilkins and Tom Blanchard, assistant professors of biology. Additionally, each teacher will be enrolled in a fall semester online education application course taught by Dr. Becky Cox, assistant professor of educational studies.

Participants spend two weeks during summer in each chosen institute focusing on the aspects of science data collection and interpretation and demonstrations of basic principles. Teachers may take up to two workshops per year. Participants will leave the workshops with "teacher kits" that will allow them to transfer their newfound knowledge to their classrooms. These teacher kits will include such things as CBLS, interfaces and sensors, binocular microscopes, telescope materials, physics demonstration equipment, and a variety of software. In addition, participants will videotape demonstrations of the various principles so that all teachers in Tennessee can benefit from the experience. Nearly every curriculum standard will be covered by a variety of hands-on activities that directly can be translated to the classroom.

Eighteen participants will be selected April 6. The deadline to register is March 20. The program is open to middle school educators followed by high school educators. Selection will be based on date of application, potential for applicant's experience being shared with students and other teachers and demographics. New and minority teachers are encouraged to apply. Participants will be given stipends to cover travel, lodging and meals. Teachers will receive three hours of graduate credit per workshop course, and all participants automatically are registered for the education follow-up course, all paid for by the grant.

Participants must pay $200 in UT Martin fees that are not covered by grant funding, but are eligible for reimbursement through local school district monies.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael A. Gibson, UT Martin professor of geology at 731-881-7435 or mgibson@utm.edu.

Humor, drama found in UTM Vanguard Theatre's production

The University of Tennessee at Martin Vanguard Theatre will perform a play titled "The Left Hand Singing," March 1-4, on the main stage in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. All evening performances begin at 8 p.m., and the Sunday matinee begins at 3 p.m.

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The play, written by Barbara Lebow, traces the lives of three parents following the disappearance of their children: Honey, Linda and Wes. In dealing with their tragic loss, the parents inevitably become the heirs of the missing children's dreams. Over the course of three decades, the relationships of the disparate parents are set against the politically and socially turbulent Freedom Summer of 1964 Mississippi. By incorporating humor and thoughtful drama, the play explores the family and political pressures that turn youths into activists.

The play's structure intertwines naturalism with a surprising time curve that depicts the whirl of events surrounding the parents' interwoven journeys. It subtly exposes how prejudice infects people - regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or geographic location - and gives a face to a grim chapter of the nation's history without making any of its self-sacrificing characters into mindless saints.

UT Martin students in the production include Kendra Bell, of Memphis; Andrea Cash, of Memphis; Mary Beth French, of Paris; Natalie Hordelt, of Memphis; Jonathan Johnson, of Hornbeak; Matthew Maidland, of Bradford; and Jessica Jo Sims, of Dyer.

Ticket prices are $10 for general admission and $5 for students. Admission is free for UT Martin students. The box office opens Feb. 26.

For more information, contact the Vanguard Theatre and box office at 881-7090.

courses offered by UTM

"Romance Writing Secrets" is the latest in a series of online courses offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) and Education To Go.

Taught by award-winning romance novelist, Lori Wilde, will offer instruction on how to create compelling characters, how to identify timeless themes that sell and how to find the best subgenre.

Wilde is the author of 39 published romance novels. Her books have been translated into 17 languages, and her work has appeared in Cosmopolitan, Redbook and Quick and Simple magazines. She is a four-time nominee for Romantic Times Reviewers’ Choice Award, and she is a former finalist for the RITA award from the Romance Writers of America. Several of her books have appeared on the Waldenbooks bestseller list.

"Romance Writing Secrets" can be taken online from the convenience of home or office and at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course - part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses - visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php or call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199.
UTM joins Pearson

The University of Tennessee at Martin has signed an agreement with Pearson VUE, the electronic testing business of Pearson Education, to become a Pearson VUE® Authorized Center Select. In addition to delivering exams for leading IT certification programs such as Microsoft, Cisco Systems®, CompTIA, IBM and others, UT Martin will have the ability to deliver the Graduate Management Admission Test® (GMAT®), the most widely used assessment for graduate management admissions, as well as exams for other select Pearson VUE clients in the certification, licensure and academic admissions markets.

UT-Martin was chosen as a Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select in part because of its high quality standards and outstanding customer service. Test centers that become a part of this new network offer enhanced security, biometrics and digital audio and video monitoring services. The Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network provides Pearson VUE clients with a new option of having their exams delivered in premier authorized test centers located around the world.

“We’re very excited to be a part of the new Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network,” said Dr. George Daniel, director, UT Martin Student Success Center. “By becoming a Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select, it will expand our offerings and allow us to deliver the prominent GMAT® exam as well as the exams for other Pearson VUE clients who wish to test in this worldwide network. It’s a privilege to be chosen by Pearson VUE to be a part of its select test center network.”

“As you know, the MBA is open to college graduates of all majors. The availability of the GMAT® at UT Martin will enhance our recruiting efforts. It will improve customer service and program quality,” said Dr. Thomas H. Payne, professor of finance/Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking.

Bob Whelan, Pearson VUE vice president and general manager, said, “We are proud to welcome UT Martin to the Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network. UT Martin has been selected as the regional representative for our exclusive network because of its excellent service and great reputation. With great select test centers like UT Martin, our clients can be assured their candidates will receive an exceptional experience each and every time they test.”

Pearson VUE is the global leader in electronic testing services for academic admissions, certification and licensure programs. Pearson VUE offers exams through the world’s largest network of more than 4,000 test centers in 145 countries, providing testing services for information technology, regulatory and certification boards, academic, government and corporate clients.

For additional information contact the UT Martin Student Success Center Testing Center at 731-881-7727 or visit the Web site http://www.utm.edu/success.

Workshops at UTM slated for March 24

Love of food and writing will merge at a workshop, “Writing Food,” scheduled March 24 in Martin. Sponsored by the Tennessee Writers Alliance and the University of Tennessee at Martin, the workshop is designed to help writers draw upon their personal experiences and the cultural traditions surrounding southern food in their writing. The workshop will be led by John Egerton, a freelance writer from Nashville; Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede, UT Martin professor of English; and Bill Ahlschwede, UT Martin English instructor.

Egerton was the recipient of the 2003 Southern Foodways Alliance Lifetime Achievement Award. His non-fiction books include “Speak Now Against the Day,” a chronicle of events leading to the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s; “Southern Food,” a collection of recipes and tales of southern food; “The Americanization of Dixie: Southernization of America” and “Cornbread Nation,” an anthology of writings about food and the south.

Margrethe Ahlschwede, also director of the West Tennessee Writing Project, will lead off the workshop with a warm-up writing exercise designed to tap the rich cultural heritage surrounding food.

Bill Ahlschwede, workshop coordinator, will describe how writing about food has helped students put in words their experiences with family and food.

The workshop will be held in the Bob Carroll Football Building on the UT Martin campus. Morning coffee will be available at 9 a.m. The workshop begins at 9:30 and will end by 3 p.m. Lunch is included.

The Writing Workshop is a collaborative effort of the Tennessee Writers Alliance, the Department of English and WTP at UT Martin. Pre-registration is requested prior to March 17. Registration (including morning coffee and lunch) is $30; TWA members, $25; students, $15. To register, send name, address, and fee to TWA Writing Workshop, 131H Humanities, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38237.

For more information, contact Bill Ahlschwede, 131H Humanities, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238; e-mail at billahls@utm.edu; or phone 731-881-7300.
UT Martin students speak out on a possible public smoking ban

Weakley County Press
Student intern Jason Bohanon went to the University of Tennessee at Martin and asked a group of students one question on whether or not they favored proposed legislation on a smoking ban in public buildings. This ban would include all work places, schools and even restaurants.

Overwhelmingly, the students asked by Bohanon, except for one, say they favor Gov. Phil Bredesen's endorsed ban against smoking in all workplaces in Tennessee and also will be endorsing a 40 cent tax increase on cigarettes to help fund his education initiative.

In a speech to the Tennessee Press Association on Feb. 8, Bredesen said that smoking risks are "one of the single biggest things we can do to improve our health and leave our state with a healthier environment."

Bredesen went on to say "Every Tennessean deserves — frankly, every one of us has the right — to go to work, to earn a paycheck, to eat a meal, to provide for our families, without risking our health in the process," the governor said of the smoking ban. "No one should have to choose between their personal livelihood and their health. All workers have the right to breathe clean air."

Apparently, several students on the campus of UT Martin agree.

Name: Caroline Duncan
Major: Exercise Science
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Troy, TN
IN FAVOR OF BAN
Why: "They're always talking about the ills of cigarette smoke to your health. I think it's great."

Name: Sera Gentry
Major: Animal Science
Classification: Junior
Hometown: Kingston Springs, TN
IN FAVOR OF BAN
Why: "If you work in an office or something somebody beside you may not want to smell your cigarette smoke."

Name: Steve McAllister
Major: Information Systems
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Bolivar, TN
IN FAVOR OF BAN
Why: "I don't like smoking. I don't like smoke at all."

Name: Sonny Melton
Major: Biology
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Big Sandy, TN
IN FAVOR OF BAN
Why: "I don't have a problem with it because if I'm working somewhere I don't want somebody smoking around me because I don't smoke. It's pretty obnoxious."

Name: Sachie Sato
Major: International Studies
Classification: Junior
Hometown: Tokyo, Japan
AGAINST THE BAN
Why: "I think it would be better if companies made a smoking place because I don't want smokers to go outside."

Name: Latricia Lawrence
Major: Education Studies
Classification: Senior
Hometown: Dyersburg, TN
IN FAVOR OF BAN
Why: "I personally don't like walking through it and I don't like people blowing it in my face."

Name: Chase Fish
Major: Biology
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Bartlett, TN
IN FAVOR OF BAN
Why: "It would benefit everybody else."
West Tennessee Economic Development Summit planned

The sixth annual West Tennessee Economic Development Summit will be held from 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m., March 13, in Boling University Center on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus. Phillip Van Hooser, leadership expert and author of the bestselling book, “Willie’s Way: 6 Secrets for Wooing, Wowing and Winning Customers and Their Loyalty,” will be the keynote speaker.

Registration will be held from 8:30-9:15 a.m., followed by welcoming remarks, Jay Garner, president and founder of the Competitive Strategies Group, LLC, in Atlanta, Ga., will present “Preparing to Compete in the Global Economy” from 9:30-10:30 a.m. A break is scheduled from 10:30-10:45 a.m.

Also on the program is Matthew Jett Hall, who will discuss “Technology 101” at 10:45 a.m. Hall is Vanderbilt University assistant vice chancellor for information technology services and associate chief information officer for Enterprise Infrastructure.

From noon-1:30 p.m., lunch will be served, and Hooser will make his keynote presentation. Hooser will offer a bonus session on leadership from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

With experience in managing Fortune 500 companies and founding a company that provides transformational internal training programs on leadership and customer service to businesses, Hooser is currently a director for a locally owned community bank and is the national director for the National Speakers Association. His background in customer service and leadership has aided him in challenging business owners and employees to evaluate their customer service efforts from a customer’s perspective. His advice and suggestions are practical and relevant, offering owners and executives insight into acknowledging employee contributions, balancing competing objectives and maintaining performance, profitability and strong customer service.

In his program, Hooser explores establishing trust through leadership, equipping leaders to empower their people, managing change and maximizing the opportunities change brings and handling conflict and confrontation while building high-performance teams.

Registration is $50 per person and is nonrefundable, but may be transferred. It includes a signed, hardback copy of “Willie’s Way: 6 Secrets for Wooing, Wowing and Winning Customers and Their Loyalty.” The book details how company executives, managers and front-line staff can connect immediately with customers, offer special treatment that creates a lasting, positive impression, create long-lasting relationships with customers and more.

Registration deadline is March 6. Checks should be made payable to West Tennessee Economic Summit. Remit to West Tennessee Industrial Association, 26 Conrad Dr., Jackson, TN 38305.

“I encourage conscious changes to create an environment where organizations grow and profit, where individuals find value and satisfaction in their work, where customers return again and again,” said Hooser.

Sponsors are USDA Rural Development, Northwest Tennessee Development District, Southwest Tennessee Development District, West Tennessee Industrial Association, Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, WestStar Leadership and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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

UTM professor to speak at Obion County Library

Celebrate the history of Tennessee as Dr. Brent Cox of the University of Tennessee at Martin presents “The First Peoples of West Tennessee” at the Obion County Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26.

Dr. Cox is a history professor at UT Martin specializing in Native American, Tennessee and United States history. He has served in office at the Caucus of the Tennessee Native American Convention and on the Education Committee of the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs. Dr. Cox is the 2006 winner of the Eagle Award, presented by the Tennessee Eagle Award Organization, and the author of numerous publications.

He will be giving a presentation on Native Americans and their role in West Tennessee history.

For more information about this event, contact the library at (731) 885-7000.

UT Martin students to perform junior percussion recital

Clint Rawls, of Union City, Sarah Roberts, of Martin, and Scottie Somerville, of Kenton, will perform a junior percussion recital at 7:30 p.m., March 7, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Solo works will be performed on marimba, vibraphone and multi-percussion. The group, along with Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music, will perform a new marimba quartet by Dutch composer Rudiger Pawassar. The recital will conclude with a bombastic trio by Serbian composer Nebojsa Zivkovic titled “Trio Per Uno.”

For more information, contact the Department of Music at 881-7402.
Civil rights legacy to be highlighted during annual conference next week

"The Legacy of a Decade of Civil Rights Acts and Actions, 1957-1968" is the theme of the University of Tennessee at Martin's Seventh Annual Civil Rights Conference, set for Monday through March 3.

Dr. Julian Bond — a civil rights leader, author of "A Time to Speak, A Time to Act" and narrator of the Academy Award-winning movie "A Time for Justice" and Oscar-nominated "The Shadow of Hate" — will be the conference keynote speaker and present a lecture, "The Civil Rights Movement: Past, Present, and Future," 7:30 p.m. March 1 in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

Scheduled during the conference are Native American Day, Feb. 27; Diversity Day, Feb. 28; and History Celebration Day, March 1.

Opening ceremonies will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Obion County Public Library in Union City as Brent Cox, instructor of history, presents "The First Peoples of West Tennessee." Cox's love of American Indian history is exemplified through his current and past memberships in such organizations as the Trail of Tears Association, Chattanooga Intertribal Association and Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama.

In addition to being the recipient of the 2006 Tennessee Eagle Award, Cox co-authored "Cherokee Proud" and authored "Heart of the Eagle: Dragging Canoe and the Emergence of the Chickamauga Confederacy."

A video, "Hateful Things," will follow at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium and will include a discussion by a student panel and Richard Saunders, UT Martin curator and archivist. Prior to coming to UT Martin in 2000, Saunders gained experience as an archivist at the Utah State Historical Society and working at the University of Utah library, Montana State University and in commercial academic publishing. He now focuses on special collections library work in the context of Tennessee's local history and genealogy.

Native American Day will begin at noon Tuesday at the Obion County Public Library with J.J. Kent's presentation, "In the Spirit of Crazy Horse." Kent is the adopted son of a full-blooded Lakota woman from the Oglala Band of the Lakota. As a speaker, musician, sun dancer and educator, Kent has offered spiritual advice to the UT Martin Native American Student Association and holds a membership in the Oglala Strongheart Society. His latest CD, "Come and Get to Know Me," was nominated for a Native American Musical Award in 2005.

At 3 p.m., exhibits will be hosted in Boling University Center, along with a Native American Dinner at 5 p.m. in Boling University Center cafeteria.

Musical performances by Kent and Tanasi Thunder Singers will follow at 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively, in Watkins Auditorium. Tanasi Thunder is a high-energy band with a southern style of singing. Its sound reflects traditional and contemporary Native music.

Tom Kunesh, a Hunkpapa Lakota, will present "Reconstruction in a Time of Atheism: The Past, Present and Future of Tennessee Indian Affairs" at 7:15 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium. Kunesh has actively promoted civil rights for more than a decade and is one of seven commissioners of Indian Affairs in Tennessee. His experiences include being a professor at various institutions, a Russian and Farsi naval linguist for the U.S. Naval Intelligence and radiotraffic analyst as a 3rd Class Petty Officer. Along with leading several protest marches to protect sacred sites, Kunesh also was a founding member of the Chattanooga Intertribal Association.

The "Breaking Bread" workshop/lunch, hosted by the UT Martin counseling center, will usher in Diversity Day at noon Wednesday in Room 230 of Boling University Center. An African-American Dinner, featuring the Boys and Girls Club Choir of Union City, is scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m. in Boling University Center cafeteria.

The UT Martin Vanguard Theatre will perform "The Left Hand Singing" at 8 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. Ticket prices are $10 for general admission and $5 for students. Admission will be free for UT Martin students. The show opens on Feb. 26.

History Celebration Day on March 1 will begin with opening remarks by UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan at 9:30 a.m. in Watkins Auditorium. At 10 a.m. in Watkins Auditorium, Dr. Cynthia Griggs Fleming, author of "Soon We Will Not Cry: The Liberation of Ruby Doris Smith Robinson" and co-author of "The Chicago Handbook for College Teachers," will present "A Crisis of Victory; The Continuing Struggle for Civil Rights in the New Millennium."

As a University of Tennessee professor of history, Fleming is knowledgeable in the area of black activism, black educational history and African-American identity.

At 11 a.m., Teri Bolden will present "Trenton and Dyer Rosenwald Schools — A Case Study." A 2004 UT Martin alunna, Bolden is assistant Head Start teacher for the Northwest Economic Development Council. She graduated from Trenton Peabody High School and attended Trenton Rosenwald Elementary School and Rosenwald Middle School before they were integrated. She is a second generation Rosenwald School student.

A luncheon featuring remarks by Dr. Tom Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, and James Orr, Student Government Association president, will follow at 11:45 a.m. in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center.

The 2007 conference honorees and recipient of the Jo Helen Imani Beard Award also will be recognized.

Reservations are needed for the luncheon.

From 1:30-3 p.m., afternoon sessions will resume in Watkins Auditorium. Keynote presentations include Dr. Bobby Lovett, "The African-American Civil Rights Movement in 19th Century Tennessee"; Dr. Charles Payne, "The Eldest Have Seen Much: Civil Rights Organizing in the Post World War II South"; and Van Jones, "The New Civil Rights: Insights into the Future."

Lovett has taught at Memphis Public Schools, Eureka College and Tennessee State University. He serves on the editorial board for "Arkansas Historical Quarterly," "Tennessee Historical Quarterly," board of directors of the Tennessee Historical Society and on the State Review Board for nomination of national historic sites for Tennessee. He has published several books.

Payne is a professor of African and African-American studies, history and sociology at Duke University. His honors include being a Carnegie Scholar and receiving Choice Outstanding Academic Book recognition for authoring "I've Got the Light of Freedom" and "Getting What We Ask For."

Jones, a UT Martin alumnus, founded and serves as national executive director of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. He is a leader in the national fight for alternatives to the U.S. incarceration industry and holds a law degree from Yale Law School. He is the recipient of such awards as Global Leader for Tomorrow, Reebok International Human Rights Award and Rockefeller Foundation Next Generation Leadership Fellowship.
Nutritional health seminar set for March at UT Martin

“Nutritional Health and Wellness: Alternative Approaches,” a seminar offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus Continuing Education and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, is slated for 8 a.m.-4 p.m. March 2 in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

The Joe and Pat Johnson Nutrition Symposium is a one-day seminar. It will inform participants of up-to-date research findings and information on alternative nutrition. Some non-traditional perspectives on treating specific disease conditions will be presented.

This program is sponsored by private gift funds. Registration will begin at 8 a.m.

From 8:30-9 a.m., Katie Donaldson, BS, will present “What Can BLUE Do For You?” From 9:30-10 a.m., Nicole Williams, BS, will present “The Spice is Right.” Laura Beth Gray, BS, will discuss “Floundering Your Health: Examining Fish Oil Supplementation” from 9:30-10 a.m. Nicole Williams, BS, will present “Probiotics: The New Culture” 10-10:30 a.m. Donaldson, Tinsley, Gray and Williams are dietetic interns.

A break is scheduled from 10:30-10:45 a.m. Keynote speaker Rick Melton, MS, RD, LDN, CNSD, of Mission Hospitals in Asheville, N.C., will begin his presentation, “Holistic Nutrition: The Alternative Journey of a Traditional RD,” at 10:45 a.m. At noon, lunch will be provided. Melton will continue his presentation from 1:15-2:30 p.m. From 2:30-2:45 p.m., a break is planned. Activities scheduled from 2:45-4 p.m. will be announced.

The UT Martin Department of Family and Consumer Sciences is the program provider. The program coordinator is Lori H. Littleton, MS, RD, director of the Dietetic Internship Program. Littleton is assistant professor of nutrition/food systems management at UT Martin.

This workshop conforms to guidelines for Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits. A certificate of completion from UT Martin and CEs will be awarded at the conclusion of the program and attendance at the entire workshop earns 6 CEs.

Registration fee is $25. This fee includes material handouts, refreshments at breaks and lunch. To register, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.

Vanguard play includes humor, drama

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ECCE offering online courses, career programs

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) has partnered with Education To Go (Ed2go) and Gatlin Education Services (GES) to offer online courses and career certificate programs.

Ed2go courses may be taken from the comfort of home or office at any time. Online courses range from anatomy to Web design.

A new section of each course starts monthly. Upcoming start dates include March 21, April 18 and May 16.

All courses run for six to eight weeks and are composed of 12 lessons, representing 24 or more hours of instruction. Participants can ask questions and give or receive advice at any time. Courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas, supplementary links and more. Ed2go strives to have a supportive community of learners.

Courses require Internet access, e-mail, Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Internet Explorer. Some courses may have additional requirements. ECCE's online instruction center offers more information.

GES career certificate programs offer students the workforce skills necessary to acquire professional positions for many in-demand occupations. Participants may enroll and study when they want.

More than 60 online certificate programs in allied health, computer and Internet, and business, technical and construction industries are available.

Programs are built with a team of professionals to provide a Web-based learning experience. GES online education includes everything students need, including textbooks and trained instructors.

For a complete list of ECCE programs, descriptions, pricing or to enroll, visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php.

Student Teacher Award goes to Jackson resident

The recipient of the University of Tennessee Martin Carl Seale Student Teacher Award for fall semester 2006 is Lindsay Brady, of Jackson, a University School of Jackson graduate. Brady is the wife of Jeremy Brady and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Bateman, of Jackson. Brady graduated with a bachelor of science in education, human learning K-8.

She served as a student teacher at Jackson Middle School, Dan Boykin principal, and Dresden Elementary School, Mike Laughery, principal. She was nominated by Mary Newson, UT Martin supervisor; Beverly Dumes, mentor teacher at Union City Middle School; and Betsy Robinson, mentor teacher at Dresden Elementary School. The Carl Seale Student Teacher Award is given in memory of Dr. Carl Seale, who served the university from 1971 to 1992 in numerous capacities.

The recipients are chosen by the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Scholarship Selection Committee from students with a major in education/teacher licensure who have been nominated for exhibiting exceptional classroom instruction, excellence in classroom management, professionalism and potential for leadership in the teaching profession.

Progress made on Greenfield Habitat home

Weakly County Habitat for Humanity began the major construction on the Jerry McMullen house in December in Greenfield. The McMullen family, several community members, and University of Tennessee Martin organizations have worked on the foundation and floors. To find out if volunteers are still needed, call John Schoen at (731) 481-7366, leave a message at (731) 481-7360, or send an e-mail to habitat2@utm.edu.

On Dec. 2, just before exams, members of the UTM Cross Country Team made mortar at the Habitat construction site in Greenfield. On Dec. 9, Boy Scout Troop 11, from Martin, cooked a hot meal and served it to Habitat volunteers, which included the University Scholars and interested individuals from the community.

The Habitat construction trailer was made possible by a generous donation from All-Sing 2006, organized by UTM's Alpha Phi Omega and Phi Mu Alpha. Les MacDiarmid painted the trailer's murals, and Charles Wright outfitted the inside with shelving.

Learn 'Romance Writing Secrets' in online class

"Romance Writing Secrets" is the latest in a series of online courses offered by the University of Tennessee Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and Education To Go. Discover all you need to know about writing and publishing a romance novel in this new online course.

Taught by award-winning romance novelist Lori Wilde, this course will show you how to create compelling characters, how to identify timeless themes that sell and how to find the subgenre that's perfect for you. Wilde is the author of 39 published romance novels. Her books have been translated into 17 languages, and her work has appeared in Cosmopolitan, Redbook and Quick and Simple magazines. She is a four-time nominee for the Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award, and she is a former finalist for the RITA award from the Romance Writers of America. Several of her books have appeared on the Waldenbooks bestseller list.

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CIVIL RIGHTS LEGACY HIGHLIGHTED AT UTM 7TH ANNUAL CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE

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Several special awards will be presented during the

seventh annual Civil Rights Conference. Monday through March 3rd, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. At the awards luncheon area residents will be honored including Shelby County Commissioner Sidney Chism, native Memphian William Little, Dr. Bobby Lovett, history professor at Tennessee State University in Nashville and native Memphian; and Maxine Smith, longtime executive secretary for the local branch of the NAACP and former Memphis Board of Education member.
UT Martin signs agreement with Pearson VUE network

The University of Tennessee at Martin has signed an agreement with Pearson VUE, the electronic testing business of Pearson Education, to become a Pearson VUE® Authorized Center Select.

In addition to delivering exams for leading IT certification programs such as Microsoft, Cisco Systems®, CompTIA, IBM and others, UT Martin will have the ability to deliver the Graduate Management Admission Test® (GMAT®), the most widely used assessment for graduate management admissions, as well as exams for other select Pearson VUE clients in the certification, licensure and academic admissions markets.

UT Martin was chosen as a Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select in part because of its high quality standards and outstanding customer service. Test centers that become a part of this new network offer enhanced security, biometrics and digital audio and video monitoring services.

The Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network provides Pearson VUE clients with a new option of having their exams delivered in authorized test centers located around the world.

“We’re very excited to be a part of the new Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network,” said Dr. George Daniel, director of the UT Martin Student Success Center. “By becoming a Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select, it will expand our offerings and allow us to deliver the prominent GMAT exam as well as the exams for other Pearson VUE clients who wish to test in this worldwide network. It’s a privilege to be chosen by Pearson VUE to be a part of its select test center network.”

“As you know, the MBA is open to college graduates of all majors. The availability of the GMAT at UT Martin will enhance our recruiting efforts. It will improve customer service and program quality,” said Dr. Thomas H. Payne, professor of finance/Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking.

Bob Whelan, Pearson VUE vice president and general manager, said, “We are proud to welcome UT Martin to the Pearson VUE Authorized Center Select network. UT Martin has been selected as the regional representative for our exclusive network because of its excellent service and great reputation. With great select test centers like UT Martin, our clients can be assured their candidates will receive an exceptional experience each and every time they test.”

Pearson VUE is a global lead-
Annual technology showcase set for March 6 at UT Martin

The Instructional Technology Center (ITC) and the computer store at the University of Tennessee at Martin will present the sixth annual Technology Showcase from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 6 in Boling University Center on the campus of UT Martin.

The event is free and open to the public.

The showcase will enable members of UT Martin and surrounding communities to exchange ideas and view model examples of the latest instructional technology. UT Martin computer vendors will be present to display and demonstrate their best product offerings and showcase the campus’s latest technology.

Also included in the showcase will be various presenters and two to three featured presenters, who will be selected by the Technology Showcase Committee.

The featured presenters will receive a 45-minute time slot to present their materials in the Legislative Chamber in Boling University Center. All presenters will be available from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to display and demonstrate their materials.

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“The Technology Showcase gives us the opportunity to show the campus and the local community the things that our faculty members and departments are doing in and out of the classroom in regard to technology,” said Steve Holt, UT Martin director of the instructional technology center and Web services.

“We feel that UT Martin is on the cutting edge of learning in higher education, and this event will show you exactly what we are doing.”

For more information, contact the ITC by e-mail at ttc@utm.edu or by telephone at (731) 881-7877.

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Founded in 1966, the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference is a voluntary association of fraternity governing councils in the southeastern United States. The SEIFC is one of six regional associations throughout North America designed to bring together institutions and individuals with a commitment to fraternity life on college and university campuses.

Lifeguard training class to be offered

The Office of Campus Recreation at UT Martin will be offering an American Red Cross lifeguard training class from 4-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, March 19-29. Participants must be at least 15 years old and be able to swim 500 yards continuously, tread water for two minutes and retrieve a 10-pound object and swim 20 yards. The cost for the class is $130, which includes a lifeguard manual, pocket mask, CPR, AED, First Aid and lifeguard training certification cards. The deadline for registration is March 14. For more information, call the Office of Campus Recreation at 881-7718.
The impact of murder focus of latest Vanguard production

By JASON BOHANAN
Student Intern

Friendship and equality will be the themes of Vanguard Theater’s production of “The Left Hand Singing” March 1-4 at University of Tennessee at Martin’s Harriet Fulton Theater.

“The Left Hand Singing,” by Barbara Lebow, focuses on the relationships between the parents of three murdered college students as they develop and unravel over a 30-year period.

For the first time, Vanguard will produce an additional performance to coincide with UT Martin’s Civil Rights Conference. Admission to Wednesday’s 8 p.m. special performance is free to UT Martin students and $10 for the general public.

Alice Catherine Carls, the conference’s coordinator, hopes the production will help the audience learn more about the civil rights movement.

“I think a play is worth a thousand words in its explanation. That will add a very different dimension to the conference this year,” Carls said.

“It helps the campus as a whole just in terms of the challenge of diversity and civil rights. I hope they [students] will have a little deeper understanding of what happened during the civil rights movement,” director Ken Zimmerman said.

“I hope the audience as a whole gets a better understanding of the human condition.”

The play exposes prejudice’s effects on people regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or location.

“I just think it has a really good, powerful message,” Mary Beth French, who plays “Claire,” said.

The play begins as three students from Jewish, African American and Caucasian families travel to Mississippi during the 1964 Freedom Summer civil rights movement to help disenfranchised citizens register to vote.

“I like the way the play is structured. We see these young college students on only one night of their lives when they decide to do this very noble and very patriotic thing to register people to vote,” Zimmerman said.

After the students disappear their parents meet and become close before the relationships unravel 30 years later.

“Even though they grow very close to each other, the friendships end because of philosophical differences,” Zimmerman said.

Although the play involves both the students and their parents, the two groups never appear on stage together.

“If you look at the play as a whole it reads more like two

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plays,” Jonathan Johnson, who plays “John,” said.

Evening performances begin at 8 p.m. in UT Martin’s fine arts building, while the Sunday matinee begins at 3 p.m. Admission is $10 for the public and $5 for UT Martin students.

The Vanguard box office is open every day during the production of the play from noon to 5 p.m. and two hours before each performance. For reservations, call 881-7090

Piano competition set

More than 40 students from several states will gather at the University of Tennessee at Martin on March 10 for the 2007 Precollege Piano Competition. The event will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. The competition performances are free and open to the public.

Students will compete in four categories: elementary solo, junior high solo, high school solo and piano ensemble. Each pianist will perform two pieces in contrasting styles. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation and comments from the judge. Dr. Allison Nelson, UT Martin professor emeritus of music, will be the competition judge. Winners will be awarded cash prizes ranging from $50 to $250.

For additional information, contact Dr. Elaine Harriss, UT Martin professor of music and competition coordinator, at 881-7411.

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The REED Center also offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at 587-REED(7333). The REED Center is located at 920 University St., Martin, TN 38237.

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Others named to AACTE’s board of directors include: Dr. Rosalinda B. Barrera, dean, College of Education, Texas State University at San Marcos; Dr. Andrew Brulle, chair, Department of Education, Wheaton College; Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond, professor, School of Education, Stanford University; Dr. Rick Ginsberg, dean, School of Education, University of Kansas; Dr. Joe E. Lee, president, Alabama State University; Dr. Tes Mehring, dean, Teachers College, Emporia State University; Dr. Allen Mori, provost/vice president for academic affairs, California State University at Dominguez Hills; Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, dean, School of Education, Buffalo State University.

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March classes set at UT Martin

Ballroom dancing, yoga, computers and horse and piano lessons — the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering classes in each of these areas in March.

A ballroom dance II course will be offered 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays March 22-April 20.

The five-week course will aid participants in improving basic ballroom dancing skills. They also will learn new dances such as the tango and salsa. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes (no tennis shoes or rubber soles). A partner is not required.

This class is recommended to anyone who has already completed ballroom dance I.

The fee is $60 for singles and $110 per couple. The instructors are Fran and Richard Robinson.

A yoga class for all levels is scheduled 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays March 20-April 24. Participants will be guided through this ancient practice at a level tailored to serve each individual. Yoga can aid strength, endurance and flexibility as well as increase energy. Many people find that a yoga practice can improve their concentration and help them deal more effectively with stress.

Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and in bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights).

The instructor is Ken Zimmerman, a nationally-certified yoga teacher. The fee is $55.

Private beginning horsemanship English/Western riding lessons will be offered to participants at a scheduled date. Individual lessons will cover the fundamentals of horse care and horsemanship to include handling, grooming, equipment, riding Western/English and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being. Riders are required to wear long pants and boots with a heel. Riding helmets are required and will be provided.

No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least 7 years of age to participate.

The fee is $35 for an hour lesson and participants will ride for a half-hour. Meghan Cunningham (hunt) and Kristen McDonald (western) will teach the lessons. To schedule a lesson(s), contact Cunningham at (731) 881-7273 or McDonald at (731) 881-7261.

A class offering students personal computer basics is scheduled 9 a.m.-noon March 15. Participants will learn the essentials of how a PC works and helpful skills for using Windows.

The class is recommended for anyone who has just started using a PC and wants hands-on practice. All ages are welcome.

The instructor is Larry Holder, UT Martin database administrator/IT administrator III. The fee is $55.

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"Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People" will be offered 6-9:30 p.m. March 20. This class is suitable for anyone who wants to learn how to play the piano without years of weekly lessons.

The class highlights piano chords, not notes, and students will learn all the chords needed to play any pop song in any style and key. The secrets of embellishing songs also will be discussed.

Participants also will learn how chords work in music, musicians' shortcuts, how to speed read sheet music, how to derive all major, minor and seventh chords, how to handle different keys and time signatures, simple techniques of counting and how to substitute for 12,000 complex chords.

Any person who can find "middle C" and knows the meaning of "Every Good Boy Does Fine" is ready to enroll. If not, send a SASE for a free pamphlet to Music Masters, 90 Molly Lane, Ringgold, GA 30736. Then register with confidence.

The fee is $49 plus a $25 supply fee. The instructor is David Haynes, piano workshop teacher and former music director from Ringgold. Haynes will collect $25 for a book and 68-minute practice CD in class.

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Pre-registration is requested prior to March 17. Registration (including morning coffee and lunch) is $30; TWA members, $25; students, $15. To register, send name, address, and fee to TWA Writing Workshop, 131H Humanities, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38237. For more information, contact Bill Ahlschwede, 131H Humanities, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38237; e-mail at billahls@utm.edu; or phone 731-881-7300.

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Hooser to speak at economic summit

The sixth annual West Tennessee Economic Development Summit will be held from 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m., March 13, in Boling University Center on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus. Phillip Van Hooser, leadership expert and author of the best-selling book, "Willie’s Way: 6 Secrets for Wooing, Wowing and Winning Customers and Their Loyalty," will be the keynote speaker.

Registration will be held from 8:30-9:15 a.m., followed by welcoming remarks. Jay Garner, president and founder of the Competitive Strategies Group, LLC, in Atlanta, Ga., will present "Preparing to Compete in the Global Economy" from 9:30-10:30 a.m. A break is scheduled from 10:30-10:45 a.m.

Also on the program is Matthew Jett Hall, who will discuss "Technology 101" at 10:45 a.m. Hall is assistant vice chancellor for information technology services and associate chief information architect for Enterprise Infrastructure.

From noon-1:30 p.m., lunch will be served, and Hooser will make his keynote presentation. Hooser will offer a bonus session on leadership from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

With experience in managing Fortune 500 companies and founding a company that provides transformational internal training programs on leadership and customer service to businesses, Hooser is currently a director for a locally owned community bank and is the national director for the National Speakers Association. His background in customer service and leadership has aided him in challenging business owners and employees to evaluate their customer service efforts from a customer’s perspective. His advice and suggestions are practical and relevant, offering owners and executives insight into acknowledging employee contributions, balancing competing objectives and maintaining performance, profitability and strong customer service.

In his program, Hooser explores establishing trust through leadership, equipping leaders to empower their people, managing change and maximizing the opportunities change brings and handling conflict and confrontation while building high-performance teams.

Registration is $50 per person and is nonrefundable, but may be transferred. It includes a signed, hardback copy of "Willie’s Way: 6 Secrets for Wooing, Wowing and Winning Customers and Their Loyalty." The book details how company executives, managers and frontline staff can connect immediately with customers, offer special treatment that creates a lasting, positive impression, create long-lasting relationships with customers and more.

Registration deadline is March 6. Checks should be made payable to West Tennessee Economic Summit, Remit to West Tennessee Industrial Association, 26 Conrad Dr., Jackson, TN 38305.

"I encourage conscious changes to create an environment where organizations grow and profit—where individuals find value and satisfaction in their work—where customers return again and again," said Hooser.

Sponsors are USDA Rural Development, Northwest Tennessee Development District, Southwest Tennessee Development District, West Tennessee Industrial Association, Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, WestStar Leadership and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

For more information, contact Virginia Grimes at 731-881-7298 or email vgrimes@utm.edu.

Local students receive scholarships

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

- Kimberly Batts, daughter of Moss and Teena Batts of South Fulton, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
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Reed Center offers business seminars

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center will offer seminars in March, April and May that discuss starting, planning and utilizing a successful business. All seminars will be held at the Obion County Industrial Training Center, 204 S. Second St., Union City, Tenn.

"Small Business 101: How to Start a Small Business," will be held at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., March 6. This two-hour seminar is geared toward individuals who are thinking about starting a small business. It also is appropriate for new and existing small-business owners and operators who want to learn more about the basics of small-business management.

Topics include: licensing requirements, business planning, legal business structures and financing. A short question-and-answer period will follow the seminar. Ron Acree, small business specialist, Tennessee Small Business Development Centers (TSBDC), is the instructor. There is a $20 registration fee.

Entrepreneurial guidelines will be highlighted at "The Plan: Business Plan Basics for the Entrepreneur," at 9 a.m., April 24, and 6 p.m., April 26. This two-hour seminar covers the parts of a business plan and offers advice on organizing, ideas and putting them on paper. Key make it or break it points for success and common mistakes will be included. Jamie Frakes, director, TSBDC, will be the instructor, and the fee is $20.

"Utilizing the Small Business Administration for Business Success" is free and will begin at 9 a.m., May 22. This program provides information on loans and financing opportunities available through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Saundra Jackson, senior area manager, SBA, is the instructor. There will be no fee for this session.

Health seminar offered by UTM

"Nutritional Health and Wellness: Alternative Approaches," a seminar offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, is slated from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., March 2, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

The Joe and Pat Johnson Nutrition Symposium is a one-day seminar. It will inform participants of up-to-date research findings and information on alternative nutrition. Some non-traditional perspectives on treating specific disease conditions will be presented.

This program is sponsored by private gift funds. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. From 8:30-9 a.m., Katie Donaldson, BS, will present "What Can BLUE Do For You?" From 9:30 a.m., Jeanette Tinsley, BS, will present "The Spice is Right." Laura Beth Gray, BS, will discuss "Floundering Your Health: Examining Fish Oil Supplementation" from 9:30-10 a.m. Nicole Williams, BS, will present "Probiotics: The New Culture," scheduled for 10-10:30 a.m. Donaldson, Tinsley, Gray and Williams are dietetic interns.

A break is scheduled from 10:30-10:45 a.m. Keynote speaker, Rick Melton, MS, RD, LDN, CNSD, of Mission Hospitals in Asheville, N.C., will begin his presentation, "Holistic Nutrition: The Alternative Journey of a Traditional RD," at 10:45 a.m. At noon, lunch will be provided. Melton will continue his presentation from 1:15-2:30 p.m. From 2:30-2:45 p.m., a break is planned. Activi-

ties scheduled from 2:45-4 p.m. will be announced.

The UT Martin Department of Family and Consumer Sciences is the program provider. The program coordinator is Lori H. Littleton, MS, RD, Dietetic Internship Program. Littleton is assistant professor of nutrition/food systems management at UT Martin.

This workshop conforms to guidelines for Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits. A certificate of completion from UT Martin and CEUs will be awarded at the conclusion of the program, and attendance at the entire workshop earns 6 CEUs.

Registration fee is $25. This fee includes material handouts, refreshments at breaks and lunch. To register, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.
March classes at UT-Martin

Ballroom dancing, yoga, computers and horses and piano lessons — the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering classes in each of these areas in March.

A ballroom dance II course will be offered 7-8:30 p.m., March 22-April 20. The five-week course will aid participants in improving basic ballroom dancing skills. They also will learn new dances such as the tango and salsa. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes (no tennis shoes or rubber soles). A partner is not required. This class is recommended to anyone who has already completed ballroom dance I. The fee is $60 for singles and $110 per couple. The instructors are Fran and Richard Robinson.

A yoga class for all levels is scheduled 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, March 20-April 24. Participants will be guided through this ancient practice at a level tailored to serve each individual. Yoga can aid strength, endurance and flexibility as well as increase energy. Many people find that a yoga practice can improve their concentration and help them deal more effectively with stress. Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and in bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights). The instructor is Ken Zimmerman, nationally certified yoga teacher. The fee is $55.

Private beginning horsemanship English/Western riding lessons will be offered to participants at a scheduled date. Individual lessons will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship to include handling, grooming, equipment, riding English/Western and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being. Riders are required to wear long pants and boots with a heel. Riding helmets are required and will be provided. No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least 7 years of age to participate. The fee is $35 for an hour lesson, and participants will ride for a half hour. Meghan Cunningham (hunt) and Kristen McDonald (western), UT Martin women's equestrian coaches, will teach the lessons. To schedule a lesson(s), contact Coach Cunningham at 731-881-7273 or Coach McDonald at 731-881-7261.

A class offering students personal computer basics is scheduled 9 a.m.-noon, March 15. Participants will learn the essentials of how a PC works and helpful skills for using Windows. This class is recommended for anyone who has just started using a PC and wants hands-on practice. All ages are welcome. The instructor is Larry Holder, UT Martin database administrator/IT administrator III. The fee is $55.

A course in Internet basics is slated for 1-4 p.m., March 15. The course examines how the Web can be both wonderful and confusing. Participants will learn helpful tips that will make surfing the Internet much more enjoyable. Students will have hands-on practice. All ages are welcome. Holder is the instructor. The fee is $55.

"Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People" will be offered 6-9:30 p.m., March 20. This class is suitable for anyone who wants to learn how to play the piano without years of weekly lessons. The class highlights piano chords, not notes, and students will learn all the chords needed to play any pop song in any style and key. The secrets of embellishing songs also will be discussed.

Participants also will learn how chords work in music, musicians' shortcuts, how to speed read sheet music, how to derive all major, minor and seventh chords, how to handle different keys and time signatures, simple techniques of counting and how to substitute for 12,000 complex chords.

Any person who can find "middle C" and knows the meaning of Every Good Boy Does Fine is ready to enroll. If not, send a SASE for a free pamphlet to Music Masters, 90 Molly Lane, Ringgold, Ga. 30736. Then register with confidence.

The fee is $49 plus a $25 supply fee. The instructor is David Haynes, piano workshop teacher and former music director from Ringgold, Ga. Haynes will collect $25 for a book and 68-minute practice CD in class.

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Business consultants to visit center in March

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He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., March 8 and March 22.

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

The UT Martin REED Center is a service of the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and the Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Free Enterprise.

The REED Center also offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at 731-587-REED(7333). The REED Center is located at 920 University St., Martin, Tenn. 38237.

BALANCING ACT OF JUGGLING
LIFE'S MANY ROLES

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