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Dresden: Zachary O. Baker, High Honors; Misty D. Barker, Honors; Jacqueline N. Beauchamp, Honors; Jarrod T. Bonar, Honors; Britany L. Bullock, Highest Honors; Alexander J. Bynum, High Honors; Albany D. Cianfarani, Honors; Justin L. Cochran, High Honors; Kristin N. Copeland, Highest Honors; Adam S. Curnow, High Honors; Bethany N. Dane, High Honors; Lacey M. Darden, High Honors; Stacey L. Darden, Honors; Justin N. Davidson, High Honors; Chante P. Dillard, Highest Honors; Jake H. Doster, Honors; David P. Dunn, Highest Honors; Wendy D. Elliott, Honors; Boyd J. Erwin, Highest Honors; Tiphanie M. Erwin, High Honors; Mercy M. Ford, High Honors; Matthew S. Hewett, Honors; Sunni C. Jackson, Highest Honors; Cynthia J. Needham, Honors; Jessica M. Neisler, Highest Honors; Shonna R. Parker, Highest Honors; Allison L. Paschall, Highest Honors; Cody W. Perkins, Highest Honors; William J. Pittman, Honors; Sherry L. Reynolds, Honors; William C. Searcy, High Honors; Jennifer B. Shaeffer, High Honors; Gregory A. Shoeb, Honors; Anderson L. Stallings, Honors; Matthew A. Thomas, Highest Honors; Evan M. Trewhaan, Highest Honors; Matthew J. Vallely, Honors; Andrea F. Wade, Highest Honors; Brandon K. Williams, Honors.

Dukedon: Charles V. Bailey, Honors; Matthew T. Dacus, Honors.

Gleason: Heather L. Allen, Highest Honors; Michael R. Bennett, Honors; Justin B. Bowles, High Honors; Andrew R. Francisco, Honors; Haley A. Hudson, Highest Honors; Carrie C. Joyner, Highest Honors; Tessa R. Kyle, High Honors; Graham J. Oliver, Highest Honors; Lindsey M. Phelps, Highest Honors; Thomas E. Pope, Honors; Joshua B. Verrell, Honors.

Greenfield: Clint A. Ary, High Honors; Jennifer M. Bethel, Honors; Christina R. Brock, Highest Honors; Rhiannon E. Caudle, Honors; Monica D. Collins, Honors; Eric M. Davidson, Honors; Adam G. Dowland, Highest Honors; Sarah P. Easy, High Honors; Dan G. Elam, High Honors; Chelsey P. Engler, High Honors; Shelley C. Featherston, Honors; Clayton J. King, Highest Honors; Jamie M. Knott, Highest Honors; Robert L. McClain, Highest Honors; Emily L. Medlin, Highest Honors; Dee A. Mitchell, Honors; James H. Moore, Highest Honors; Allison E. Puckett, High Honors; Candace A. Robinson, High Honors; Chadwick T. Robinson, Honors; Kelly A. Stewart, High Honors; Jennifer K. Tharp, Highest Honors; Kimberly K. Tharp, Highest Honors; Christopher L. Turbyville, High Honors; Samantha E. Wills, Honors.

Martins: Abdulla Abdulla, High Honors; Kass L. Abney, Highest Honors; Pegeen J. Adams, High Honors; Fahad Al-Azani, Honors; Mustafa A. Alsheba, Honors; Abdullah Albrahim, Honors; Ali Alyarwish, High Honors; Hani Aleid, Honors; Sadiq Almuawi, Honors; Bethany N. Allen, High Honors; Ali Alshakak, High Honors; Joseph S. Anderson, Honors; Heath A. Baker, Honors; Sarah L. Baringer, High Honors; Debra J. Barker, High Honors; Dustin M. Barner, Honors; Brandon N. Beck, Highest Honors; Christopher N. Bell, Highest Honors; Jessica S. Betts, High Honors; Mark W. Bird, High Honors; Durla A. Bondurant, Highest Honors; Jason J. Booker, Honors; Sylvester Boyd, Highest Honors; Jessica K. Breeden, Highest Honors; Lauren A. Breland, Highest Honors; Christopher E. Brewer, High Honors; Mary E. Brewer.

High Honors: John S. Britton, Highest Honors; Jennifer L. Brooks, Highest Honors; Kyle H. Brooks, Highest Honors; Amy B. Brundige, Honors; Hannah S. Burcham, Highest Honors; Christopher M. Burress, Honors; Ryan M. Byrd, Honors; Christopher M. Cates, Honors; Lindsey R. Cates, Honors; Kayla A. Cazeneve, High Honors; James K. Chappell, Honors; Adam M. Chitwood, Honors; Kelly W. Church, High Honors; Shawn A. Coleman, Highest Honors; Lisa M. Cook, Honors; Matthew R. Cook, Highest Honors; Michelle A. Cooper, Highest Honors; Randel S. Crittendan, High Honors; Jennifer S. Crocker, Honors; Aaron D. Cramp, High Honors; Tamekia L. Dancy, Highest Honors; Monica L. Davidson, Honors; Cory S. Davis, High Honors; Cheryl L. Deyeso, Honors; Michael L. Dobson, Highest Honors; Micky L. Dobson, Highest Honors; Misty L. Dunlap, Highest Honors; Andrea R. Ewing, Honors; Mancel C. Fincher, High Honors; Sherree E.
James M. Kempton, Highest Honors; Paige L. King, Honors; Zachary J. Kleinfeld, Honors; Amelia S. Kosta, High Honors; Kimberly S. Kraft, Honors; Daniel Krywaczynzko, Honors; Lara G. Lambert, High Honors; Marlena D. Landry, Honors; Benjamin L. Lax, Honors; Laura J. Leahy, Honors; Haney Lee, Honors; Brady S. Legens, High Honors; Joshua S. Lemons, High Honors; Sigrid E. Lillegard, High Honors; Brandi A. Long, Highest Honors; Jason R. Malin, High Honors; Loren K. Mallari, Honors; Rickey L. Mask, High Honors; Adam J. McCammon, High Honors; Katie J. McCracken, Honors; Candace L. McDaniel, High Honors; Jeffrey D. McDaniel, Honors; Lindsey N. McDaniel, Honors; Lori F. McDunn, High Honors; Sara M. McIntosh, High Honors; Sarah J. McPeak, Honors; Holly C. Michael, Honors; Jason C. Middleton, Highest Honors; Erica C. Miller, Highest Honors; Ashley N. Mitchell, High Honors; Robert H. Mitchell, Highest Honors; Sara A. Mitchell, Highest Honors; James C. Mobbs, Highest Honors; Amber M. Morgan, High Honors; Jessica N. Morgan, High Honors; Maci W. Mount, High Honors; Michael L. Musser, Highest Honors; Andrew K. Nielsen, Highest Honors; Alan W. Nowell, Highest Honors; Jenna E. Ogg, Highest Honors; Paul E. Orr, Highest Honors; Bret A. Parham, Honors; Jennifer L. Parks, Honors; Brandon H. Pate, Highest Honors; Punam Patel, Highest Honors; Rachel L. Payne, High Honors; Suzanne M. Peckham, High Honors; Ross E. Pope, Honors; Joshua D. Rainey, Highest Honors; Ross A. Ratkowski, High Honors; Carl D. Raymond, High Honors; Nathaniel T. Reinhard, Honors; Jonathan D. Richwine, Highest Honors; Jason E. Rinehart, Honors; Sarah M. Roberts, Highest Honors; Samantha D. Rogers, Honors; Rachel Sandefur, Highest Honors; Richard C. Shadden, Highest Honors; Jinyan She, High Honors; Samquah L. Sherdick, Honors; Hiroki Shinosewa, Honors; Grant T. Simmons, Honors; Douglas Y. Snider, Honors; Heather M. Sowell, Highest Honors; Rachel G. Stephens, Highest Honors; Rex H. Stoker, High Honors; Mandy L. Sturdivant, Honors; Sarah C. Stutz, Highest Honors; David B. Sudberry, High Honors; Nicole T. Sudbury, Highest Honors; Carrie B. Sutherland, High Honors; Megan H. Symmes, Highest Honors; Jennifer L. Taylor, High Honors; Cara M. Thomas, High Honors; Candace E. Thweatt, High Honors; Jake E. Todd, Honors; Joseph B. Travis, Highest Honors; Jamison K. Turner, High Honors; Mary K. Unger, High Honors; Robert C. Unger, High Honors; Hunter T. Vincent, Highest Honors; Nathaniel J. Walters, High Honors; Nicholas R. Walters, High Honors; Kevin J. Ward, Highest Honors; Whitney L. Ward, High Honors; Hillary J. Watson, High Honors; Kurt A. Wesner, Highest Honors; Gregory T. West, Honors; Katherine A. West, Honors; Harlin G. Wilkinson, Honors; Rachel E. Wilkinson, High Honors; Elizabeth A. Williams, Honors; Mallory K. Williams, Highest Honors; Brandon M. Wilson, Honors; Christopher W. Wilson, Honors; Eric C. Wilson, Highest Honors; Kelly L. Wilson, High Honors; Lauren E. Wilson, Highest Honors; Brad E. Winter, High Honors; Megan L. Witherspoon, Highest Honors; Breanne Wright, Honors; Teena M. Young, Highest Honors.

Mckenzie: Alan J. Greve, High Honors; De Melton, Honors; Sherry L. Moore, Highest Honors; Christopher P. Macdonald, Highest Honors.

Palmerville: Ashley J. Donoho, High Honors; Christy D. Fincher, High Honors; Mancel C. Fincher, High Honors.

Sharon: Daniel W. Bartley, Honors; Amber N. Carson, Honors; Rachel E. Cooper, Honors; Barbara P. Ferrell, Highest Honors; Amy L. Hall, Honors; Erika K. Klutts, Highest Honors; Joshua W. McDaniel, Highest Honors; Kristie L. Newsom, Honors; Jared L. Yowell, Honors; Jacob D. Waterfield, Honors; Kristen B. White, High Honors; Krystal A. Wood, High Honors.

International Students: Mohammed Al Moh'ad Ali, Honors; Sameer Alayash, Honors; Ahmed Alyousif, High Honors; Delphine M. Carron, High Honors; Basim M. El-Eisah, High Honors; Sol Heo, Highest Honors; Hiromi Hirai, High Honors; Seong Yeop Jeong, High Honors; Alfredo Krywacz, Highest Honors; Sara Leavy, High Honors; Yukiko Murakatsu, Honors; Sachie Sato, Honors; Yasushi Watanabe, High Honors; Andrey Yesipov, Highest Honors.
GRADUATE LUNCHEON- Graduating computer science and information systems majors at the University of Tennessee at Martin recently were honored at the fall graduate luncheon sponsored by the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems. Upper photo: From left, Coy Hazelwood of Milan and Bob Bradley, adviser. Lower photo: From left, Dr. Emery Gathers, adviser and Wes Gentry of Milan.
Several area students named to UTM dean’s list

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Xavier T. Alexander, Bradford, High Honors
Nina M. Bane, Bradford, Highest Honors
Kendra R. Cole, Bradford, Highest Honors
Jennifer K. Dethloff, Bradford, Honors
Amanda K. Hall, Bradford, High Honors
Amy M. Jones, Bradford, Honors
Shanna R. McCartney, Bradford, High Honors
Autumn N. Needham, Bradford, Honors
John T. Summers, Bradford, Honors

David L. Terry, Bradford, High Honors
Tabitha R. Wendt, Bradford, Highest Honors
Brooke A. Bettie, Medina, Honors
Elyse B. Cole, Medina, Highest Honors
Charli M. Crone, Medina, Honors
Jacob G. Flippin, Medina, Honors
Whitney L. Foster, Medina, Honors
Charles M. Jetton, Medina, High Honors
Brianna M. Quinn, Medina, High Honors
Emily M. Tanner, Medina, Highest Honors
Shelby L. Totty, Medina, High Honors
Joshua R. Watt, Medina, Honors
Jesse N. Winchester, Medina, High Honors
Bryce E. Appleton, Milan, High Honors
Katharine E. Appleton, Milan, High Honors
Lynnsey A. Charlton, Milan, Honors
Jessika B. Derry, Milan, Honors
Jenny L. Dodson, Milan, Highest Honors
Margaret C. Duncan, Milan, Honors
Aaron B. Gicking, Milan, Honors
Amy R. Gray, Milan, Honors
Rachel L. Hazelwood, Milan, Honors
Candace L. Hilliard, Milan, Highest Honors
Janet L. Hubble, Milan, High Honors
Benny L. Johnson, Milan, High Honors
Brian L. Jones, Milan, High Honors
Hilary G. Keen, Milan, Honors
Juli A. Knott, Milan, Honors
Daniel O. LeMasters, Milan, Highest Honors
Tiffany B. Matheny, Milan, High Honors
Lindsey N. Mathis, Milan, Honors
Christopher S. McGill, Milan, Honors
Zachary A. McMinn, Milan, Honors
Haley C. Miller, Milan, High Honors
Karen D. Mooney, Milan, Highest Honors
Pamela W. Moore, Milan, Highest Honors
Ashley N. Murphree, Milan, High Honors
Adam P. Nelson, Milan, Honors
Ashley M. Niven, Milan, High Honors
Christine D. Parsons, Milan, High Honors
Megan A. Pope, Milan, High Honors
Amanda L. Reeves, Milan, High Honors
Kara V. Salyers, Milan, Highest Honors
Savannah L. Sellars, Milan, Highest Honors
Courtney N. Sullivan, Milan, High Honors
Jennifer L. Timmons, Milan, High Honors
William P. York, Milan, Highest Honors
Samuel T. Young, Milan, Highest Honors

Business expert offers services at UTM Center in Martin, Jan. 10

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will be available in January 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. to 4 p.m., Jan. 10.

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 on 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 406 Linzell St., Martin, Tenn. 38237.

For additional services offered by the REED Center, go to www.utm.edu/reed.
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• Trenton: Clark H. Allen, Highest Honors; Clinton B. Allen, High Honors; Mack R. Ashburn, Honors; Kerrie J. Bunch, Honors; Jenni L. Crossnoe, High Honors; Benjamin L. Dodd, Highest Honors; Ashley N. Druinright, Highest Honors; Casey M. Ellington, High Honors; and Lindsey N. Flowers, High Honors; Candace R. Gibson, Highest Honors; Willie J. Harden, Highest Honors; Melodie L. Hollingsworth, High Honors; Kevin S. Hopper, High Honors; Anessa L. Inman, Highest Honors; Jennifer R. Kirk, Honors; Brandi N. Marz, High Honors; Megan N. Petty, High Honors; Ashley N. Poore, Honors; Jennifer A. Reeves, Highest Honors; Nancy J. Riley, Honors; Kristin K. Rodamaker, Highest Honors; Emily J. Rogers, Highest Honors; Nicholas T. Scott, High Honors; Rebecca F. Taylor, Highest Honors; and Cydney L. Williams, Highest Honors.

• Bradford: Xavier T. Alexander, High Honors; Nina M. Bane, Highest Honors; Kendra R. Cole, Highest Honors; Jennifer K. Dethloff, Honors; Amanda K. Hall, High Honors; Amy M. Jones, Honors; Shanna R. McCray, High Honors; Autumn N. Needham, Honors; John T. Summers, Honors; David L. Terry, High Honors; and Tabitha R. Wendt, Highest Honors.

• Dyer: Matthew R. Coleman, High Honors; Rachel S. Coleman, Highest Honors; Charles M. Cox, Honors; Joseph N. Dye, Highest Honors; Joshua B. Dye, Highest Honors; Joseph A. Fulwood, Highest Honors; Leslie K. Harwell, Honors; Betty S. Jewell, Highest Honors; Ashlee N. Johnson, Honors; Ashley B. Johnson, High Honors; Dylan C. Joyce, Honors; Christopher M. Lowndes, Highest Honors; Matthew A. Maitland, Honors; Elizabeth A. McCurdy, High Honors; John M. Mistrick, Honors; Emily B. Parks, Highest Honors; Calah R. Paulhus, Honors; Bradley J. Roberts, Highest Honors; Stuart N. Shaw, Highest Honors; Jessica J. Sims, Highest Honors; Leighanna M. Sims, Honors; Sean T. Stephens, Honors; Kimberly J. Thompson, Highest Honors; Amber N. Thornton, Highest Honors; Nolle B. Turner, High Honors; and Chace A. Wimberley, Highest Honors.

• Kenton: Laurel G. Childs, Highest Honors; Jacob L. Eddie-mon, High Honors; Julie M. Far-rar, High Honors; Jessica J. Francis, Honors; Becky J. Griggs, Highest Honors; Benjamin W. Hollomon, Highest Honors; Emily A. Littleton, High Honors; Ryan S. McMackin, Honors; and Kimberly N. Moore, Highest Honors.

• Rutherford: Jacob A. Abbott, Honors; Amy C. Baird, Honors; Jayda A. Gilmore, High Honors; Miranda L. Pate, Highest Honors; Kenneth B. Samples, Honors; and Aimee G. Thompson, Honors.

• Yorkville: Britte C. Belton, High Honors; Jacqueelyn A. Ladd, Highest Honors; and Katherine E. Ladd, Highest Honors.

• Humboldt: Benjamien A. Baughman, High Honors; Brit- tany N. Bramm, High Honors; Jonathan A. Coble, High Honors; Daniel S. DeHaan, High Honors; Jessica L. Erickson, Highest Honors; Hunter W. Hamilton, Highest Honors; Crystal L. Knight, Honors; Megan M. Latimer, Highest Honors; Nicholas B. Latimer, Highest Honors; William P. Luckey, High Honors; Julia E. McKnight, Honors; Angela K. Nichols, Honors; Jeremy H. Patterson, High Honors; Tucker D. Phillips, High Honors; Christie K. Rushing, Highest Honors; Michael S. Schoonover, High Honors; Jody L. Stokes, Highest Honors; Mandy E. Stoots, Highest Honors; Latasha A. Thomas, Highest Honors; Robert L. Thornton, High Honors; Brian C. Weatherford, Highest Honors; Jeb H. Williams, Highest Honors; and Meah L. Williams, High Honors.

• Medina: Brooke A. Bettie, Honors; Elyse B. Cole, Highest Honors; Charll M. Crane, Honors; Jacob G. Flippin, Honors; Whey L. Foster, Honors; Charles M. Jetton, High Honors; and Brianna M. Quinn, High Honors; Emily M. Tanner, Highest Honors; Shelby L. Totty, High Honors; Joshua R. Watt, Honors; and Jesse N. Winchester, High Honors.

• Milan: Bryce E. Appleton, Honors; Katharine E. Appleton, High Honors; Lynnsey A. Charlton, Honors; Jessika B. Derry, Honors; Jenny L. Dodson, Highest Honors; Margaret C. Duncan, Honors; Aaron B. Gicking, Honors; Amy R. Gray, Honors; Rachel L. Hazlewood, Honors; Candace L. Hilliard, Highest Honors; Janet L. Hubble, High Honors; Benny L. Johnson, High Honors; Brian L. Jones, High Honors; Hilary G. Keen, Honors; Juli A. Knott, Honors; Daniel O. LeMasters, Highest Honors; Tiffany B. Matheny, High Honors; Lindsay N. Mathis, Honors; Christopher S. McGill, Honors; Zachary A. McMinn, High Honors; Haley C. Miller, Honors; Amanda M. Mitchell, Highest Honors; Pamela W. Moore, Highest Honors; Ashley N. Murphree, High Honors; Adam P. Nelson, Honors; Ashley M. Niven, High Honors; Christine D. Parsons, High Honors; Megan A. Pope, High Honors; Amanda L. Reeves, High Honors; Kara V. Salyers, Highest Honors; Savannah L. Sellers, Highest Honors; Courney N. Sullivan, High Honors; Jennifer L. Timmons, High Honors; William P. York, Highest Honors; and Samuel T. Young, Highest Honors.

• Newbern: Kimberly A. Scott, Highest Honors.

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Local residents receive degrees from UTM

Several Gibson County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent fall commencement held in Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:
- Trenton: Anna Claire Barker, Jennifer Renae Kirk, James E. Ferguson III, and Samuel Earl Purdum;
- Bradford: Kendra Ruth Cole;
- Dyer: Betty S. Jewell, Amber Nicole Thornton; and Hamilton W. Ellis;
- Yorkville: Christopher Michael Lowndesdale;
- Humboldt: Julia Elizabeth McKnight, Benjamin Andrew Baughman, Patrick Wayne Bunch, Zachary Kirk Luckey, Hunter Wayne Hamilton, and Latasha Ann Thomas;
- Milan: Pamela Webb Moore, Weston W. Gentry, Coy Lee Hazelwood, Stephanie Lynn Riddle, Brandon Earl Thompson, Rachel Love Hazelwood, Jenny Lynn Dodson, and Matthew J. Elsroad;
- Gibson: Ashley Michelle Lynn.
Among students receiving graduate degrees were:
- Bradford: Sabrina Lynn Angel;
- Dyer: Jessie May Wilson, Kevin Harold Turner;
- Milan: Lindy Marie Johnson and Kelly Ann Carson;
- Medina: Heather Michelle Whitt.

Rakes tells graduates to stay focused, listen, accept responsibility

Chancellor Tom Rakes welcomed one last opportunity Saturday to speak to University of Tennessee at Martin graduates before they joined more than 35,000 alumni worldwide. The chancellor offered a brief commencement address and conveyed University of Tennessee President John Petersen's congratulations to the graduates, their families and friends.

Commencement speaker, Dr. Robert A. Levy, University of Tennessee vice president for academic affairs and student success, was unable to attend because of poor travel conditions.

Rakes drew his comments from a book by Dr. Lee J. Colan, "7 Moments that Define Excellent Leaders." He told the graduates to stay focused, listen more than talk and remember that they are responsible for the decisions they make.

"How we spend our time defines how we live our lives," he said of being focused. "We tend to become what we focus on." He added, "Listening, when done well, is very, very important. Studies have found that top performers spend at least 50 percent of their interactive time with others listening."

Finally, he related an American Indian story that compared good and evil to two wolves and added, "The winner is the one you feed."

Graduates represented 48 Tennessee counties and 13 other states, including Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Ohio and Texas. Graduates also hailed from Japan, Jordan, South Korea, Turkey and Vietnam.

After conferring degrees, Rakes directed his final comments to the newest group of UT-Martin alumni. "Maintain your contact with your alma mater, give us your advice and support and, finally, be supportive of higher education as you move forward. Post-secondary education has become an essential element for a successful future. Invest in others by sending us other good students like you. With an average family income level below $32,000 in Tennessee, a college education is now essential."

He added, "Graduates, we are proud of you. Now it is your time to make great things happen."

Create Web pages with upcoming online courses

"Creating Web Pages I & II" is an upcoming course offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and partner, Ed2Go. "Creating Web Pages I" will allow participants to create and post their own Web site on the Internet in this extensive, hands-on, six-week workshop. Students will learn about the capabilities of the World Wide Web and the fundamentals of Web design. Then, with the instructor's guidance, they will plan the content, structure and layout of the personal Web site, create pages full of formatted text, build links between the pages and to the outside world, and add color, backgrounds, graphics, tables, hot buttons and animation. Participants also learn critical and timely information to secure the best possible location in search engine listings and no-cost or low-cost Web marketing strategies. Requirements include Internet access, e-mail, Internet Explorer, Netscape or Firefox Web browser, familiarity with the Internet and a computer of any type.

"Creating Web Pages II" will make sure participants are using HTML to its fullest potential. In this practical, project-oriented course, students will discover how to use tables to create fresh, innovative and unconventional arrangements of text, colors and graphics. They will become skilled at incorporating audio into a site and find out how frames can improve site navigation. Also, they will learn how to make a site more interactive through the use of forms and learn how formatting pages with Cascading Style Sheets can save hours of time and effort. Requirements include completion of "Creating Web Pages I" online course (or equivalent HTML experience), Internet access, e-mail, Netscape, Firefox or Internet Explorer Web browser and a computer of any type.

Courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas and supplementary links. Courses can be completed from home or office and at any time of the day or night.

The registration fee is $95 per course. A new section of each course starts monthly: January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18 and May 16. If enrolling in a series of two or more courses, be sure to space the start date for each course at least two months apart. Two lessons are released each week for the six-week duration of the course. Participants will have 24-hour access to all the released lessons until the course ends. An interactive discussion area accompanies each lesson and automatically closes two weeks after the lesson is released. To get started, visit the Online Instruction Center at www.mtms.edu/departments/ecce/online-courses.php. For more information, call ECCE at 800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.

Zimmerman receives Carl Seale Student Teacher Award

The recipient of the University of Tennessee at Martin Carl Seale Student Teacher Award for fall semester 2007 is Andy Zimmerman of Martin. 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. The presentation of the award was made at the recent student teacher recognition reception held at the Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus. Pictured from left to right are: Marcia Stokes of Union City Middle School, cooperating teacher; Zimmerman, Carl Seale Student Teaching Award recipient; Pam Kangelos of Obion County Central High School, cooperating teacher, and Dr. Robert Hartshorn, university supervisor.
UT Martin Jackson Center relocates to Jackson State Community College campus

University of Tennessee at Martin and Jackson State Community College continued recent partnership efforts with the relocation of the UT-Martin Jackson Center to the JSCC campus. A press conference was held today at JSCC to announce the cooperative agreement.

Beginning in January 2008, the UT-Martin Jackson Center administrative offices and classrooms, previously located at the Tennessee Technology Center in Jackson, will be housed in the McWherter Center building at JSCC.

“We are proud to again partner with Jackson State Community College,” said UT-Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes. “This joint effort is a specific example of UT uniting with a partner institution to provide access and quality upper division programs in the Jackson area.”

“We are excited that UT Martin is coming to our campus,” added Dr. Bruce Blanding, JSCC president. “This will give students in Jackson and surrounding counties the opportunity to complete a wide range of educational degrees from associate’s to master’s all right here in the same location. This joint use of facilities ensures that we are using our resources wisely while at the same time providing increased opportunities for our students.”

Classes offered at the UT-Martin Jackson Center include master of science in education (counseling), bachelor of science in management, registered nurse to bachelor of science in nursing and ROTC classes. Additional courses/programs may be offered as needed. As part of the agreement, UT-Martin will not offer any credit or non-credit courses on the JSCC campus that substantially duplicate JSCC offerings. However, UT Martin will continue to explore possibilities of expanding upper division course offerings and degree program offerings.

“The UT Martin and JSCC leadership, staff and faculty are to be commended for their continued commitment to educating our citizens and supporting partnerships such as this that will enhance both access to education and economic development throughout West Tennessee and beyond,” said Bill Duffy, Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education executive director.

This announcement follows an agreement in August 2006, when the two schools partnered to provide courses for an associate degree in agriculture at Jackson State. The arrangement provided a full range of agriculture courses leading to the associate degree, which transfers seamlessly to UT Martin for the completion of a bachelor’s degree.

For more information about UT-Martin Jackson Center classes beginning in January, call 731-425-9277 or 1-888-UTM-GRAD, toll free.

Seventh Youth Leadership Summit set for February 21-23

For three days, February 21-23, youth involved in leadership programs throughout the state will converge on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin for the seventh annual Tennessee Youth Leadership Summit. The event, “The Next Step,” sponsored by the UT Martin Student Government Association, will help participants hone their leadership skills.

The Tennessee Youth Leadership Summit is an intensive leadership development conference, designed for college-bound high school juniors and seniors who are leaders within their student organizations. The conference features interactive workshops, keynote addresses, social activities, banquets and a number of networking opportunities.

This year’s conference keynote speaker will be Kelly Barnes. Barnes is a professional speaker, leadership coach and an associate speaker for YourNextSpeaker, LLC. His material draws from his numerous leadership roles and life experiences. Born and raised on his family farm in rural Oklahoma, Barnes has traveled across many states sharing his message of leadership.

Conference fee is $50, not including accommodations. The fee covers meals, campus entertainment, materials and a t-shirt. On-campus accommodations on campus are limited, so participants requesting to stay on campus should make arrangements via the Web site as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to accommodate as many participants as possible in campus housing. Visit the conference Web site, www.utm.edu/youthleadershipsummit, for more information, including conference registration and housing information. The conference registration deadline is February 18.

Check-in for the summit is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. on February 21, in Boling University Center, just outside of Watts Auditorium. The summit will officially begin at 5:30 p.m. and will conclude just before lunch on February 23. All activities will be chaperoned by a UT Martin staff member or student leader.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Affairs at 731-881-7710.

UTM hosting candlelight vigil in MLK Day observance

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Crystal M. Austin, High Honors
Sarah K. Barber, Highest Honors

**Milledgeville**
Jessica L. Kelley, High Honors
Clinton R. Smith, Highest Honors
Courtney A. Weatherford, Honors

**Ramer**
Jimmy A. Brewer, High Honors
Sarah L. Conrad, High Honors
Jordan M. Gillentine, Honors
Anita C. Nichols, Highest Honors
James T. Smith, Honors

**Selmer**
Heather R. Albritton, High Honors
Dolly J. Barnes, Honors
Hannah H. Bledsoe, Honors
Melissa W. Carroll, Honors
Rachael L. Crump, Highest Honors
Elizabeth S. Davis, High Honors

**Catherine E. Bart, Highest Honors**
Danielle N. Birk, Honors
Jennifer P. Burks, Honors
April C. Callicott, Honors
Kevin A. Curtis, Highest Honors
Robyn H. Daniel, Highest Honors
Shayna L. Johnson, High Honors
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**Bethel Springs**
Jessica D. Butkovic, Highest Honors
Lacie D. Hill, Highest Honors
Beth A. McDonald, High Honors
Matthew D. Moore, Honors
Ross G. Moore, Highest Honors
Amy T. Mullins, Honors
Suzanne M. Mullins, Highest Honors
Cathy L. Nasalroad, High Honors

**Finger**
Nicholas J. D’Acquisto, High Honors
Clayton D. Garner, High Honors
Shannon D. Johnson, Highest Honors

**Guys**
Amber L. Hamm, Highest Honors
Kaye J. Howard, Highest Honors

**Michie**
Dustin M. Browder, Honors
Tina A. Carroll, Highest Honors
Brian J. Fullwood, Highest Honors
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Joseph S. Hopper, High Honors
Pamela A. Horner, Highest Honors

**Rowena B. Pope, Highest Honors**
Jennifer J. Price, Honors
Jessica L. Redmon, Honors
Anthony T. Richards, Highest Honors
Sarah R. Rowland, High Honors
Sidney S. Smith, Honors
Sandra K. Thompson, Highest Honors
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**Stantonville**
Susan A. Davis, High Honors
William C. Garrison, High Honors
Gerry L. Hamm, Honors
Lena M. Hembree, Honors
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**Honors**
Marsha Parsons, High Honors
Jennifer M. Perrigo, High Honors
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- Kenton — Laurel G. Childs, highest honors; Jacob L. Edelmon, high honors; Julie M. Farrar, high honors; Jessica J. Francis, honors; Becky J. Griggs, highest honors; Benjamin W. Hollomon, highest honors; Emily A. Littleton, high honors; Ryan S. McMackin, honors; and Kimberly N. Moore, highest honors.

- Obion — Bradi L. Fuzell, high honors; Michelle L. Hurst, highest honors; Jon B. Kendall, high honors; and Donald J. Qualls, highest honors.

- Rives — Joseph C. Caldwell, highest honors; Miranda C. Darnall, high honors; Phillip L. Darnall, honors; Dustin L. Hickerson, high honors; Allison M. Thetford, high honors; Zachary T. Ward, honors; and Janet L. Zoellner, high honors.

- South Fulton — Joshua L. Poty, highest honors; Kimberly L. Battis, highest honors; Emily L. Clark, highest honors; Chasity N. Conner, high honors; Kelly R. Crawford, honors; Michael D. Crockett, honors; Ashley N. Curnil, honors; Jaymin D. Dave, highest honors; Kyle D. Greer, honors; Brooke D. Harris, highest honors; Tianda V. Harris, high honors; Quintin L. Haskins, highest honors; Ami N. Hewlett, honors; Margaret A. Hickman, high honors; Allison T. Jones, highest honors; Cristin S. Maloney, honors; Tammy G. Marry, honors; Melissa A. New, honors; Delana J. McDaniel, highest honors; Jessica L. McKinney, highest honors; Andrew H. Moore, highest honors; Robbie A. Peoples, honors; Nikki L. Perdue, honors; Edward A. Phifer, highest honors; Tara L. Rudolph, honors; and Anna E. Williams, honors.

- Troy — Devan L. Barnett, honors; Whitney L. Buchanan, highest honors; Zachary S. Buckland, honors; Adrienne N. Callhoun, high honors; Emmylou F. Cumberland, honors; Selena R. Davis, honors; John K. Dobbins, highest honors; Carolyn A. Duncan, honors; Laura Beth Griffin, highest honors; Heather E. Grossman, highest honors; Natalie E. Grossman, high honors; Brian K. Kellis, high honors; Molly N. Ledbetter, honors; Ashley M. Moore, honors; James L. Morris, highest honors; Bethany A. Palmer, high honors; Tarra L. Reed, highest honors; Ashleigh C. Short, highest honors; Tharon S. Snuggs, highest honors; Melissa G. Tippis, highest honors; Kristen E. Ward, honors; and Robert L. Wiggins, high honors.

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Anna B. Cox, Fulton, KY 42041, Honors
Casey A. Curlin, Fulton, KY 42041, High Honors
Karen C. Dean, Fulton, KY 42041, Highest Honors
Heather M. Pfleuger, Fulton, KY 42041, High Honors
Natalie L. Rushing, Fulton, KY 42041, Highest Honors

Megan K. Suiter, Water Valley, KY 42085, High Honors

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Create Web pages with upcoming online courses

MARTIN, Tenn. - "Creating Web Pages I & II" is an upcoming course offered by the

http://www.fultonkynews.com/schoolnews/newsfromutmartin.html
University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and partner, Ed2Go.

• "Creating Web Pages I" will allow participants to create and post their own Web site on the Internet in this extensive, hands-on, six-week workshop. Students will learn about the capabilities of the World Wide Web and the fundamentals of Web design. Then, with the instructor's guidance, they will plan the content, structure and layout of the personal Web site, create pages full of formatted text, build links between the pages and to the outside world, and add color, backgrounds, graphics, tables, hot buttons and animation. Participants also learn critical and timely information to secure the best possible location in search engine listings and no-cost or low-cost Web marketing strategies. Requirements include Internet access, e-mail, Internet Explorer, Netscape or Firefox Web browser, familiarity with the Internet and a computer of any type.

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Courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas and supplementary links. Courses can be completed from home or office and at any time of the day or night.

The registration fee is $95 per course. A new section of each course starts monthly: Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21, April 18 and May 16. If enrolling in a series of two or more courses, be sure to space the start date for each course at least two months apart. Two lessons are released each week for the six-week duration of the course. Participants will have 24-hour access to all the released lessons until the course ends. An interactive discussion area accompanies each lesson and automatically closes two weeks after the lesson is released. To get started, visit the Online Instruction Center at www.utk.edu/departments/ecce/online-courses.php. For more information, call ECCE at 800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.

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ECCE OFFERS BEGINNING MICROSOFT ACCESS

MARTIN, Tenn. – The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education will offer Beginning Microsoft Access in January.

"Beginning Microsoft Access" is slated from 9 a.m.-noon, Jan. 22 and 24. The instructor is Shannon Burgin, UT Martin assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief information officer, and the fee is $150. Participants will learn to design and create a database and capabilities of relational databases. Participants also will learn how to design and set up tables and relationships, edit data, sort and filter, create quick forms for data entry and create quick reports that can be customized.

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The Milan Mirror Exchange Newspaper, Milan, TN, Tuesday, January 8, 2008

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Farm Credit Services of Mid-America (FCS) is helping to sponsor the conclave. FCS is a $12 billion financial services cooperative serving over 72,500 farmers, agribusinesses and rural residents in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee. The association, which celebrated its 90th anniversary serving rural America in 2006, provides loans for all farm and rural living purposes including real estate, operating, equipment, and housing and related services such as crop and life insurance and vehicle, equipment and building leases. For more information about Farm Credit or the nearest FCS office, call 1-800-444-FARM (3276) or visit them on the web at www.e-farmcredit.com.

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Art competition, exhibition at UTM will attract area high school students

The seventh annual University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts High School Arts Competition and Exhibition will display the work of promising young artists from throughout northwest Tennessee beginning January 14. Student art is accepted into the exhibition as juried by the UT Martin faculty of art. Several awards and recognitions will be made in four different categories.

The High School Competition and Exhibition opening leads up to the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts sponsored College Art Day slated for January 18. High school participants from the region are invited for a day of art workshops and fun. More than 120 art students attended last year, participating in eight different workshops covering various aspects of the visual arts. During the College Art Day lunch break, award presentations (including cash awards) will be made to students in the art competition.

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For more information, call the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7400.

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GRADUATES FROM UT MARTIN — University of Tennessee at Martin graduate Teresa Tibbs of South Fulton was recently congratulated by her sons, Jeremy Tibbs (left) and Michael Tibbs, following fall commencement. Ms. Tibbs received a bachelor of science in business administration degree. She is employed by the UT Martin Office of Student Housing. Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes addressed the graduates, presided over the commencement exercises and conferred degrees.
SUPPORTS REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE — Dr. Richard Cheesteen, University of Tennessee at Martin professor of political science, whose teaching career has spanned 45 years, was recently honored with a retirement dinner highlighted by the launch of the Richard Cheesteen Endowment for Government Internships. The Cheesteen Endowment will focus on subsidizing governmental internships for students in multiple disciplines, with the goal of increasing internship opportunities in Washington, D.C. The endowment will be supported by contributions from corporations, alumni and the university community. Among those on hand for the dinner were (from left) Dr. Cheesteen, UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes, Laura Ray of Jackson, Eli Jones of Bells, Walker Ferrell of Ripley, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science chair Dr. John Overby and Josh Rainey of Huntingdon. Each of the students plans an internship in Washington, D.C., during 2008.

MATHENY TAKES OATH — University of Tennessee at Martin engineering graduates were inducted into the Order of the Engineer recently at a ceremony prior to fall 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 Jamie Matheny (center) of Union City. Making the presentation were Dr. Richard Helgeson (left), Department of Engineering chair, and Dr. Doug Sterrett, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences dean.
Study abroad this summer

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Modern Foreign Languages and the University of Castilla-La Mancha (UCLM), with cooperation from the Mid-Continent Consortium for International Education, recently established a new study-abroad program in Toledo, Spain.

Located in Castilla-La Mancha, the region where Don Quijote and Sancho Panza had many of their adventures, Toledo features winding cobbled streets and breathtaking architecture. Founded in the pre-Roman era on a bend in the Tagus River, Toledo has been an important intellectual and political center for a succession of civilizations including the Romans (who ruled from 193 B.C. to 410 A.D.), the Visigoths (410 A.D. to 711 A.D.), the Muslims (711 A.D. to 1085 A.D.) and the Spanish. Toledo has also been home to a vibrant Jewish community, the culture which can still be seen in its picturesque neighborhood in the city's Old Quarter. Toledo's artistic masterpieces are thus the product of heterogeneous civilizations and three major religions — Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Toledo was designated an UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986.

The study-abroad program in Toledo lasts four weeks, from June 28 to July 26. The "Don Quijote" Package (homestay with a Spanish family) costs $4,275; the "Sancho Panza" Package (stay in the newly refurbished residence hall) costs $3,975. These prices include round-trip airfare from Nashville to Madrid, transportation from Barajas Airport in Madrid to Toledo and back, tuition, lodging, travel insurance and access to all the facilities of the University of Castilla-La Mancha. The program of study will include courses in Spanish conversation, grammar, culture and civilization. All courses are taught by native speakers from the UCLM faculty in the newly remodeled San Pedro Martir Building, located in the heart of Toledo. Students may transfer six to eight credits from UCLM to UT Martin for their participation in the program. Participation in the Toledo Program will satisfy the immersion experience requirement for Spanish majors.

For more information, contact Dr. Daniel Nappo, UT Martin Department of Modern Foreign Languages chair, at 881-7420 or 881-7428; email: dnappo@utm.edu.
5 candidates to interview for UTM student affairs post

Interviews are slated to begin Jan. 23 with five candidates for the vice chancellor for student affairs post at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The interview process will include meetings with faculty, staff and students and an open forum. The advisory search committee is chaired by Al Hooten, UT Martin vice chancellor for finance and administration.

Three candidates will be recommended to Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, for consideration.

"Dr. Rakes convened the Advisory Search Committee early in the fall and, as a result, we received an excellent pool of candidates," Hooten said.

The interview schedule is:
- Jan. 23 — Dr. Samuel T. Miller, vice president for student affairs, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Ga.;
- Jan. 25 — Dr. Diane R. Berty, vice president, student development, East Central University, Ada, Okla.;
- Jan. 30 — Dr. Vincent G. June, vice president for student affairs (July 2007), Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Fla.;
- Jan. 31 — Dr. Paul A. Bryant, vice president for student affairs, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Conn.; and
- Feb. 1 — Dr. Margaret Y. Toston, vice president for student affairs, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Conn.

"The committee members were conscientious and thorough in their review of each candidate and in their various reference checks of the candidates," Hooten said.

The committee members include Dr. Mary Lee Hall, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences dean; Dr. Elaine Harris, graduate studies interim director and Faculty Senate president; Charles Deal, assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations; Gina McClure, Office of Campus Recreation director; Sandra Neel, Office of Student Financial Assistance director; Teresa Woody, Office of Minority Affairs director; Erin Chambers, Student Government Association president; and Erin Smith, student representative.

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Challenger McLeary holds firm convictions

By NICHOLAS BEADLE
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It has been a long, trying drive for Don McLeary, but the common threads, he says, have been his convictions.

The same convictions that helped him persevere to play tailback at the University of Tennessee also made him a playoff football coach at UT Martin.

The same convictions that got him to the state Senate are also what drove him to cast a career-devastating vote against a partisan colleague.

And the convictions that led McLeary to switch parties and give his one-time allies time to groom his replacement in Nashville are the same ones that pushed him to become a surprise candidate for county mayor in the Feb. 5 Republican primary.

So far, that run has been met with reluctant support and criticism from

About McLeary

■ Name: Don McLeary
■ Age: 60
■ Family: Married to Mary McLeary. Children Matt, 39; Stacy, 35; Holly, 33.
■ Work experience: Former University of Tennessee Martin head football coach and athletic director, stockbroker, A banker and member of boards for YMCA, American Red Cross, West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation and Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame
■ Political experience: Former state senator

Don McLeary is running for the office of Madison County mayor against interim Mayor Jimmy Harris.

The early election year switch was meant to give Democrats time to find another candidate, McLeary said. He said he wanted to be honorable in his split—though he admits it was a grievous tactical mistake.


In July 2006, McLeary called the first summit dealing with Jackson’s most recent spike in crime. The event was marred by city officials’ criticism it was an election year stunt. Jackson Mayor Charles Farmer, a Finney supporter, walked out on the summit.

Victory to defeat

McLeary, 60, was once one of West Tennessee’s most beloved Democrats. Now, its hard to get a Democrat to talk about him.

“I don’t have any comment,” said Don Stephenson, chairman emeritus of the Madison County Democratic Party, when asked about McLeary’s mayoral campaign.

A former UT Martin football coach and athletic director turned politician, McLeary took Republican Bobby Carter’s Senate seat in 2002 and soon claimed positions on some of the Senate’s top committees. As his 2006 re-election bid approached, some wondered if the GOP would field a candidate against McLeary.

But two decisions turned — some say ruined — his political career. Both decisions he said he would make again.

After her brother, John, resigned amid corruption charges, Memphis Democrat Ophealia Ford won a special election to take his seat by 13 votes. But she subsequently faced accusations that some ballots were cast with the names of felons, nonresidents and the deceased.

In January 2006, McLeary split from his party to cast a deciding committee vote to void Ophealia Ford’s election. The full Senate also would vote to void the election after a months-long federal court battle to preserve Ford’s victory.

During the court battle, McLeary ate and prayed almost exclusively with Republican colleagues, he said. Meanwhile, his fellow Democrats held deep resentment toward him for abandoning their bloc.

In February 2006, he made his split official, announcing on the steps of the Madison County Courthouse he had joined the Republican Party.

Some one-time backers, who say challenging interim Madison County Mayor Jimmy Harris should not be McLeary’s battle.

Still, McLeary maintains he has the experience and eagerness to curb the best from a mostly powerless position.

But he also admits that if he loses in February, there won’t be much ability to run left in his legs.

“They’re wearin’, they’re wearin’,” McLeary said. “(But) I’ve got to get it out of my system.”
McLeary won Madison County but lost the other two counties in his district, Gibson and Carroll, surrendering his seat to Finney after a tough, ugly race.

"I wish it worked out differently," McLeary said, "but it didn't."

**More qualified**

Still, McLeary maintains he has strong ties with both parties in Nashville, which he says is one of the reasons he decided to run for county mayor.

"I think I'm more qualified," he said.

His time with the General Assembly, he said, would make him an able lobbyist for the Madison County Commission to address the area's lingering problems with crime and education.

He said the county schools must be improved to prevent the area's population and growth from slipping off into "bedroom communities" in neighboring counties.

McLeary said he also would work with commissioners to start town hall meetings in their districts, and try to strengthen the local economy and encourage more growth.

"I think we've got a good opportunity to explode," he said.

But his campaign has had trouble breaking through because of staunch support for Harris at the party's core, McLeary said.

Some, he said, tried to sway him to run as an independent. Others told him to wait for a better race.

"People say, 'Don, I like you, but I can't vote for you,'" McLeary said. "I don't like to be told what to do."

One of those who say they urged him not to run was Commissioner Gary Deaton, who is a chairman of the Madison County Republican Party in 2006 helped shepherd McLeary to the GOP.

Deaton said he told McLeary to stay out of the race to maintain the continuity and quality Harris has brought to the county mayor's office since he was appointed by the Republican-controlled commission last summer.

Harris filled the vacancy created when County Mayor Jerry Gist won election as mayor of Jackson.

"I don't have anything against Don McLeary, but as far as this office, I think Jimmy Harris is best suited for it," Deaton said.

But at a McLeary campaign event last week, supporter Guy Gee said McLeary's stands near the end of his Senate term make him a more attractive candidate.

"I'm not saying Harris is not the person," said Gee, 74. "But we need leadership, and I think (McLeary) would try."

**Last drive**

If McLeary loses next month, he said the county mayor's race will "most likely" be his last campaign.

He said one reason he decided to run as Republican, not an independent, was because a primary campaign will be shorter. He can campaign out of his truck, take a leave from work and know his political future within one month instead of seven.

If McLeary doesn't win, he said he will support Harris just as he says many of his former colleagues in Nashville still support him, albeit more quietly.

"It's just politics," he said. "There are no hard feelings."

Visit jacksonsun.com and share your thoughts.

— Nicholas Beadle, 425-9763

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-The McKenzie Banner, McKenzie, Tennessee
Deadline is Feb. 22 for WTWP institute

Deadline for the West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) annual invitational summer institute is Feb. 22. The institute will be May 17 and June 2-26 (Monday-Thursday), on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

WTWP invites West Tennessee teachers, grades K-12, from all subject areas, to apply for participation.

The institute is for teachers who want to become stronger teachers of reading and writing, and a part of the ongoing professional community of WTWP teacher consultants.

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"Our summer institute participants enjoy the immediate benefits of new approaches to teaching and learning that they can use in their classrooms as well as the longer term rewards of growing as writers, teachers and researchers," said Dr. David Carithers, UT Martin assistant professor of English and WTWP director.

For more information about Graduate Studies at UT Martin, contact Linda Arant at 881-7012 or larant@utm.edu. For more information about the institute or to request an application, contact Carithers at 881-7290 by phone; 881-7276 by fax or e-mail wtp@utm.edu. To download the informational brochure and application materials, visit the WTWP Web site at www.utm.edu/wtp.

A piece of UT Martin in Kuwait

'MAJOR' DECOR - Major Jack Usrey, a 1991 University of Tennessee at Martin alumnus, received an unexpected Christmas present - a UT Martin Skyhawk banner - to display over his desk while serving at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait. Usrey's present was the result of a request by Major Kurt Mueller, who is serving with Usrey and noticed that other work spaces were adorned with all sorts of sports and alma mater memorabilia. Major James Lacy, UT Martin Department of Military Science recruiting operations officer, and Charley Deal, UT Martin assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations, made sure the banner made its way to Usrey, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Usrey, of Martin.

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Major Usrey receives unexpected Christmas gift

Major Jack Usrey, a 1991 University of Tennessee at Martin alumnus, received an unexpected Christmas present - a UT Martin Skyhawk banner - to display over his desk while serving at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait. Usrey's present was the result of a request by Major Kurt Mueller, who is serving with Usrey and noticed that other work spaces were adorned with all sorts of sports and alma mater memorabilia. Major James Lacy, UT Martin Department of Military Science recruiting operations officer, and Charley Deal, UT Martin assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations, made sure the banner made its way to Usrey, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Usrey, of Martin.

Shadden among UT-Martin graduates

University of Tennessee at Martin graduate, Richard Carl Shadden Jr., of Martin, is congratulated by his father, Richard Shadden, UT-Martin professor of agricultural engineering, following fall commencement Saturday. Shadden received a bachelor of arts. Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes addressed graduates, presided over the commencement exercises and conferred degrees to graduates.

Jodi Woods Memorial Award established, recipient selected

The Jodi Woods Memorial Award recently was established at the University of Tennessee at Martin in memory of the late Jodi Woods, a special education major, who died June 24, 2006. The award is given each semester to one graduating special education major who excels in student teaching by including and building self-esteem in students with special needs. The award was established to typify the warm and caring demeanor that Woods exemplified. Charli Smith of Brighton is the fall semester recipient of the Jodi Woods Memorial Award. The funds from the award are given to assist the graduating teacher in stocking his/her new classroom. Pictured are, from left to right, Charli Smith, Jodi Woods Memorial Award recipient, and Dr. Crystal Whitlow, instructor of special education at UT Martin.
Applications increase for fifth consecutive year at UT Martin; ACT scores up

Applications for summer and fall admission at the University of Tennessee at Martin have increased by 25 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 22.68, up from 22.36 last year.

"While not all applications translate into enrollments, we are pleased to have such a significant increase as a clear reflection of student interest in the quality of our academic offerings and campus programming," said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT-Martin chancellor. "This is especially meaningful considering the increased academic standards initiated this year."

This is the fifth consecutive year that application numbers have increased. A recent report showed that by January 3, 2008, 1,901 students had applied for admission to UT Martin, up from 1,508 by that date in 2007. Also, there has been a 49 percent increase in housing applications this year.

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

"The number of applications has increased simply because UT-Martin offers features and services students want," said Judy Rayburn, UT-Martin director of the Office of Admissions. "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, cost of tuition and apartment-style housing also are important considerations when students choose to apply to UT-Martin.

"I am pleased to see the continuing interest and value attributed to a UT-Martin degree," Rakes added. "Continuation of our ongoing planning involving on- and off-campus initiatives ensures that our students have access to a world-class education."

For application information, visit the UT-Martin admissions home page at www.utm.edu/admis.php or call 1-800-829-UTM1.

Going Green held at UTM

University of Tennessee at Martin students and faculty recently sponsored a recycling event on campus. Area residents were asked to take recyclables to the site and learn how to make West Tennessee more eco-friendly. The materials accepted included plastic containers, scrap metal of any kind, all paper and cardboard, aluminum cans being collected for local Boy Scouts, eyeglasses for the Lion's Club, used clothing in good shape for area charities, cell phones for an area domestic violence shelter and ink cartridges for the Carroll County Humane Society. The event was sponsored by the UT Martin Recycling Club, the American Democracy Project, Sodexo, UT Martin Physical Plant, the Saturday Morning Cleanup Crew, Second Nature, Tri-Beta, Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society and Go Green. UT Martin students, Caitlin Womack, left, Smyrna, Rhonda Beaugard, Memphis, and Briana Osborne, Atoka, helped staff the event and sort materials.

UT Martin Financial Aid Office sponsors FAFSA night

The Office of Student Financial Assistance at the University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor three sessions in February on how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The sessions are scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m. They will be held Feb. 4, at the UT Martin Ripley Center; February 7, at McNairy Central High School in Selmer; and February 11, at the UT-Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building.

The workshop 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 take completed 2007 tax returns for both the student and parents, W2 forms from 2007 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.
Local students receive Leadership Awards from UT Martin

Daryl Adams, of Olive Branch, Mississippi, and Lacie Glover, of Martin, accept Paul and Martha Meek Awards presented at the recent commencement exercises at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Steve Vantrease, right, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, presented the awards, which are the only awards presented during commencement. The Meek Award is a cash award given to graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership while at UT Martin. The award is made possible by the children of Paul and Martha Meek. Both recipients distinguished themselves as leaders in the ways they have served their student colleagues, the university and the community. Adams has served as a residence hall resident assistant for three years and was named RA of the Year. He has assisted international students in adapting and adjusting to life in the United States, and because of his developing expertise in finance, helped students manage their finances. He received the William H. Baker Leadership Award from the College of Business and Public Affairs, is involved in campus events, activities and diverse organizations. Glover, who was employed in the Office of Employment Information Services and also Sodexo Catering Services, has assisted her peers in seeking employment while in school and has been active in campus events, activities and organizations. She attained supervisory positions because of her work ethic and leadership qualities.

Five candidates to interview for UT Martin vice chancellor for student affairs

Interviews are slated to begin January 23 with five candidates for the vice chancellor for student affairs post at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The interview process will include meetings with faculty, staff and students and an open forum. The advisory search committee is chaired by Al Hooten, UT-Martin vice chancellor for finance and administration. Three candidates will be recommended to Dr. Tom Rakes, UT-Martin chancellor, for consideration.

"Dr. Rakes convened the Advisory Search Committee early in the fall, and, as a result, we received an excellent pool of candidates," said Hooten.

The interview schedule is as follows:

- January 23, Dr. Samuel T. Miller, vice president for student affairs, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Georgia;
- January 25, Dr. Diane R. Berty, vice president, student development, East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma;
- January 30, Dr. Vincent G. June, vice president for student affairs (July 2007), Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida;
- January 31, Dr. Paul A. Bryant, vice president for student affairs, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Connecticut; and
- February 1, Dr. Margaret Y. Toson, vice president for student affairs, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut.

The committee members were conscientious and thorough in their review of each candidate and in their various reference checks of the candidates," said Hooten. The committee members include Dr. Mary Lee Hall, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences dean; Dr. Elaine Harris, graduate studies interim director and Faculty Senate president; Charles Deal, assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations; Gina McClure, Office of Campus Recreation director; Sandra Neel, Office of Student Financial Assistance director; Teresa Woody, Office of Minority Affairs director, Erin Chambers, Student Government Association president; and Erin Smith, student representative.

Steve Vantrease will continue to serve as interim vice chancellor for student affairs until the new vice chancellor is named.

For more information, visit www.utm.edu/vcsa_search.php.

Apply for writing project

Even though the West Tennessee Writing Project's annual invitational summer institute at the University of Tennessee at Martin isn't until May 17 and Mondays through Thursdays during June 2-26, the deadline is Feb. 22.

West Tennessee teachers of grades K-12 in all subject areas may apply for participation. All who are accepted must be accepted for graduate study at UTM. Teachers will receive six hours of graduate credit.

Call Dr. David Carithers at (731) 881-7290 or e-mail wtwp@utm.edu.
Deadline is February 22 for WTWP invitational summer institute

Deadline for the West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) annual invitational summer institute is February 22. The institute will be May 17 and June 2-26 (Monday-Thursday), on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

WTWP invites West Tennessee teachers, grades K-12, from all subject areas, to apply for participation.

The institute is for teachers who want to become stronger teachers of reading and writing, and a part of the ongoing professional community of WTWP teacher consultants.

All teachers accepted to the invitational institute must be accepted for graduate study at UT Martin. Teachers receive six hours of graduate credit that may be used as part of a master's program in education at UT Martin, for recertification, for points toward Highly Qualified Status or for hours above a master's degree. The invitational institute is offered as English 700-701. Tuition is covered by grants from the National Writing Project. Participants cover incidental expenses associated with participation.

Our summer institute participants enjoy the immediate benefits of new approaches to teaching and learning that they can use in their classrooms as well as the longer term rewards of growing as writers, teachers and researchers,” said Dr. David Carithers, UT Martin assistant professor of English and WTWP director.

For more information contact Linda Arant at 731-881-7012 or larant@utm.edu. For more information about the institute or to request an application, contact Carithers at 731-881-7290 by phone, 731-881-7276 by fax or e-mail wtwp@utm.edu. To download the informational brochure and application materials, visit the WTWP Web site at www.utm.edu/wtwp.

Conference for Working Women celebrates 10th anniversary

“The Balancing Act of Juggling Life’s Many Roles” is the theme of the 10th anniversary Conference for Working Women, 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m., February 26, at the University of Tennessee at Martin Boling University Center Duncan Ballroom. UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and David Belote, West Star executive director, will welcome participants following breakfast and registration, which are scheduled for 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the WestStar 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:
- Randy Carter, Jackson counselor, “Top Ten List for Successful Relationships,” 9:15-10:00 a.m.
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Mary Kate Ridgeway, family and consumer science agent, UT Extension Services, WestStar class of 2001, will lead the conference.

Lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the conference.

The deadline to register is February 20. Forms may be mailed to WestStar, UT Martin, 320 Administration Building, faxed to 731-881-7019 or e-mailed to vgirimes@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 and lunch. Make checks payable to WestStar. For more information, contact Virginia Grimes, WestStar coordinator, at 731-881-7298.
NEWS FROM UT MARTIN

FAST-PACED FORMAT, VARIETY FEATURED IN MONTAGE CONCERT, JAN. 28
MARTIN, Tenn. – The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music’s annual Montage Concert will be at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 28, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. The concert has a fast-paced format that features a variety of performances by students and faculty. There will be performances by soloists, chamber groups and large ensembles. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Simmons, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, at 731-881-7412 or marks@utm.edu.

THREE UT MARTIN STUDENTS INTERNING IN STATE LEGISLATURE
MARTIN, Tenn. – Three University of Tennessee at Martin students are serving as interns this semester during the 2008 Tennessee General Assembly.

Wendy Elliott, Dresden, Jessica McKinney, South Fulton, and Riley Pace, Hohenwald, are participating in the Tennessee Legislative Intern Program.

The program, established in 1972, provides Tennessee university students with an opportunity to work and learn in a hands-on legislative environment. Each year, 70-80 students from across the state participate in this program to learn about leadership responsibilities and to develop legislative process skills. The interns assist legislative office staff with activities and business functions.

Assignments include the following:
- Elliott, 76th District Rep. Mark Maddox, Democratic Whip;
- McKinney, 81st District Rep. Jimmy Naifeh, Speaker of the House; and

http://www.fultonkynews.com/schoolnews/newsfromutmartin.html
• Pace, 77th District Rep. Phillip Pinion, House Transportation Committee chair.

Elliott is a senior political science major with a minor in communications. She has served as a writer for the university’s student newspaper, The Pacer.

McKinney is a senior marketing major with a minor in political science. She is considering a career in law or in marketing.

Pace is a senior political science major with a minor in international relations. She has been a member of the Skyhawk softball team and plans to practice criminal defense or international law.

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McKinney’s additional information:
“[I hope to get a better knowledge of our government,]” said McKinney, who added that the internship will offer her experience and networking opportunities. McKinney usually takes 17-18 hours a semester, and the internship will only provide 12, but she added, “The experience is worth it all.”

She looks forward to returning to UT Martin for summer classes and for her final semester in the fall. “I love UT Martin. I wouldn’t pick anywhere else to be,” she added.

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**Global warming among topics of atmospheric scientist on Jan. 28**

MARTIN, Tenn. – Global warming will be among topics discussed by Dr. Kerry Emanuel, nationally renowned and award-winning atmospheric scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Emanuel will speak as part of the Academic Speaker Series at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 28, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin. In addition to being the first academic speaker for spring 2008, Emanuel also will appear as a Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer.

Having received his doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Emanuel taught briefly at UCLA, before returning to MIT, where he has served as professor of atmospheric science since 1981. With a research focus on tropical meteorology and climate and a specialty in hurricane physics, Emanuel has been a leading figure in the study of the relationship between greenhouse gasses and the intensification of hurricanes. In the summer of 2005, less than a month before Hurricane Katrina battered the Gulf Coast, Emanuel published a study in Nature magazine of roughly 4,800 hurricanes over the past several decades, finding that the power of the storms has roughly doubled during this period. As this period coincides with the same period during which climatologists have warned that greenhouse gasses are steadily increasing atmospheric and ocean temperatures, his research seems to confirm that warming ocean water will result in even more powerful storms in the future.

The author of more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific papers, Emanuel has published Atmospheric Convection (Oxford University Press, 1994) and Divine Wind: The History and Science of Hurricanes (Oxford University Press, 2005). The latter work received the Louis J. Ballant Author’s Award from the American Meteorological Society, as “an exceptional treatise that provides a balanced view of the scientific, historical, and social aspects of hurricanes.”

Emanuel has received numerous awards and honors, including recognition as one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People of 2006 and the Carl Gustaf Rossby Research Medal (2007), the highest honor bestowed upon an atmospheric scientist, from the American Meteorological Society.

“As the nation becomes more serious about the effects of global warming upon the weather and, indeed, upon society in general, the work of Kerry Emanuel has received greater attention,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honors Programs director. “His warnings just before Katrina proved prophetic and his further warnings that future storms could be much worse serve as a call to action in the effort to mitigate the worst effects of global warming.”

For more information, contact McDonough at danmc@utm.edu or 731-881-7436.

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**STUDY ABROAD THIS SUMMER IN TOLEDO, SPAIN**

MARTIN, Tenn. – The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Modern Foreign Languages and the University of Castilla-La Mancha (UCLM), with cooperation from the Mid-Continent Consortium for International Education, recently established a new study-abroad program in Toledo, Spain.

Located in Castilla-La Mancha, the region where Don Quijote and Sancho Panza had many of their adventures, Toledo features winding cobbled streets and breathtaking architecture. Founded in the pre-Roman era on a bend in the Tagus River, Toledo has been an important intellectual and political center for a succession of civilizations including the Romans (who ruled from 193 B.C. to 410 A.D.), the Visigoths (410 A.D. to 711 A.D.), the Muslims (711 A.D. to 1085 A.D) and the Spanish. Toledo has also been home to a vibrant Jewish community, the culture of which can still be seen in its picturesque neighborhood in the city’s Old Quarter. Toledo’s artistic masterpieces are thus the product of heterogeneous civilizations and three major religions – Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Toledo was designated an UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986.

The study-abroad program in Toledo lasts four weeks, from June 28 to July 26. The “Don Quijote” Package (homestay with a Spanish family) costs $4,275; the “Sancho Panza” Package (stay in the newly refurbished residence hall) costs $3,975. These prices include round-trip airfare from Nashville to Madrid, transportation from Barajas Airport in Madrid to Toledo and back, tuition, lodging, travel insurance and access to all the facilities of the University of Castilla-La Mancha. The program of study will include courses in Spanish conversation, grammar, culture and civilization. All courses are taught by native speakers from the UCLM faculty in the newly remodeled San Pedro Mártir Building, located in the heart of Toledo. Students may transfer six to eight credits from UCLM to UT Martin for their participation in the program. Participation in the Toledo Program will satisfy the immersion experience requirement for Spanish majors.

For more information, contact Dr. Daniel Nappo, UT Martin Department of Modern Foreign Languages chair, at 731-881-7420 or 731-881-7428; email: dnappo@utm.edu.

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**ECCE courses cater to youthful interests**

MARTIN, Tenn. – Young writers, future equestrians, college-bound youths can take advantage of upcoming courses offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education.

“Young Writers’ Clubhouse,” a series of writing experiences for 3rd-8th graders, will be from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 2. The fee is $30. Participants will write creatively, work with West Tennessee Writing Project teachers and share with their friends. Themes will include: Monster Mysteries and Scary Suspense, Funky Fairy Tales, Crazy Creative Writing and Writing To, From and About Music. Every child receives a notebook and pen.
Also, each child should provide his or her lunch or bring money to purchase pizza by the slice.

"Making Sense of the ACT" will be offered from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays, Feb. 2-23, with a class limit of 20 students. Instructor will be Ron Ramage, and the fee will be $50. This course will help students plan a strategy to make the highest score possible on this test. The course is designed for first-time test takers as well as seasoned veterans. Students will be using The Real ACT Prep Guide and should take the book to the first class meeting. The cost of the text is not included in the registration fee. The book may be purchased on the UT Martin campus at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore (731-881-7760).

"Private Beginning Horsemanship English/Western Riding Lessons" will be offered as individual sessions. 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. Instructors are Meghan Cunningham (hunt) and Brenna Burris (western), UT Martin women’s equestrian coaches. To schedule a lesson(s), contact Cunningham at 731-881-7273 or 731-881-7261. The fee is $35 for an hour lesson and a half-hour riding time. Participants should wear long pants and boots with heels. Riding helmets will be required and provided. No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least seven years of age to participate.

To register for courses or for more information, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7984. Register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.

FEATURE AUTHOR COMES TO PAUL MEEK LIBRARY

MARTIN, Tenn. – Mike Mollenhour, a 1973 University of Tennessee at Martin graduate, has recently written his first novel, "Arcturus," and will have a book signing from 10 a.m.-noon, Feb. 7, in Paul Meek Library lobby on the UT Martin campus.

Mollenhour was raised in Sharon, and graduated from Sharon High School in 1969. After graduating from UT Martin in 1973, with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a minor in history, he attended the Army’s Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga. Mollenhour was then assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. At Fort Campbell, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 506th Infantry Regiment, made popular by the series, "Band of Brothers." He later attended graduate school and law school at UT. Mollenhour currently works as a lawyer in Knoxville. He is married and has four children.

For more information, contact Cindy Gaylord, library associate, at 731-881-7078 or cgaylord@utm.edu.

Candlelight vigil is Martin Luther King Day observance

MARTIN, Tenn. – The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Minority Affairs, Black Student Association and NAACP will sponsor a Martin Luther King Day candlelight vigil, at 7 p.m., Jan. 15, in Room 206 B & C of Boling University Center. Participating will be the Rev. Jolrine Downey, director of the Interfaith Center, and the Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow, director of New Generations Ministry in Union City. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the Office of Minority Affairs at 731-881-7282.

Create Web pages with upcoming online courses

MARTIN, Tenn. – "Creating Web Pages I & II" is an upcoming course offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and partner, Ed2Go.

* "Creating Web Pages I" will allow participants to create and post their own Web site on the Internet in this extensive, hands-on, six-week workshop. Students will learn about the capabilities of the World Wide Web and the fundamentals of Web design. Then, with the instructor’s guidance, they will plan the content, structure and layout of the personal Web site, create pages full of formatted text, build links between the pages and to the outside world, and add color, backgrounds, graphics, tables, hot buttons and animation. Participants also learn critical and timely information to secure the best possible location in search engine listings and no-cost or low-cost Web marketing strategies. Requirements include Internet access, e-mail, Internet Explorer, Netscape or Firefox Web browser, familiarity with the Internet and a computer of any type.

* "Creating Web Pages II" will make sure participants are using HTML to its fullest potential. In this practical, project-oriented course, students will discover how to use tables to create fresh, innovative and unconventional arrangements of text, colors and graphics. They will become skilled at incorporating audio into a site and find out how frames can improve site navigation. Also, they will...
learn how to make a site more interactive through the use of forms and learn how formatting pages with Cascading Style Sheets can save hours of time and effort. Requirements include completion of "Creating Web Pages I" online course (or equivalent HTML experience), Internet access, e-mail, Netscape, Firefox or Internet Explorer Web browser and a computer of any type.

Courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas and supplementary links. Courses can be completed from home or office and at any time of the day or night.

The registration fee is $95 per course. A new section of each course starts monthly: Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21, April 18 and May 16. If enrolling in a series of two or more courses, be sure to space the start date for each course at least two months apart. Two lessons are released each week for the six-week duration of the course. Participants will have 24-hour access to all the released lessons until the course ends. An interactive discussion area accompanies each lesson and automatically closes two weeks after the lesson is released. To get started, visit the Online Instruction Center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/online-courses.php. For more information, call ECCE at 800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.

The Messenger, Union City, Tennessee, Friday, January 18, 2008

UT Martin piano tuning class helps local Boys & Girls Club

Most teachers would agree that practical experience is by far the best learning environment.

It’s certainly true when it comes to piano tuning and the opportunity for University of Tennessee at Martin piano technology class instructor the Rev. Elwood Doss Jr., RPT, to provide that practical “real world” experience was one he relished.

The opportunity came recently when he was contacted by Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Tennessee development director Sherri Puckett about tuning two pianos that had been donated to the club. He discussed the possibility with the piano technology class members and they jumped at the opportunity to tune the pianos.

Doss teaches the piano tuning technique of aural tuning, or tuning “by ear.” “The ‘in-the-field’ tuning differs greatly from tuning the pianos in the UTM Fine Arts Building that are tuned on a regular basis,” Doss said.

“When a piano technician goes to a home or church to tune a piano, and has never tuned it before, the technician may encounter a myriad of challenges to tuning the piano. Even opening the piano to tune it can be a challenge, since pianos from various manufacturers differ widely in case construction.”

The class studied the theory, history and technique of piano tuning last semester and met at the Fine Arts Building. Doss first demonstrated the “rough tuning” technique of pulling a piano in which its pitch is flat up to the correct pitch, then turned the pianos over to the class to “fine tune” the instruments. The group also tuned the piano at Martin’s Weldon Library as a part of this class project.

Danielle Alston, Boys & Girls Club director of education and choir director, will use the pianos for her choir rehearsals and to give piano lessons to the club members.

The piano technology class will study piano repairs and regulating of grand and upright pianos this semester. Will they use the two pianos for practice? “Well, I haven’t asked permission yet, but it would be a good project for the second semester class,” Doss said.

Anyone may register for the class by enrolling through UT Martin. For more information, call (731) 881-7402.

Course to feature eBay selling

“Basics of eBay-Selling” will be offered in February in Jackson by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE).

The course is set for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 23 at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center at 605 Airways Blvd. in Jackson.

It will be taught by Olen Batchelor, an eBay-trained education specialist. The course fee is $75. The $19.95 textbook fee should be paid to the instructor. Participants will learn to make a supplemental or full-time income.

This multimedia course will include eBay University’s own training materials and will cover selling basics and beyond, including research, opening and using a PayPal account, improving listings with better descriptions and digital photography, security and post-sale activities such as billing and shipping.

Advance registration is required. To register, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7984.
IN TUNE — Students in the University of Tennessee at Martin’s fall semester piano technology class recently had the opportunity to receive some hands-on instruction by tuning two pianos recently donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Tennessee in Union City. Among those on hand for the experience at the club were (seated) the Rev. Elwood Doss Jr., UT Martin piano technology class instructor; (standing, from left) Danielle Aiston, director of education and choir director at the Boys & Girls Club; and UT Martin piano technology class members the Rev. Steve Douglas, Michael Yandell, the Rev. Scott Penick, Heather Cheatham, Jorge Cardenas, Shawn Campbell and Patricia Hernandez.

Richard Chesee, University of Tennessee Martin professor of political science, whose teaching career spanned 43 years, was honored Dec. 15 with a retirement dinner highlighted by the launch of the Richard Chesee Endowment for Government Internships. The focus will be on subsidizing governmental internships for students in multiple disciplines, with the goal of increasing internship opportunities in Washington, D.C. Call (731) 881-7620.

UTM noted for service to service soldiers

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THE ZILDJIAN SCORE
AN EDUCATION PUBLICATION FROM THE AVEDIS ZILDJIAN COMPANY

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Yes, I cover cymbal playing with every incoming freshman class. We focus on different types of crashes, dampening, consistency, dynamic control, and balance and blend within the ensemble. We also work on sound production, roll speed, and making good choices of cymbal type, size, and implement with playing suspended cymbal. We play orchestra excerpts and also use James Campbell's percussion ensemble piece "Crash Course" for cymbal fun!

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Three UTM students intern in State Legislature

Three University of Tennessee at Martin students are serving as interns this semester during the 2008 Tennessee General Assembly.

Wendy Elliot, Dresden, Jessica McKinney, South Fulton, and Riley Pace, Hohenwald, are participating in the Tennessee Legislative Intern Program.

The program, established in 1972, provides Tennessee university students with an opportunity to work and learn in a hands-on legislative environment. Each year, 70-80 students from across the state participate in this program to learn about leadership responsibilities and to develop legislative process skills. The interns assist legislative office staff with activities and business functions.

Assignments include the following:

- Elliot, 76th District Rep. Mark Maddox, Democratic Whip;
- McKinney, 81st District Rep. Jimmy Naifeh, Speaker of the House; and
- Pace, 77th District Rep. Phillip Pinion, House Transportation Committee chair.

Elliot is a senior political science major with a minor in communications. She has served as a writer for the university’s student newspaper, The Pacer.

McKinney is a senior marketing major with a minor in political science. She is considering a career in law or in marketing.

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ECCE courses cater to youthful interests

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"Private Beginning Horsemanship English/Western Riding Lessons" will be offered as individual sessions. 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. Instructors are Meghan Cunningham (hunt) and Brenna Burris (western), UT Martin women's equestrian coaches. To schedule a lesson(s), contact Cunningham at 881-7273 or 881-7261. The fee is $35 for an hour lesson and a half-hour riding time. Participants should wear long pants and boots with heels. Riding helmets will be required and provided. No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least seven years of age to participate.

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Learn how to sell on eBay

“Basics of eBay-Selling” will be offered in February in Jackson by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE).

Slated for 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 23, at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center, 605 Airways Blvd., the course will be taught by Olen Batchelor, eBay-trained education specialist. The course fee is $75. The $19.95 textbook fee should be paid to the instructor.

Participants will learn to make a supplemental or full-time income. This multimedia course will include eBay University's own training materials and will cover selling basics and beyond, including research, opening and using a PayPal account, improving listings with better descriptions and digital photography, security and post-sale activities such as billing and shipping.

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Applications, ACT scores up at UTM

Applications for summer and fall admission at the University of Tennessee at Martin have increased by 25 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 22.68, up from 22.36 last year.

"While not all applications translate into enrollments, we are pleased to have such a significant increase as a clear reflection of student interest in the quality of our academic offerings and campus programming," said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. "This is especially meaningful considering the increased academic standards initiated this year."

This is the fifth consecutive year that application numbers have increased. A recent report showed that by Jan. 3, 2008, 1,901 students had applied for admission to UT Martin, up from 1,508 by that date in 2007. Also, there has been a 49 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.

"The number of applications has increased simply because UT Martin offers features and services students want," said Judy Rayburn, UT Martin director of the Office of Admissions. "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, cost of tuition and apartment-style housing also are important considerations when students choose to apply to UT Martin.

"I am pleased to see the continuing interest and value attributed to a UT Martin degree," Rakes added. "Continuation of our ongoing planning involving on- and off-campus initiatives ensures that our students have access to a world-class education."

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Global warming among topics of atmospheric scientist

Global warming will be among topics discussed by Dr. Kerry Emanuel, nationally renowned and award-winning atmospheric scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Emanuel will speak as part of the Academic Speaker Series at 7:30 p.m., January 28, in Watkins Auditorium of Bolling University Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin. In addition to being the first academic speaker for spring 2008, Emanuel also will appear as a Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer.

Having received his doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Emanuel taught briefly at UCLA, before returning to MIT, where he has served as professor of atmospheric science since 1981. With a research focus on tropical meteorology and climate and a specialty in hurricane physics, Emanuel has been a leading figure in the study of the relationship between greenhouse gases and the intensification of hurricanes. In the summer of 2005, less than a month before Hurricane Katrina battered the Gulf Coast, Emanuel published a study in Nature magazine of roughly 4,800 hurricanes over the past several decades, finding that the power of the storms has roughly doubled during this period. As this period coincides with the same period during which climatologists have warned that greenhouse gases are steadily increasing atmospheric and ocean temperatures, his research seems to confirm that warming ocean water will result in even more powerful storms in the future.

The author of more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific papers, Emanuel has published Atmospheric Convection (Oxford University Press, 1994) and Divine Wind: The History and Science of Hurricanes (Oxford University Press, 2005). The latter work received the Louis J. Battan Author’s Award from the American Meteorological Society, as “an exceptional treatise that provides a balanced view of the scientific, historical, and social aspects of hurricanes.”

Emanuel has received numerous awards and honors, including recognition as one of Time magazine’s 100 Most Influential People of 2006 and the Carl Gustaf Rossby Research Medal (2007), the highest honor bestowed upon an atmospheric scientist, from the American Meteorological Society.

“As the nation becomes more serious about the effects of global warming upon the weather and, indeed, upon society in general, the work of Kerry Emanuel has received greater attention,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honors Programs director. “His warnings just before Katrina proved prophetic and his further warnings that future storms could be much worse serve as a call to action in the effort to mitigate the worst effects of global warming.”

For more information, contact McDonough at danno@utm.edu or 731-881-7436.

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WestStar Endowment
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For more information, contact Cindy Gaylord, library associate, at 731-881-7078 or cngaylord@utm.edu.

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More apartment-style housing at UTM

Steve Vantrease, left, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, and Chris Salazar, A&K Construction, Inc., job superintendent, look over drawings during a recent construction tour of UT-Martin University Village Phase II apartment-style housing. Three, four-story buildings, with controlled access, will accommodate approximately 400 freshmen and feature four-bedroom floor plans with shared efficiency kitchen, living room, washer and dryer. The new complex is scheduled to open this fall. The complex was designed by TLM Associates, Inc., of Jackson, and Lyle, Cook, Martin, of Clarksville, Tennessee, in a joint venture. Total project cost is $28 million. Phase I, a 400-bed apartment complex, opened fall semester 2005.
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. remembered

Communities across the area recently honored Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through special ceremonies and programs, while children learned about one of the main leaders of the American civil rights movement during school lessons.

The University of Tennessee at Martin marked the special day with a candlelight vigil. The Twin Cities held a community luncheon, a unity memorial march and a memorial service. In Union City, King's contributions were recalled with a march and get-together at Mount Zion CME Church.

Several schools recalled King with student essays. Three examples from Mallory Powers' second-grade class at Union City Elementary School included the following (reprinted as written):

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a very important person. He was important by leading speeches and winning the Nobel Prize. He is a good pastor. He made a bus boycott. He is a great person. — Makale Speed
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- Dr. Martin Luther King was a very important person. He changed our country so white people and black people can be together. He gave speeches about his dreams. He always used big words. He also changed the law. He cared for everyone. Dr. Martin Luther King was a good person. — LaNyah Cross

UTM financial aid office sponsors FAFSA night

The Office of Student Financial Assistance at the University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor a session in February on how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The session is scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and will be held February 11, at the UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building.

The workshop 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 take completed 2007 tax returns for both the student and parents, W2 forms from 2007 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.

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CANDLELIGHT VIGIL — The Rev. Jolinne Downey, director of the Interfaith Center, and the Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow, director of New Generations Ministry in Union City, were among participants at the recent Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day candlelight vigil at Boling University Center. The Office of Minority Affairs, Black Student Association and NAACP sponsored the event.
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UTM degrees earned

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Students receiving undergraduate degrees are:


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Mears honored in new book

Sabrina Bates
Chief Staff Writer

He has been dubbed a legend and was given credit for coining the phrase "Big Orange Country." As former University of Tennessee at Martin Athletic Director, Ray Mears left behind a legacy in Volunteer basketball. Mears was considered the winningest coach in school history having taken his players to the top of the Southeastern Conference three times during his tenure as head coach of the Volunteers.

He passed away in June of 2007, but before his death, he collaborated with a journalist who documented Mears' memories of Big Orange Country. Those memories have been compiled and serve as the meat of a book by Ron Bliss entitled Ray Mears' Big Orange Memories.

In a recent press release issued by Tennessee Valley Publishing, Mears was remembered for influencing Vols' fans to start wearing the school's orange colors at athletic events and started the tradition of players entering their field of play through the big 'T.'

Mears is also known as a coaching genius and one of the greatest basketball coaches of all time.

"It is the story of a legend and a 'must read' for anyone interested in the glory days of Volunteer basketball," the release reads.

"Bliss" aim in writing Ray Mears' Big Orange Memories is to preserve the history of an era and the many colorful stories that came from it, including how the use of orange colors by Tennessee fans came about. Its main purpose is to honor Mears as the sports legend he is," the release adds.

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of the Kingsport Times-News and served as president of the Tennessee Sports Writers Association for two years. He knew Mears in his early days in Kingsport and renewed his acquaintance after Mears retired from UT Martin as athletic director.

The book, authored by Bliss, is 208 pages of Mears' memories and pictures from his coaching career. When Mears retired from his coaching career in 1978 due to illness, he had led his team to victory 278 times earning the title of the winningest active coach in the nation.

The road that led Mears, his fans and his teams to victory is documented in Ray Mears' Big Orange Memories. Those memories are headed to Martin as Bliss and Mears wife, Dana, are set to provide autographs Tuesday night. When UTM hosts Eastern Kentucky on the basketball court at 6 p.m. at the Elam Center, a book signing will take place until the end of halftime of the game Tuesday, Jan. 29.

For those who are interested in getting a copy of the book and cannot make it Tuesday, autographed copies will be available online at www.tvp1.com. Ray Mears' Big Orange Memories retails for $29.95.

UTM faculty to perform

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music's annual Montage Concert will be at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 28, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. The concert has a fast-paced format that features a variety of performances by students and faculty. There will be performances by soloists, chamber groups and large ensembles. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Mark Simmons, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, at 731-881-7412 or marks@utm.edu.
NEW SAACS OFFICERS—The University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) recently elected officers for the calendar year 2007. Officers are, left to right, front row, secretary Kayla A. Poindexter of Murfreesboro, vice president Christy R. Lowe of McKenzie, president Robert H. Mitchell of Ripley, treasurer Tiffany A. Brewer of Greenbrier; standing, members of the executive committee, Michael Johnson of Dickson, Kiran G. Vaswani of Franklin, Ashish J. Patel of Columbia and Punam Patel of Martin. Not pictured is executive committee member Alan Farrington-Hess of Jackson. Faculty adviser is Dr. S.K. Airee. The UT Martin SAACS chapter has received Outstanding Chapter award for more years than any other chapter in the nation, has been recognized as Green Chemistry chapter every year since the inception of this designation and won an Innovative Activities Grant for 2007-08 year.

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Mollenhour was raised in Sharon, and graduated from Sharon High School in 1969. After graduating from UT Martin in 1973, with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in history, he attended the Army's Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga. Mollenhour was then assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.

At Fort Campbell, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 506th Infantry regiment, made popular by the series, "Band of Brothers." He later attended graduate school and law school at UT. Mollenhour currently works as a lawyer in Knoxville. He is married and has four children.

For more information, contact Cindy Gaylord, library associate, at 731-881-7078 or cgaylord@utm.edu.
Youth courses offered at UTM

MARTIN, Tenn. — Young writers, future equestrians, college-bound youths can take advantage of upcoming courses offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education.

“Young Writers’ Clubhouse,” a series of writing experiences for 3rd-8th graders, will be from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 2. The fee is $30. Participants will write creatively, work with West Tennessee Writing Project teachers and share with their friends. Themes will include: Monster Mysteries and Scary Suspense, Funky Fairy Tales, Crazy Creative Writing and Writing To, From and About Music. Every child receives a notebook and pen. Also, each child should provide his or her lunch or bring money to purchase pizza by the slice.

“Making Sense of the ACT” will be offered from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays, Feb. 2-23, with a class limit of 20 students. Instructor will be Ron Ramage, and the fee will be $50. This course will help students plan a strategy to make the highest score possible on this test. The course is designed for first-time test takers as well as seasoned veterans. “Private Beginning Horsemanship English/Western Riding Lessons” will be offered as individual sessions. 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. Instructors are Meghan Cunningham (hunt) and Brenna Burris (western), UT Martin women’s equestrian coaches. To schedule a lesson(s), contact Cunningham at 731-881-7273 or 731-881-7261. The fee is $35 for an hour lesson and a half-hour riding time. To register for courses or for more information, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7984. Register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.
Governor Bredesen appoints Cox to Tennessee Historical Commission

Governor Phil Bredesen recently appointed a University of Tennessee at Martin Department of History lecturer to the Tennessee Historical Commission for a term that spans 2008-12.

Brent Cox, of Milan, was nominated by the Tennessee Native American Convention and supported by UT Martin faculty and students.

In a letter to Cox that accompanied a certificate, Gov. Bredesen said, “In the thorough, aggressive search for candidates, your individual characteristics and professional qualifications were exceptional among the number of nominees who expressed interest.” He added, “It is very important to me that our state boards and commissions are filled with the most dedicated citizens... I have great confidence in your abilities and the contribution you will make to our cause. I thoroughly look forward to working with you.”

The mission of the Tennessee Historical Commission is to encourage the inclusive diverse study of Tennessee’s history for the benefit of future generations; to protect, preserve, interpret, operate, maintain and administer historic sites; to mark significant locations, persons and events in Tennessee history; to assist in worthy publication projects; to review, comment on and identify projects that will potentially impact state-owned and non-state-owned historic properties; to locate, identify, record and nominate to the National Register of Historic Places all properties which meet National Register criteria and to implement other programs of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended.

“It is a small group of people with a large task,” said Cox. “I look forward to it as I always look forward to serving Tennessee and UT Martin.”

In addition to his faculty responsibilities and other projects, Cox has served as chair of the West Tennessee Caucus and was a former board officer of the Tennessee Native American Convention, part of the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs, and currently serves as a member of the Advisory Council to Tennessee Indian Affairs. He also plans and oversees the Native American Day, part of the annual UT Martin Civil Rights Conference. The eighth conference is slated for Feb. 25-March 1, with the fourth annual Native American Day events on Feb. 26.

Nurse Camp to be offered in June

Partnering with the University of Tennessee at Martin, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City is offering Nurse Camp to ninth-, 10th- and 11th-grade students in Obion and Weakley counties. Nurse Camp is a summer day camp that exposes students to the healthcare industry, primarily nursing.

According to James Caldwell, chief nursing officer at BMH-UC, “The goal of Nurse Camp is to promote the nursing profession to young people so that they select appropriate high school course work and can begin setting goals for their future careers.”

During Nurse Camp, students will learn about the educational requirements, skills, typical job duties and personality qualities of nurses. They will participate in interactive, hands-on activities that highlight the skills, equipment, technology and resources used by nurses and other healthcare professionals.

The application process includes a student application, short essay, counselor recommendation and teacher recommendation. Students interested in completing an application should contact their guidance counselors. By April 10, a committee of guidance counselors, UT-Martin faculty and staff from BMH-UC will select 45 students to participate. Fifteen 11th-grade students will participate June 2-6; ninth- and 10th-grade students will participate June 9-13 and 16-20.

There are no fees.

For more information, call James Caldwell, chief nursing officer for BMH-UC, at (731) 884-8621.

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UT Martin/Parsons Center groundbreaking marks fourth off-campus site

A groundbreaking ceremony, Feb. 8, in Parsons, will mark the start of the new University of Tennessee at Martin/Parsons Center. The 19,000-square-foot technologically advanced facility, expected to open in spring 2009, is a joint project of the City of Parsons and Decatur County. The center will house classes that have been offered since early 2007 at Decatur County Riverside High School. The ceremony is set for 12:30 p.m., at the Municipal Building, 535 Tennessee Ave. South, Parsons. The group will then move to the construction site, on Hwy. 641/Tennessee Avenue North, for the groundbreaking.

Among those attending the ceremony for the fourth UT Martin extended campus will be Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president, and Dr. Thomas Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. Joining them will be Bill Duffy, Extended Campus and Continuing Education executive director, and Jason Rushing, UT Martin/Parsons Center director.

The center gained approval of the University of Tennessee board of trustees and Tennessee Higher Education Commission in fall 2006.

For more information about the Parsons Center and the courses offered, contact Rushing, at (731) 847-3880, or e-mail: j.rushing@utm.edu.

Ison to perform senior tuba recital

Tony Ison, a senior music education major from Jackson, will perform his senior tuba recital at 3 p.m., Feb. 3, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre in the University of Tennessee at Martin Fine Arts Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Ison will collaborate with Delana Easley, UT Martin music specialist. This recital will feature works by Edward Gregson, Alec Wilder, Neal Corwell, Camille Saint-Saëns and Gioacchino Rossini.

For more information, contact Dr. Bradley Coker, instructor of music, at 881-7401.

Research related to solar energy technology is lecture topic

The University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society is sponsoring a green chemistry lecture on research related to solar energy technology.

Dr. Kevin Revell, Murray State University assistant professor of chemistry, will report on his research on plastic solar cells at 7 p.m., Jan 31, in Room 317, Johnson EPS Building. The lecture is free and open to everyone interested in sustainable energy resources.

Friedman presents brass master class

Stanley Friedman, composer and trumpeter, will give a performance lecture and master class at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 30, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus.

Friedman will perform and discuss his compositions for trumpet and work with UT Martin music majors. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Kurt Gorman, assistant professor of music, at 881-7404.

ECCE offers Powerpoint 2007

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education has partnered with online course provider, Ed2Go, to offer two new non-degree online courses: "Introduction to PowerPoint 2007" and "Guided Reading: Strategies for the Differentiated Classroom."

"Introduction to PowerPoint 2007" instructor, Kathy Van Pelt, teaches students how to create professional slide presentations.

Participants will become comfortable using PowerPoint 2007's retooled interface, which is different from previous versions of PowerPoint. They'll get hands-on experience planning, creating and saving presentations that incorporate audio, special visual effects and animation.

"Guided Reading: Strategies for the Differentiated Classroom" will help teachers prepare their students before a reading project, how to help students negotiate a text with self-assurance and fluency and how to expand their students' learning with activities that build on core concepts. Marsha Spears is the instructor.

Both courses include a classroom that is open day and night. Students can interact with the instructor and fellow students in Web-based discussion areas where they can ask as many course-related questions as they'd like. A response is usually promised within one business day, and often arrives much sooner.

For more information about this course, visit the online instruction center at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinescourses.php, and select Education To Go.
‘Evolution of Modern Thinking’ topic of lecture
Dr. Frederick L. Coolidge, professor of psychology at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, will present “The Evolution of Modern Thinking: What Happened to Neanderthals?” 4:30 p.m., Jan. 31, in Room 206AB, Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The lecture, sponsored by the UT Martin Department of Psychology, is free and open to the public.

When did fully modern thinking first appear? What happened to Neanderthals? Coolidge will discuss these topics and show that the answers are related.

Coolidge has taught at the University of Colorado for 29 years. He has received three teaching awards, two research awards and three Fulbright Fellowships to India. He conducts research in the assessment of psychopathology, cognitive archaeology and behavior genetics. Coolidge has studied the mental health of dangerous dictators and, in particular, has carried out a posthumous psychological assessment of Adolf Hitler.

For more information, contact Dr. Michelle Merwin, Department of Psychology interim chair, at 881-7543 or mmerwin@utm.edu.

Major Jack Usrey, a 1991 University of Tennessee Martin alumnus, received a UTM Skyhawk banner to display over his desk while serving at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait. Major Kurt Mueller, serving with Usrey, noticed that other work spaces were adorned with sports and alma mater memorabilia, so he made the request. Major James Lacy, UTM Department of Military Science recruiting operations officer, and Charley Deal, UTM assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations, made sure the banner went to Usrey. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Usrey of Martin.

The McKenzie Banner, McKenzie, Tennessee, Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Carroll County Students Receive Scholarships to Attend UT Martin

MARTIN - Five Carroll County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

*Brooke Cary, daughter of Jeff and Penny Cary of Yuma, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.
*Rachel Peterson, daughter of David and Wendy Peterson of Huntington, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor’s Award and the Leaders-in-Residence Award.
*Lauren Scott, daughter of Ricky and Theresa Scott of McKenzie, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship and the Leaders-in-Residence Award.
?Allison Simmons, daughter of Joey and Monica Simmons of Huntington, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
?Elizabeth Stokes, daughter of Roy and Lea Stokes of Hollow Rock, 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-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
New SAACS Officers

MARTIN - The University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) recently elected officers for the calendar year 2007. Officers are, left to right, front row, secretary Kayla A. Foindexter of Murfreesboro, vice president Christy R. Lowe of McKenzie, president Robert H. Mitchell of Ripley, treasurer Tiffany A. Brewer of Greenbrier, standing, members of the executive committee, Michael Johnson of Dickson, Kiran G. Vaswani of Franklin, Ashish J. Patel of Columbia and Punam Patel of Martin. Not pictured is executive committee member Alan Farrington-Hess of Jackson. Faculty adviser is Dr. S.K. Airee. The UT Martin SAACS chapter has received Outstanding Chapter award for more years than any other chapter in the nation, has been recognized as Green Chemistry chapter every year since the inception of this designation and won an Innovative Activities Grant for 2007-08 year.

2 'YOUNG WRITERS' CLUBHOUSE'

A series of writing experiences for 3rd-8th graders. 9 a.m. Saturday at UT Martin. The fee is $30. Participants will write creatively, work with West Tennessee Writing Project teachers and share with their friends. Also, each child should provide his or her lunch or bring money to purchase pizza by the slice.

The Rev. Jolinne Downey, director of the Interfaith Center, and the Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow, director of New Generations Ministry in Union City, attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Day candlelight vigil at UT Martin's Boling University Center. The Office of Minority Affairs, Black Student Association and the NAACP sponsored the event.
"Festival of Choirs" - Free Community Event at The Dixie

HUNTINGDON - The Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center, Home of the Hal Holbrook Theatre will host “Festival of Choirs” on Tuesday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. This event will feature choirs from West Tennessee Colleges and Universities; each choir will perform two songs and all will unite as a mass choir to perform a grand finale. This year’s combined choir finale will be led by Ross Bernhardt from Lambuth University. Ross has selected Randall Thompson’s “The Road Not Taken” from “Frostiana.”

“Festival of Choirs,” produced by the West Tennessee Higher Education Consortium, is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Tickets will be available beginning Tuesday, January 22, at The Dixie. For tickets, visit or call The Dixie Box Office during the regular hours of Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please note: tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. Phone reservations will be accepted at 731-986-2100, but tickets will be held at will call - none will be mailed.

Schools participating in “Festival of Choirs” include: Bethel College, University of Tennessee at Martin, Lane College, Lambuth University, Jackson State Community College, Freed-Hardeman University, Dyersburg State Community College, and University of Memphis. For more information, please contact The Dixie at 731-986-2100.

Applications Increase for Fifth Consecutive Year at UT Martin, ACT Scores Up

MARTIN - Applications for summer and fall admission at the University of Tennessee at Martin have increased by 25 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 22.68, up from 22.36 last year.

“While not all applications translate into enrollments, we are pleased to have such a significant increase as a clear reflection of student interest in the quality of our academic offerings and campus programming,” said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT-Martin chancellor. “This is especially meaningful considering the increased academic standards initiated this year.”

This is the fifth consecutive year that application numbers have increased. A recent report showed that by January 3, 2008, 1,901 students had applied for admission to UT Martin, up from 1,508 by that date in 2007. Also, there has been a 49 percent increase in housing applications this year.

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

“The number of applications has increased simply because UT-Martin offers features and services students want,” said Judy Rayburn, UT-Martin director of the Office of Admissions. “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, cost of tuition and apartment-style housing also are important considerations when students choose to apply to UT-Martin.

“I am pleased to see the continuing interest and value attributed to a UT-Martin degree,” Rakes added. “Continuation of our ongoing planning involving on- and off-campus initiatives ensures that our students have access to a world-class education.”

For application information, visit the UT-Martin admissions home page at www.utm.edu/admis.php or call 1-800-829-UTM1.

Burrow, Harris earn UTM scholarships

Two Obion County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions: Alexandra Burrow, daughter of Robert and Pam Burrow of South Fulton, who will be a freshman, received the Chancellor’s Award.

Colton Harris, son of Lisa Pruitt and Randy Harris, both of South Fulton, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.

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Black History Month to be celebrated

“Civil Rights Forty Years After Dr. King’s Death” is the theme of the University of Tennessee at Martin Eighth annual Civil Rights Conference. The conference, slated Feb. 25-March 1, is planned during Black History Month.

As part of the conference, a dinner is planned with keynote speaker, Kathleen Cleaver, a law professor at Emory and Yale universities, and former member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the Black Panthers. Native American Civil Rights Day, Minority Affairs Day, panel discussions, musical performances and a field trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis are scheduled. The Black Student Association/NAACP will participate in the conference. Also slated during Black History Month, there will be a program sponsored by BSA/NAACP from 4-5 p.m., Feb. 13 in Room 206BC, Boling University Center. The speaker will be Beverly Watts, Tennessee Human Rights Commission executive director, who will focus on voting and campus advocacy.

Feb. 29-March 1, the BSA/NAACP will attend seminars at the 5th Annual Race Relations Summit in Jackson. For more information about Black History Month, contact Teresa Woody, UT Martin Office of Minority Affairs director, at 731-587-7282 or twooky@utm.edu. For more information about the Civil Rights Conference, contact Dr. David Barber, UT Martin conference planning committee coordinator, at 731-881-7465 or dbarber@utm.edu.

Local students receive scholarships

Eight Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

- Haleigh Cole, daughter of Gerard and Cheryl Cole of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship and the Leaders-in-Residence Award.
- Payton Elliott, son of Rocky and Ann Elliott of Trenton, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Alexi Hamm, daughter of James and Lisa Hamm of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Erin Jackson, daughter of Mark and Kathy Jackson of Humboldt, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Kellie Joyner, daughter of William and Terrie Joyner of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.
- Jay Lusk, son of Wayne and Wendy Lusk of Milan, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor’s Award.
- Melody Sain, daughter of Douglas and Bernetrice Sain of Humboldt, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship and the Leaders-in-Residence Award.
- Mallory Walker, daughter of Jeff Walker of Rutherford and Teresa Walker of Kenton, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.

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UT Martin sponsors FAFSA nights

The Office of Student Financial Assistance at the University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor three sessions in February on how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The sessions are scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m. They will be held Feb. 4, at the UT Martin Ripley Center; Feb. 7, at McNairy Central High School in Selmer; and Feb. 11, at the UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building.

The workshop 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 take completed 2007 tax returns for both the student and parents. W2 forms from 2007 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.edu.gov.

For more info, contact the UTM Office of Student Financial Assistance at 731-881-7040.

ROSARO PRESENTS PERCUSSION MASTERCLASS - Dr. Ney Rosauro, second from left, Brazilian percussionist and University of Miami director of percussion studies, recently was in residency with the UT Martin percussion studio under the direction of Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music. Rosauro presented master classes to the UT Martin percussionists on the topics of Brazilian percussion and vibraphone techniques. In addition, he performed a concert of all Brazilian music with the UT Martin percussion ensemble and wind ensemble (Dr. Nola Jones, director). The closing selection on the program was a world premiere composed by Hill titled, "Lembrancas," featuring Hill and Rosauro as soloists. Also, Rosauro, Hill and the 13 members of the percussion ensemble performed a "tour of schools" in the Jackson area presenting Brazilian percussion workshops to regional high school and middle school students. This was done in association with the Jackson Symphony, co-sponsors of the tour. Pictured are (from left) Scottie Somerville of Kenton, Richard Henson of Gibson and Jacob Abbott of Rutherford.
Deadline set for Feb. 22 for WTWP summer event

Deadline for the West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) annual invitational summer institute is Feb. 22. The institute will be May 17 and June 2-26 (Monday-Thursday) on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

WTWP invites West Tennessee teachers, grades K-12, from all subject areas, to apply for participation.

The institute is for teachers who want to become stronger teachers of reading and writing and a part of the ongoing professional community of WTWP teacher consultants.

All teachers accepted to the invitational institute must be accepted for graduate study at UT Martin. Teachers receive six hours of graduate credit that may be used as part of a master's degree program in education at UT Martin, for recertification, for points toward Highly Qualified Status or for hours above a master's degree. The invitational institute is offered as English 700-701.

Tuition is covered by grants from the National Writing Project. Participants cover incidental expenses associated with participation.

"Our summer institute participants enjoy the immediate benefits of new approaches to teaching and learning that they can use in their classrooms as well as the longer term rewards of growing as writers, teachers and researchers," said Dr. David Carithers, UT Martin assistant professor of English and WTWP director.

For more information about the institute or to request an application, contact Carithers by phone at (731) 881-7290, by fax at (731) 881-7276 or by e-mail at wtwp@utm.edu. To download the informational brochure and application materials, visit the WTWP Web site at www.utm.edu/wtwp.

Four Obion County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, where all of them will be freshmen.

They include:
- Alexandra Burrow, daughter of Robert and Pam Burrow of South Fulton, recipient of the Chancellor's Award;
- Colton Harris, son of Lisa Pruitt and Randy Harris, both of South Fulton, recipient of the Dean's Scholarship;
- Ian Garrigan, son of David Garrigan and Rebecca Garrigan, both of Union City, recipient of the Chancellor's Award; and
- Johnathan Nolan, son of Paul and Donna Nolan of Union City, recipient of the Chancellor's Award.

Three UT Martin students interning in state legislature

Three University of Tennessee at Martin students are serving as interns this semester during the 2008 Tennessee General Assembly.

Jessica McKinney of South Fulton, Wendy Elliot of Dresden and Riley Pace of Hohenwald are participating in the Tennessee Legislative Intern Program.

The program, established in 1972, provides Tennessee university students with an opportunity to work and learn in a hands-on legislative environment. Each year, 70-80 students from across the state participate in this program to learn about leadership responsibilities and to develop legislative process skills. The interns assist legislative office staff with activities and business functions.


Ms. McKinney is a senior marketing major with a minor in political science. She is considering a career in law or in marketing.

Ms. Elliott is a senior political science major with a minor in communications. She has served as a writer for the university's student newspaper, The Pacer.

Ms. Pace is a senior political science major with a minor in international relations. She has been a member of the Skyhawk softball team and plans to practice criminal defense or international law.

"I hope to get a better knowledge of our government," said Ms. McKinney, who added that the internship will offer her experience and networking opportunities.

Ms. McKinney usually takes 17-18 hours a semester and the internship will only provide 12, but she added, "The experience is worth it all."

She said she looks forward to returning to UT Martin for summer classes and for her final semester in the fall.

"I love UT Martin. I wouldn't pick anywhere else to be," she added.
**UT Martin’s support of military service highlighted in national publication**

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s support of students, faculty and staff in military service recently was featured in the November/December 2007-January 2008 edition of Public Purpose, the magazine of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Titled “Show Support for Servicemembers,” the article highlighted the service of military reservists and the National Guard and noted many in these ranks called to active duty are faculty, staff and students from campuses across the nation. While a number of initiatives to benefit those in the military have been carried out in recent years on the UT Martin campus, described in the article was a letter-writing campaign, academic help and symbolic events.

The article noted that some departments lead their campuses in remembering and supporting the students in military service. For instance, the UT Martin Office of Student Housing sponsored a letter-writing campaign for the troops and also for families of soldiers killed or wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan. The university also has several symbolic events to show support for the troops and families that include presenting the colors whenever possible. At UT Martin, students receive a full tuition refund if they are mobilized early in a semester. And, if the call to duty comes toward the end of the semester, university faculty members help students schedule final exams early.

“As a campus community, we are striving to support our soldiers by doing whatever we can to ensure that they can transition easier upon their return home and in small ways to help bring a touch of home when they are stationed abroad,” said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. “Their contributions to our own safety and sense of well being are something we can never fully repay.”

UT Martin is one of AASCU’s 430 public college and university members that are found throughout the United States and in Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Institutions range in size from 1,000 students to 44,000. UT Martin also serves as home for the Southern Regional Consortium for the American Democracy Project, which involves students in projects and activities that enhance their understanding of citizenship as well as builds a sense of community service.

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REED Center in Martin receives $49,927 grant for business expansion

Rural Development State Director Mary Ruth Tackett and University of Tennessee Martin Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes announced last week that a Rural Development investment of $49,927 for the expansion of business-education resources at the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center has been awarded. The announcement took place at the REED Center in Martin.

The Rural Development Rural Business Opportunity Grant of $49,927 will be used to expand the REED Center’s service area and increase the number and range-of-expertise of small business consultants working with the Center. New expertise will be added in the fields of eCommerce, business software, market research, and basic financial literacy. Based on past performance, Center staff expects these additional resources to ultimately assist small businesses create 100 new jobs in northwest Tennessee and southwest Kentucky.

New SAACS Officers at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) recently elected officers for the new calendar year 2008. Officers are, left to right, front row, secretary Kayla A. Poindexter of Murfreesboro, vice president Christy R. Lowe of McKenzie, president Robert H. Mitchell of Ripley, treasurer Tiffany A. Brewer of Greenbrier; standing, member of the executive committee, Michael Johnson of Dickson, Kiran G. Vaswani of Franklin, Ashish J. Patel of Columbia and Punam Patel of Martin. Not pictured is executive committee member Alan Farrington-Hess of Jackson. Faculty adviser is Dr. S.K. Airee. The UT Martin SAACS chapter has received Outstanding Chapter awards for more years than any other chapter in the nation, has been recognized as Green Chemistry chapter every year since the inception of this designation and won an Innovative Activities Grant for the 2007-2008 year.
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UTM to sponsor recycling event

UTM Recycles, the new University of Tennessee at Martin group of faculty and students promoting recycling on campus and in the community, will sponsor a recycling event from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 9, in the Hardy Graham Stadium parking lot on campus.

The following materials will be accepted: plastics (any number, any color, including plastic bags and five-gallon buckets), glass, scrap metal of any kind, all paper and cardboard, aluminum cans, eye glasses, used clothing in good shape, cell phones and ink cartridges.

Partners and sponsors of UTM Recycles are The American Democracy Project, Sodexo, UT Martin Physical Plant, the Saturday Morning Cleanup Crew, Second Nature, Tri-Beta, Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society and Go Green. For more information, contact Dr. Sarah Holiday: sholliday@utm.edu.
New study program heading to Spain

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Modern Foreign Languages and the University of Castilla-La Mancha (UCLM), with cooperation from the Mid-Continent Consortium for International Education, recently established a new study-abroad program in Toledo, Spain.

Located in Castilla-La Mancha, the region where Don Quixote and Sancho Panza had many of their adventures, Toledo features winding cobbled streets and breathtaking architecture. Founded in the pre-Roman era on a bend in the Tagus River, Toledo has been an important intellectual and political center for a succession of civilizations including the Romans (who ruled from 193 B.C. to 410 A.D.), the Visigoths (410 A.D. to 711 A.D.), the Muslims (711 A.D. to 1085 A.D.) and the Spanish.

The study-abroad program in Toledo lasts four weeks, from June 28 to July 26. The “Don Quixote” Package (homestay with a Spanish family) costs $4,275; and the “Sancho Panza” Package (stay in the newly-refurbished residence hall) costs $3,975.

These prices include round-trip airfare from Nashville to Madrid, transportation from Barajas Airport in Madrid to Toledo and back, tuition, lodging, travel insurance and access to all the facilities of the University of Castilla-La Mancha.

The program of study will include courses in Spanish conversation, grammar, culture and civilization. All courses are taught by native speakers from the UCLM faculty in the newly remodeled San Pedro Martir Building, located in the heart of Toledo.

Students may transfer six to eight credits from UCLM to UT Martin for their participation in the program. Participation in the Toledo Program will satisfy the immersion experience requirement for Spanish majors.

For more information, contact Dr. Daniel Nappo, UT Martin Department of Modern Foreign Languages chair, by telephone at (731) 881-7420 or by e-mail at dnappo@utm.edu.

Yoga classes to be offered for babies, toddlers

Babies and toddlers, get ready. There’s yoga just for you.

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education will offer two courses of yoga for babies during February.

Baby Itsy Bitsy Yoga is designed for newborns to children nearly crawling. Baby Itsy Bitsy Yoga classes contain dozens of unique yoga postures designed to support baby’s development. Each class is filled with calming, nurturing ways to enhance bonding and improve baby’s sleep.

During a Baby Itsy Bitsy Yoga class, babies enjoy yoga while on their backs, tummies or while being held. For parents, this class is a special opportunity to meet other parents, get support and learn about baby’s emerging personality.

Tots Itsy Bitsy Yoga is designed for tots who are almost crawling to 24 months. This class is a supportive, fun-loving and active yoga practice for busy tots. Participants can bond with their child as they help them feel comfortable in their moving body, develop self-confidence and encourage their creative spirit. Tots participate according to their ability, learning style and personality. They will learn yoga through the parent’s bond with them, repetition and play.

No yoga experience is required. Helen Garabedian, an Infant Developmental Movement Educator, yoga teacher and mother, created Baby Itsy Bitsy Yoga. Classes are taught by Kathleen Vandenberg, a trained Baby Itsy Bitsy yoga facilitator and mother.

Enrollment is limited and early registration is recommended. Tots Itsy Bitsy Yoga will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Fridays Feb. 8, 15, 22 and 29. Baby Itsy Bitsy Yoga will be held from 10:45-11:30 a.m. Fridays Feb. 8, 15, 22 and 29. Both classes will be taught in the Conference Room of C.E. Weldon Library at 100 Main St. in Martin.

For one time only, these sessions will be offered for free.

For more information about the class, visit the Web site www.ItsyBitsyYoga.com. To register, call the ECCE at 1-800-482-3199 or (731) 881-7082 or register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.
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Somerville to perform recital

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Somerville’s program will include “Uneven Souls” by Nebojsa Zivkovic, which involves percussion ensemble and male choir. Works by James Campbell, Michael Burritt and Michael Auksch will be featured on the program as well.

For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music, at 881-7418.

"Young Writers' Clubhouse"
A series of writing experiences for 3rd-6th graders. 9 a.m. Saturdays at UT Martin. The fee is $30. Participants will write creatively, work with West Tennessee Writing Project teachers and share with their friends. Every child receives a notebook and pen. Also, each child should provide his or her lunch or bring money to purchase pizza by the slice.

"Making Sense of the Act"
9 a.m. Saturdays through Feb. 23 at UT Martin. Instructor will be Ron Ramage, and the fee will be $50. This course will help students plan a strategy to make the highest score possible on this test. The cost of the text is not included in the registration fee. The book may be purchased on the UT Martin campus at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Call 881-7760.

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