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She made trips to Germany and Canada during her senior year.

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She is the daughter of Steve and Wendi Nipp of South Fulton. Her grandparents are Ferrell and Sue Nipp of Union City and Ruth Aldridge and the late Dick Aldridge of South Fulton.

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ECCE WEAVING CLASSES
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This year, Dr. Kohl will focus on the trends impacting the business models and lifestyles of agriculture. He will draw on his 30 years of working with lenders and serving as facilitator of the Farm Financial Standards Task Force as he provides benchmarks of financial performance, personal investment strategies and the 72 signs of a business headed south. Conference participants will receive useful "take-home tools" on agricultural best practices, transition management and how to grow profits while managing risk.

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"First-time and repeat attendees will find the Ag Finance Conference useful with its new information and timely topics. Our intention in the planning and design of the conference is to provide relevant information that agriculturalists can use to make their operations even more successful," said Terri Brundige, president of BancorpSouth in Dresden and member of the conference planning committee.

The Mid-South Ag Finance Conference is valuable to ag lenders, farmers and other farm-related business owners. Members of the total management team, including spouses and other business partners, should also attend. The registration fee is $150 for lenders, $75 for farmers and $25 for spouses and students. Registration information is available by contacting Dr. Tom Payne, Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking, at (731) 881-7324 or online at www.utm.edu/agconference. Space is limited, so registration is requested by Aug. 1.

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By David Fisher
Staff Reporter

Dr. Lonnie E. Maness, a retired history professor from the University of Tennessee at Martin, has just released his latest book entitled, Lightning Warfare: Forrest’s First West Tennessee Campaign – December 1862. This is the second book written by Dr. Maness about the exploits of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his troops during the Civil War, and includes military actions right here in Weakley County. His first book, An Untutored Genius: The Military Career of General Nathan Bedford Forrest, was published in 1990.

The Book

Excerpts from the book Lightning Warfare: Forrest’s First West Tennessee Campaign – December 1862, read as follows:

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The Author

Lonnie E. Maness was born in Wilderville, which is located in Henderson County, Tennessee. He graduated from Wilderville School, Lexington High School, and the University of Tennessee Junior College at Martin, Tennessee. He would later complete his B.S. and M.S. degrees at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He then did work on his Ph. D. degree at the University of Iowa. In 1965, he was then employed by the University of Tennessee at Martin and would later complete his doctorate at the University of Memphis. He retired in 2002, after teaching history at UT-Martin for 37 years.
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The Standard, July 19, 2007

Former local resident named University of Tennessee teacher of the year

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD
Richard C. Robinson, a former Arkadelphia resident, has been named the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association “Outstanding Teacher of the Year” for 2007. Each year, the national association names a faculty member from each of the University of Tennessee campuses to receive the honor. In the initial phase, students, alumni and faculty are asked to nominate outstanding teachers. Teachers who receive at least one nomination from each category then advance to the evaluation phase, with ratings of classroom performance. Each honoree receives a $2,000 cash award.

Robinson was recognized for outstanding scholastic achievement and academic excellence from the University of Tennessee at Martin campus. He has previously been named an outstanding teacher on the UT Martin campus by students from “Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities” and Phi Kappa Phi honors students in both 2003 and 2005. Robinson was named an “Outstanding Junior Faculty Member” by the College of Fine Arts and Humanities in 2005.

Currently, Robinson is a doctoral candidate in mass communication and media arts at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He was also honored as the “Outstanding Graduate Student in Journalism” for 2005 at SIU, while completing Ph.D. coursework.

A native of Conway, AR, Robinson received a bachelor of science in journalism from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway in 1975 and a master of journalism in 1995 from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

Robinson was formerly a management project analyst at the Arkadelphia Human Development Center, a morning personality for KVRC/KDEI radio and an adjunct professor of mass communications at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia and Ouachita Technical College in Malvern. He is married to the former Fran Graham and is the son-in-law of Eddie and Carolyn Graham in Arkadelphia.
A book review: Forrest’s ‘Lightning Warfare’

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There were a number of victories won in Kentucky, but ultimately Bragg decided to evacuate the Bluegrass State. Kirby Smith went back to East Tennessee; Bragg went to the Murfreesboro area. The Union army, now under the command of Gen. William S. Rosecrans, moved to Nashville. It was evident that there would soon be a great battle between Bragg and Rosecrans.

“Lightning Warfare,” Dr. Lonnie E. Maness’ most recent focus on the exploits of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest of the Confederacy, covers the events that shaped this legendary officer’s life and times during the Kentucky campaign and his return to the Murfreesboro area to take command off forces there and to raise more cavalry units.

Once Bragg was back in the Murfreesboro area, he knew that shortly there would be a great battle fought between his army and the Union army. He wanted to maximize his position, so he sent Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan and one brigade of cavalry north to destroy two large trestles on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad just south of Louisville, Ky. The plan was to stop the flow of supplies to Rosecrans’ army.

Morgan’s raid was a success. Bragg also ordered Forrest and his brigade of cavalry to cross the Tennessee River and tear up the Mobile and Ohio Railroad throughout West Tennessee and stop the flow of supplies to Gen. Grant’s army that was threatening Vicksburg, Miss.

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UT students receive scholarships

The Delta Kappa Gamma chapter in Weakley County gave scholarships to two education majors at University of Tennessee Martin. The undergraduate scholarship was awarded to Kristin Copeland, daughter of Wayne and Pam Copeland of Dresden. Whitney Hopper, daughter of Roger and Jean Harris of Union City, and wife of Brent Hopper of Dresden, received the graduate scholarship. Left to right: scholarship chairman Diana Griffin, Copeland, Hopper and Beta Omega president Mary Jo Connell.

Dietetic internship completed

Jeanette Tinsley completed a graduate level dietetic internship through the University of Tennessee Martin. She completed most of her rotations at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital and is eligible to take the Examination for Registered Dietitians. She is the wife of Josh Tinsley, the mother of Peyton and the daughter of Phillip and Janice Mullins, all of Jackson. Presenting the completion certificate is Lori Littleton, right, director of the dietetic internship program at UT Martin.

SAM JONES, of Milan, recently graduated from Union University with a Master of Business Administration degree. While at Union, Sam maintained a 4.0 GPA. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology. Sam and his wife Robin have a son, Samuel. He is the son of Essie Jones and the late Duane Jones of Milan.
MATH WHIZZES – Twenty students from Milan Middle School were selected by teachers to compete in the Univ. of Tenn. at Martin 2007 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics contest last spring. The students are pictured with teachers Brandon Moore and Phillip Plyler. Dr. Sheila Dunphy was the math contest sponsor for the group.

TOP MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH STUDENTS – Recognized as the top students in math at Milan Middle School were (from left, back) Ashley Wall (top in 8th grade) and Seth Lewis (top in 7th grade); and (front row) McKenzie Reed (top in 6th grade).

MILAN STUDENTS PLACE AT UTM MATH CONTEST – These students from Milan Middle School placed in the 2007 Mathematics contest at the Univ. of Tenn. at Martin. (From left) Lauren Hughes (10th place overall 7th grade), Ashley Wall (10th place overall in 8th grade), and Seth Lewis (tied for 4th place overall in the 7th grade). – photos submitted by Dr. Sheila Dunphy.
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‘Photoshop CS3 for Digital Photographer’ offered online

The University of Tennessee at Martin has partnered with online course provider Education to Go to offer “Photoshop CS3 for the Digital Photographer.”

Ready to see a difference in your digital images? Adobe’s Photoshop CS3 provides the tools that photographers need for quick fixes and sophisticated enhancement. The new online course, “Photoshop CS3 for the Digital Photographer,” will help students discover the secrets of this software package.

Dr. Beverly Schulz, an experienced digital photographer and Photoshop user, designed the course to provide simplified introduction to the basics of this complicated program. “I created the course for those with no image-editing experience,” said Schulz, who promises that the course will help each student go from novice to accomplished user. “Easy exercises and surprising results will give students a great feeling of accomplishment.”

Students will learn simplified processes for correcting image flaws, enhancing the final product and preparing images for e-mail and the Web.

This course can be completed from the convenience of home or office, and at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course – part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses – visit the online instructor center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php. Click on Education To Go.
Calhoun selected for membership

Colin Brett Calhoun of Nashville is one of four senior law students at the Nashville School of Law selected for student membership in the Harry Phillips American Inn of Court for the 2007-08 academic year.

An American Inn of Court is an intimate amalgam of no more than 65 judges, experienced lawyers, less experienced barristers, pupils and law professors in an organized and continuing structure designed to directly enhance the ethical and professional quality of legal advocacy in America. Members are classified based on their experience as masters of the bench, barristers, associates or students.

The mission of the American Inn of Court is to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility and legal skills for judges, lawyers, academicians and students of the law in order to perfect the quality, availability and efficiency of justice in the United States. Approximately 300 lawyers, judges, law professors and law students living and working in Middle Tennessee have been members of the Harry Phillips AIC since it was founded in 1990.

As a student member, Calhoun will have the opportunity to visit with, work with and learn from lawyers, judges and professors who are recognized leaders of the bar and bench in Nashville’s legal community. At an American Inn of Court meeting, members engage in mock trials and make appellate arguments, receive critical evaluation, share insights into the judicial process and discuss ideas and experiences.

Calhoun is the son of Robert and Suzanne Calhoun of South Fulton. He is a 2004 summa cum laude graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin where he was the recipient of the Outstanding Criminal Justice Award, member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, member of Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, member of Kappa Alpha Order, member of the Pre-Law Society and member of the College Democrats. He is a 2000 honors graduate of South Fulton High School.

UT Martin commencement features Jackson State leader

Dr. Bruce Blanding, Jackson State Community College president, will deliver the summer commencement address at the University of Tennessee at Martin at 11 a.m. Aug. 11 in Skyhawk Fieldhouse on the UT Martin campus.

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Each graduating student will be issued seven complimentary tickets to admit his or her guests to the commencement ceremony. These tickets may be picked up beginning Aug. 3 in the Office of Academic Records in Room 103 of the Administration Building.

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Blanding became president of Jackson State in February 2004. Prior to that, he was Tennessee Technology Center at Jackson director.
Some of Tennessee's best and brightest high school juniors and seniors recently attended the five-week Governor's School for the Humanities (GSH) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. UT Martin has hosted the GSH program since 1985, and this was the fourth year students were able to earn college credit. Local participants were (front, from left) Sara Stephens from White Station High School, Adrienne Gore of Central High School, Jasmine Brooks of Wooddale High School, Nick Clark of Germantown High School; (back) Matt Kenwright of St. Benedict at Auburndale, Elizabeth Anthony of Bolton High School, Elliot Watson of White Station High School, Alyssa Michie of Harding Academy, Rachael Holley of St. Mary's Episcopal High School and Brittany Cole of Tipton-Rosemark High.

The Milan Mirror-Exchange, Tuesday, July 31, 2007

EDUCATION

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Local author shares Civil War stories

Civil War historian Dr. Timothy Smith signed copies of his books at three Community South Bank locations last week. Frank Lacey (left) was one of many to get an autograph.

By RUSSELL INGLE
Staff Writer

For three days last week, history buffs met with local author Dr. Timothy B. Smith as he signed copies of “Shiloh and the Western Campaign of 1862” at local Community South Bank locations. His newest work is an edited version of a dissertation on the Battle of Shiloh, originally written by Edward Cunningham.

For several hours each day, Smith, a Adamsville resident, shared stories about Civil War battles and methods used by the soldiers during that time.

When asked why he chose this particular area of interest, Smith said, “I always loved reading about history, so I thought I should write about it.”

When asked about his decision to write, Smith said, “It’s a lot of fun….a labor of love.”

According to the book’s description, “The bloody and decisive two-day battle of Shiloh (April 6-7, 1862) changed the entire course of the American Civil War. The stunning Northern victory thrust Union commander Ulysses S. Grant into the national spotlight, claimed the life of Confederate commander Albert S. Johnston, and forever buried the notion that the Civil War would be a short conflict.”

In addition to editing “Shiloh and the Western Campaign of 1862”, Smith authored “This Great Battlefield of Shiloh: History, Memory, and the Establishment of a Civil War National Military Park” and “The Untold Story of Shiloh: The Battle and the Battlefield”.

Smith, who grew up around the Shiloh and Vicksburg Civil War sites, completed his undergraduate studies at Ole Miss and completed his PHD at Mississippi State. He is currently the only online history instructor for UT Martin.
Young Scholars Academy

Brandon Knight, an upcoming Senior at Adamsville High School, was awarded a scholarship to attend the 6th Annual YSA Camp at the University of Tennessee at Martin on June 10-16, 2007.

Young Scholars Academy is a program offered to African Americans and other minority juniors & seniors. During the week's activities, special emphasis was placed on two college courses he participated in, along with advising and career placement forums and the ACT preparatory workshop.

In the recreational sports competition, he won a 25 inch Protege luggage along with an Emerson portable radio/CD player. During graduation ceremonies, Brandon was awarded a medallion, a two foot trophy, a mini iPod and a large ribbon for placing third in the essay contest. Brandon is the son of Auzie and Sharon Knight of Selmer.

Free business consulting at UTM

MARTIN, Tenn.- Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will be available in August 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.-4 p.m., Aug. 9.

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

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

The REED Center also offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at 731-587-REED (7335). The REED Center is located at 406 Lindell St., Martin, Tenn. 38237.

For additional services offered by the REED Center, go to www.utm.edu/reed.
NURSING KNOWLEDGE — Union City High School students (from left) Sarah Trippeit, Brenna Duncan, Allison Bruff, Olivia Arnold and Katie Hawks were among many local high school students who recently attended the Crash Course Nurse Camp at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City. Crash Course is a joint effort between BMH and the Nursing Department at the University of Tennessee at Martin for Obion County area high school students who are interested in nursing or allied health careers. Camp participants receive a hands-on look at the many aspects of nursing and allied health professionals. The program is funded by a grant from Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation.

What's going on there?

A groundbreaking April 25 celebrated construction on Phase II of the apartment-style housing at the University of Tennessee Martin. The complex, scheduled to open fall 2008, was designed by TLM Associates Inc., of Jackson, and Lyle, Cook, Martin, of Clarksville. Total project cost is $28 million. From left: Mark White, vice president of A & K Construction Inc., Paducah, Ky.; Lane Lyle, president of Lyle, Cook, Martin, of Clarksville; Frank Wagster, vice president of TLM Associates Inc. of Jackson; Tim Nipp, UT Martin director of physical plant; James Orr, Student Government Association president; Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor; Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president; Randy Brundige, Martin mayor; Earl Wright, UT Martin director of student housing; John Schommer, UT Martin Faculty Senate president; and Howard Carman, engineer with UT Facilities Administration. Rain moved the group from the actual construction site.
Youth outdoors jamboree moves to UTM: Part 2 of 2

Woods and WATER

with Rob Somerville

In part one of this two part series, we looked at the concept of the idea behind the West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree, the formation of the original planning committee, the initial event, and the past 10-year history of the jamboree and how it has grown into what is now considered the “Largest Free Educational Outdoor Event for Kids in the World,” and why it has been moved for 2007 to the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Ned Ray McWherter Ag Pavilion. It is set for Sept. 15.

Jamboree 2007
Bigger and Better

With the new location and venue changes, the 2007 event promises to be even bigger and better. We are still in the process of putting on the final touches, and you will soon be able to get additional information, including the event’s program, directions and information contacts by accessing www.ucmes-senger.com/jamboree2007. This link will be available as of Wednesday.

Registration of all kids, under the age of 17, will begin at 7 a.m. sharp and I encourage everyone to get their early, as they will want to avoid long lines. Opening ceremonies will start promptly at 8:30 a.m., with opening prayer, posting of the color guard, the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Then, we will award lifetime achievement awards for outdoor icons that have dedicated their lives to introducing kids safely and ethically into the outdoors. Hint: already scheduled for this are world champion duck caller Eli Haydel.


Following the award ceremony, the fun begins. Kelley Haydel of Haydel Game Calls and Kelley Powers of Final Flight Outfitters will partner with me and perform “Guess the Animal” with the kids, as we mimic various animal vocalizations and let the kids in the audience guess them, while throwing prizes out to the crowd.

Next, we turn the kids loose to have fun.

The children in the zero through five age group, will play games, enjoy the inflatable playgrounds and get their faces painted.

As with past jamborees, we will have eight educational villages. Every child, age six and above will be expected to attend a minimum of five of these villages, and sit in on their classroom scenarios. Each village has expert instructors, who will be giving seminars that include portions on safety, ethics and habitat. The remaining portions of the classes will feature calling techniques and skills involving the village’s subject matter. For example, at the waterfowl village, part of the instructional village will include decoy placement and calling techniques.

After each kid, ages six and over, gets their tickets punched, verifying that they attended a minimum of five villages, they will go to the prize reimbursement center and be rewarded for learning about the outdoors.

Other activities during the day will include kid’s duck, goose and turkey calling championships, as well as a B.A.S.S. Kid’s Casting Championship, held each year by the Reelfoot Lake Bass Club.

Demonstrations on primitive camp living, identifying animal tracks, ESPN’s Super Retriever Dogs, turkey relocation netting and more, fill out the enjoyment for young and old. Vendors will be on hand, all day long, displaying their discounted, outdoor wares inside the pavilion. There will be four-wheel drive trucks, ATVs and boats on display for sale outside also.

At the end of the event, we will draw for grand prizes that may include shotguns, rifles, muzzleloaders, full family camping outfits, vacations, guided hunting and fishing trips, two-seater electric jeeps, and even lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.

Breakfast and lunches will be served, with the proceeds going to the UTM Equestrian Team. We have limited booth space left. If you are interested in securing a booth space, inside or out, call me ASAP at 731.446.8052.

Another great option that the new facility in Martin offers is a two night, RV or bus parking, complete with electricity and water for $35. So, scout leaders, church groups and vacationers can benefit also.

How many opportunities to have to bring our families to an event such as this, where we explore God’s wondrous world of nature. The outdoor lifestyle can be a positive link in bringing your family closer together. You will learn to communicate with your kids without the distraction of cell phones, beepers, TV or the internet. Who knows? Maybe the next time the electricity goes out at your home, you may even be able to practice what has become a lost art between families ... a conversation.

Attend the 2007 West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree. You owe it to your kids and the future of this great country and its heritage to teach future generations that a crappie is a fresh water fish, and not something that they will find in their baby’s brother’s diaper. You can show them that a pintail is a beautiful duck and not a punk rock hair-do. And, you can show them that a buck is a majestic whitetail deer, and not just a piece of paper with a dead president on it to spend at the mall.

We need your help to continue in making the Jamboree a successful tool in promoting the entire family lifestyle in a safe and ethical manner. Whether you donate your time, labor, resources, equipment or a financial contribution, you are needed!

The foundation of the West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree is built on the local businesses and individuals that care enough about our kids to invest in their future by helping with the event.

Will you get involved?
After all, our kids truly are our most precious natural resource. They are our future.
UT chief touts higher learning

By TAJUANA CHERHIER
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Tennessee can increase the numbers of college graduates by providing more support for teachers in local elementary, middle and high schools, according to University of Tennessee President John D. Petersen.

At a Monday meeting with The Jackson Sun editorial board, Petersen said a better educated workforce equals better jobs and better pay for the citizens of Tennessee.

There is a $14,000 difference per year in pay for a high school versus a college graduate," he said. "There is a tremendous gap between the number of students that graduate high school and finish college within six years in Tennessee."

Petersen cited research that shows Tennessee is 5 percent below the national average in percentage of adults with a four-year college degree.

To combat the problem, Petersen believes there are three things that need to happen.

"We need to change the culture, support k-through 12th-grade teachers and have good preparation in high school," Petersen said. "It may take a long time to change the culture, but we've got to continue to make a difference."

If there is strong support for teachers on the k through 12th level, the benefits will reach higher education, he added.

"We must build more rigor in the curriculum and create networks for teachers to take refreshers and boost salaries," Petersen said. "I hope that counties continue to give more money into their school systems."

Petersen also shared that the UT system is working on a biofuels project that would benefit rural economies. Petersen said it is an educational project that will impact the University of Tennessee Martin's campus.

UTM Chancellor Thomas A. Rakes also attended Monday's meeting and shared that Martin's campus housing was 100 percent full.

Visit jacksonsun.com and share your thoughts.

— Tajuana Cheshier, 425-9643

Ag finance seminar

The sixth annual Mid-South Ag Finance Conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Aug. 8. The conference will take place at the Watkins Auditorium at the University of Tennessee-Martin. The speaker will be David Kohl whose topics will include profitability and the future trends of agriculture. For more information, contact Dr. Tom Payne at (731) 881-7324 or go online to www.utm.edu/agconference.

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Governor's School for the Humanities

Some of Tennessee's best and brightest high school juniors and seniors attended the five-week-long Governor's School for the Humanities at the University of Tennessee Martin. UT Martin has hosted the GSH program since 1985, and this is the fourth year students were able to earn college credit for their classes. Madison County participants were, left, Hollie Stillifer, Madison Academic Magnet High School, and Katherine Burton, University School of Jackson.
LOCAL RESIDENT HONORED AT UT MARTIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS BANQUET – Anastasia Unnatets, of Milan, recently was recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. Presenting the award were, Dr. Ernest Moser, left, dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, and Dr. Christopher Baxter, right, assistant professor, management, marketing, and political science.

LOCAL RESIDENT HONORED AT UT MARTIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS BANQUET – Pam Moore, of Milan, recently was recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. Presenting the award were, Dr. Ernest Moser, left, dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, and Dr. Daniel Tracy, right, assistant professor, management, marketing, and political science.