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UT Martin reports low crime rate

University of Tennessee at Martin students and their parents, as well as faculty and staff, can take comfort in the most recent statewide crime statistics that continue to record a low crime rate for the campus. Additionally, for crimes that are committed, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety has a crime clearance rate that is substantially above the state average.

UT Martin had the lowest crime rate and best clearance rate among Tennessee four-year public universities.

“We knew we were a safe campus, and the latest statistics certainly reinforce this belief,” UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan said.

“We have great students, and they conduct themselves in a way that is a credit to the university,” Dunagan added.

The most recent crime statistics released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for 2005 cite an eight per 1,000 “index” crime rate compared to a state average of 16 per 1,000.

Index crimes include murder, rape, robbery, burglary, theft, auto theft, aggravated assault and arson, as benchmark offenses.

The rate is calculated based on the total campus population of students, faculty and staff. The campus also has a 22 percent crime clearance rate that is based on the number of cases solved. The state average clearance rate is 9 percent.

“In my opinion, our low crime rate is a reflection of the values of our students and the faculty and staff who work here. While our low 2005 crime rate is encouraging, our challenge as a university is to work to keep that rate low in 2006, and reduce it if possible,” said Rick Hatler, director of UT Martin Department of Public Safety.

In the 2005 Tennessee report, UT Martin had 55 index crimes. In the most serious category, “crimes against persons,” only two index crimes were reported. Of the remaining 53 index crimes, there were 46 thefts and seven burglaries reported.

“What I typically tell parents at student orientation is, ‘if your student comes to school here, chances are he or she will be safer than in the community you raised them,’” Hatler said.

“Most of our students don’t want to do anything that might take away from their potential to be successful. They come here with good intentions to better their lives,” he said and noted that key university services are available to help students get acclimated to college life.

“Those few students who do commit a crime or have a lapse in judgment also have an array of services, including counseling, available to help them work through unresolved issues.”

The UT Martin crime rate consistently has been lower than the national and statewide averages for college campuses and the index crime clearance rate consistently has been higher.

“Crime clearance rates are important because it allows us to identify and prosecute the most active criminal offenders, and crime clearances result in the recovery of property stolen from victims,” said Hatler.

Reinforcing a safe environment, the city of Martin, with a 27.8 index crime rate, ranks below the state average of 51.7.

The names of fallen soldiers

Operation Enduring Freedom

MUCH MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE — Though the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Gettysburg address were penned on merely thin sheets of parchment, they managed to carry more than their weight in the vital intangibles of life — freedom, justice, liberty, the right to wear a smile and the right to harbor daily pride.

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Gault Scholarships awarded

The University of Tennessee at Martin has awarded the 2006-07 Stanley Gault Scholarship to four West Tennessee students, each of whom will receive $450 for the academic year.

The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic merit, leadership and a personal essay. First preference is given to the son or daughter of a Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company associate.

This year's recipients are Josh Rhoades, Whitney Buchanan, Susan Teal and Mary Beth French.

Rhoades, the son of Charles and Kathy Rhoades of Martin, will be a freshman at UT Martin this fall. He will major in animal science.

Miss Buchanan, the daughter of Gary and Rana Buchanan of Troy, is a junior majoring in business administration.

Miss Teal, the daughter of James and Donna Teal of Martin, is a senior majoring in special education.

Miss French, the daughter of Ricky and Sheila French of Springville, will be a freshman in the fall, majoring in fine and performing arts.

The Stanley Gault Scholarship was established in 1996 by former Goodyear Union City plant manager Dick Davies and his wife, Barbara, in honor of the former Goodyear chairman.

"In 1997, UT Martin awarded one scholarship for $350," said Jeanna Curtis Swafford, UT Martin director of development. "Thanks to the Davies, the Gaults and Goodyear's matching gift program, the scholarship is now providing more than four times that to students."

The scholarship was established as an endowment, and the principal is invested and only the interest is spent. Therefore, the scholarship will continue to be awarded and grow.

To be considered for the Gault Scholarship, students must apply during the spring semester for the following academic year. Current or past recipients of the Gault Scholarship may be reawarded the scholarship in following years, but must reapply each year to be eligible.

Applications for the scholarship are available at Goodyear or the UT Martin Office of Development.

Mary Beth French receives Gault Scholarship

Mary Beth French of Springville is one of four West Tennesseans who have received the 2006-07 Stanley Gault Scholarship at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The scholarships are valued at $450 each.

A 2006 Henry County High School graduate, Miss French is the daughter of Ricky and Sheila French of Springville.

She plans to enroll at UTM and major in fine and performing arts.

Relative of locals to attend UTM

Former Henry Countian Rebecca Gray Paschall recently received a Tennessee Hope Scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin. She plans to study communications at the school.

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Miss Paschall graduated from Dresden High School in May.

Roland receives Williams Scholarship

Heather Roland of Selmer recently received the Bryant and Julia Williams Scholarship at the Communications Career Day banquet, hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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AREA STUDENT HONORED AT UT MARTIN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES AWARD BANQUET

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CHECK PRESENTED IN MEMORY OF PAUL FOOTE

The University of Tennessee at Martin Math Department presented a check to the Martin Lions Club in memory of Paul Foote, who was on the faculty at UT Martin for 31 years. He taught math and served as the department chair. He was also a dedicated, hard-working Lion for more than 50 years. Pictured are (from left) Dr. Lonnie Maness, Lions Club president; Dr. Bill Austin, representing the UTM Math Department; and Mrs. Sue Foote. The financial donation will be used to carry out a variety of sight projects sponsored by the Martin Lions Club.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

Representatives of the University of Tennessee Federal Credit Union recently presented a $5,000 check to the University of Tennessee at Martin for the Scholarship Assistance Fund. The funds are derived from the UTFCU Campus Support Program, introduced in 1996. This program allows the credit union to give back a portion of income from the credit and debit card programs to the university communities that are members. With this recent check, UTFCU's gifts to the Martin campus now total more than $35,000. From left, are, Karen Hicks, Martin Branch manager; Debbie Jones, CEO UT Federal Credit Union; UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan and Betty Gissel, board of directors chair, UT Federal Credit Union.
Students named to spring semester dean's list

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the spring 2006 dean's lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Public Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

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**Campus Mail:** Sun-A Ahn, High Honors; Youn Kyoung Cho, Highest Honors; Sae Ho Chung, Honors; Chun-Chung Ho, Highest Honors; Chi Yang, Honors; Young Bong Kim, Honors; Se-Jin Kim, Honors; Young Bong Kim, Honors; Sara Leavy, Honors; Won-Ki Lee, Highest Honors; Oleg Mironchikov, Honors; Yohei Miyashita, Honors; Sachie Sato, Highest Honors; Andrey Yefisov, Highest Honors.

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UT MARTIN COMMUNICATIONS CAREER DAY

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Obion County student awarded scholarship

An Obion County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Alex Gammon, a 2006 Obion County Challenge and Tennessee Scholars graduate of South Fulton High School, is the daughter of Stanley and Benita Gammon of South Fulton.

A freshman, Gammon received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.

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Local Residents Receive Degrees From UT Martin

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

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:
• Adamsville - Donna Moore, James Adam Morgan;
• Bethel Springs - Paula DeNae Durbin, Rose Marie Pittman;
• Ramer - Eric Daniel Brown, Michelle Siler Jennings, Allison Rae McClain;
• Selmer - C.B. Baldwin, Jeremy Duncan, Shawn Graham, Jaylon Shane Harbin, Tiffany Michelle Holland, John Kenneth Hutcherson, Emily Samantha King, George Douglas Norton Jr., Megan Elise Ward;
• Stantonville - Kacey Michelle Broadway, Jammie Yevonne Roberson.

Among students receiving graduate degrees was:
• Michie - Misty Lane Dickerson.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen was the keynote speaker, and Dr. John D. Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee, attended the ceremony and congratulated the graduates. Chancellor Nick Dunagan presided and conferred degrees.
Selmer couple helps UTM purchase a SimMan and SimBaby for nursing department

As the result of support from H.J. and Mary Lou Maxedon, of Selmer, the Department of Nursing at the University of Tennessee at Martin has purchased the SimMan and SimBaby for the campus clinical skills laboratory. These life-like mannequins offer the instructors the ability to provide simulation education to challenge and test the students’ clinical and decision-making skills during realistic patient care scenarios. SimMan and SimBaby are realistic and flexible to meet the needs of multi-disciplinary educational needs such as airway maintenance, care of chest tubes, physiologically correct pulses, blood pressure and pulse sounds, cardiac rhythms, defibrillation, pacing and intravenous training. From left, are: Morgan Sutton, Jamestown, junior nursing student; Jane Walker, Martin, graduate nursing student; Candace Renfroe, Huntingdon, graduate nursing student; Peggy Davis, Paris, UT Martin assistant professor of nursing; Mary Lou and H.J. Maxedon.

Local student receives honor at UT Martin Communications Career Day

Heather Roland, of Selmer, received the Bryant and Julia Williams Scholarship during the recent Communications Career Day banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The $500 scholarship goes to an outstanding news-editorial student. Presenting the award to Roland is Michael Williams, publisher of The Paris Post-Intelligencer. The UT Martin department of communications invites high school students, media professionals, communications majors, faculty and their guests to the annual Communications Career Day event.

From left, are: Morgan Sutton, Jamestown, junior nursing student; Jane Walker, Martin, graduate nursing student; Candace Renfroe, Huntingdon, graduate nursing student; Peggy Davis, Paris, UT Martin assistant professor of nursing; Mary Lou and H.J. Maxedon.
Local students recognized on Honors Day at UTM

Erin Renee Mathis, of Martin, received the Martins Lions Club-H.B. Smith Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Martin Lions Club-H.B. Smith Award is given to the prospective graduate who has accumulated the highest academic average.

Linda Nichelle Farmer, of Dresden, received the Harry Neal Memorial Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Harry Neal Memorial Award is given to recognize outstanding piano major in the UT Martin Department of Music. The recipient is chosen by the piano faculty and department chair on the basis of performance growth and grades received during the year.

Cara Marguerite Thomas, of Martin, and Latasha Ann Thomas, of Jackson, received the Robert and Pauline Jones Memorial Award during the recent Honors Day program. The Robert and Pauline Jones Memorial Award is given in recognition of outstanding musical performance ability by a member of the Epsilon Iota Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota. The recipient is chosen by a panel of judges at the spring competition in consultation with Dr. Barbara Jones.

Crystal Leanna Oliver, of Gleason, received the Tennessee Historical Commission Award during the recent Honors Day at UTM. The Tennessee Historical Commission Award is given to a graduating history student selected by the department as the outstanding student in the field of history. The award consists of a gift from the Tennessee Historical Commission and a supplement.

Weakley County student receives scholarship to attend UT Martin

A Weakley County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

* Jane Gullett, daughter of Jacky and Nell Gullett of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor's Award.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting the 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.

Kassi Abney, of Martin, received a Freshman Communications Scholarship during the recent Communications Career Day banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The $500 scholarship goes to six incoming communications students. Presenting the scholarship is Teresa Collard, instructor of communications. The UT Martin department of communications invites high school students, media professionals, communications majors, faculty and their guests to the annual Communications Career Day event.

Area student honored at UT Martin

Hillary Caldwell, of Martin, received the Outstanding Pre-Professional Student Award at the 18th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Matt Cook, of Martin, received the Junior Communications Scholarship during the recent Communications Career Day banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The $500 scholarship goes to a communications major each year. Presenting the scholarship to Cook is Gary Steinke, professor of communications. The UT Martin department of communications invites high school students, media professionals, communications majors, faculty and their guests to the annual Communications Career Day event.
Takes Order of the Engineer oath

University of Tennessee at Martin engineering graduates were inducted into the Order of the Engineer at a ceremony prior to spring commencement. Graduates pledged to be ethical and impartial and adhere to safety codes as they enter the engineering profession. Among those taking the oath and receiving a ring and certificate was Jeffrey Melhan of Martin. Making the presentation was Dr. Robert LeMaster, associate professor of engineering.

Recipients of Gault Scholarships announced

Whitney Buchanan

The University of Tennessee at Martin has awarded the 2006-07 Stanley Gault Scholarship to four West Tennessee students. Each student will receive $450 for the academic year. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic merit, leadership and a personal essay. First preference is given to the son or daughter of a Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. associate.

This year's recipients are Josh Rhoades, Whitney Buchanan, Susan Teal and Mary Beth French.

Mary Beth French

* Rhoades, son of Charles and Kathy Rhoades of Martin, will be a freshman this fall, majoring in animal science.
* Buchanan, daughter of Gary and Rana Buchanan of Troy, is a junior majoring in business administration.
* Teal, daughter of James and Donna Teal of Martin, is a senior majoring in education.
* French, daughter of Ricky and Sheila French of Springville, will be a freshman this fall, majoring in fine and performing arts.

Josh Rhoades

The scholarship was established in 1996 by former Goodyear Union City plant manager Dick Davies and his wife, Barbara, in honor of the former Goodyear chairman.

"In 1997, UT Martin awarded one scholarship for $550," said Jeanna Curtis Swafford, UT Martin director of development. "Thanks to the Davies, the Gaults and Goodyear's matching gift program, the scholarship is now providing more than four times that to students."

The scholarship was established as an endowment; the principal is invested and only the interest is spent. Therefore, the scholarship will continue to be awarded and grow in future years.

To be considered for the Gault Scholarship, students must apply during the spring semester for the following academic year. Current or past recipients of the Gault Scholarship may be reawarded the scholarship in following years, but must reapply each year to be eligible. Applications are available at Goodyear or the UT Martin Office of Development.
Medling awarded scholarship

Emily Medling of Greenfield High School has been named winner of the 2006 Parker Hannifin Scholarship, it was announced by Frank H. Gibson, Operations Manager for Parker’s Copper & Assembly Facility in Greenfield. Ms. Medling graduated 5th in her class with a 3.75 GPA. She will be attending UT Martin to study International Business.

Emily this year served as president of the Senior Class, president of Beta Club, and Student Council president. She also participated in the Spanish Club, Essence Club, Yearbook Staff, and Business Professionals of America. In addition, she is highly involved with her church, doing Missions Work and helps patients at The Martin Healthcare Nursing Home.

The Parker Hannifin Scholarship is a 4-year scholarship.

S.O.A.R. to help UT Martin students prepare for fall semester

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The fourth S.O.A.R. date has been scheduled for: Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22.

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Crocker receives honor at UTM Communications Career Day

Kristen Crocker, of Martin, received the Chairman’s Outstanding Senior Broadcasting Award during the recent Communications Career Day banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Presenting the award is Dr. Robert Nanney, chair of the department of communications.

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Area student honored

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WEATHERLY TAKES OATH — University of Tennessee at Martin engineering graduate Jake Weatherly (right) of Union City was among the engineering graduates inducted into the Order of the Engineer at a ceremony prior to recent spring commencement. Graduates, who pledged to be ethical and impartial and adhere to safety codes as they enter the engineering profession, received rings and certificates. The presentation was made by Dr. Robert LeMaster, associate professor of engineering.
LOCAL STUDENT HONORED — Laura Beth Gray (right) of Union City recently received the Outstanding Dietetics Student Award at the 18th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Lisa LeBleu, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Lindsey Gidcumb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gidcumb of Union City, was recently awarded the Carl Seale Student Teacher Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin Honors Day.

The award is given to students in memory of Dr. Carl Seale, who served the university from 1971-92 in numerous capacities. The recipients are chosen by the Teacher Education Scholarship Selection Committee from the 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.

Ms. Gidcumb graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in May with a bachelor of science degree in education and will teach fifth grade at the Paris Special School District in Paris.

Kelly Whitson, daughter of Joe David Whitson of Troy, recently received a Jackson Purchase Agricultural Credit Association Scholarship in the amount of $1,000.

Miss Whitson is a sophomore at the University of Tennessee at Martin, majoring in animal science/pre-veterinary medicine.

She is a member of the UTM Block and Bridle Club and the UTM Pre-Vet Club. She works part-time at Monsanto in Union City and is actively involved at Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Troy.

In an effort to recognize the importance of a college education and to provide opportunities for the children of its borrowers, Jackson Purchase ACA continues a scholarship program established in 1998. The program annually awards four $1,000 scholarships to children of members enrolled in an accredited university and majoring in agriculture.

According to the association’s scholarship committee, several highly-qualified applicants applied for the scholarships, making the selection difficult. This year, the committee chose to award three $1,000 scholarships, two $750 honorary scholarships and three $500 honorary scholarships.

A HEAD START — Jessi Curtis (right), a 2006 graduate of South Fulton High School, recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. She will attend UT Martin in the fall. She was joined by her mother, Kim Curtis. At SOAR, students met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about First-Year Initiative (an orientation for freshmen the week before classes).
GREENFIELD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS — The Greenfield Alumni Association awarded three scholarships this year to graduating seniors. J. Randy Huffstetler, president, presented the scholarships at the Awards Banquet held at the Greenfield High School. Receiving the Mossie Young Orr Memorial Scholarship was Emily Medling. Emily is the daughter of Mike and Bobbie Medling. Mike is a member of the class of 1969. Emily graduated 4th in her class and plans to attend UTM. Receiving the Joe and Anita Herndon Memorial Scholarship was Jonathan Dethloff. Jonathan is the son of Joel and Kathy Perry Dethloff. Joel is a member of the class of 1973 and Kathy is a member of the class of 1974. Jonathan plans to attend UTM. Receiving an Alumni Scholarship was Alyse Page. Alyse is the daughter of Andy and Sherry Moore Page. Andy is a member of the class of 1980 and Sherry is a member of the class of 1979. Alyse plans to attend UTM.

Pictured (from left) are Jonathan Dethloff, Emily Medling, Alyse Page and J. Randy Huffstetler.

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UC STUDENT HONORED — Valerie Mounce (right) of Union City recently received the Outstanding Child and Family Studies Student Award at the 18th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Lisa LeBleu, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

AN EARLY START — Michael Cochran of Union City, a graduate of Marysville High School in Marysville, Mich., recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He will attend UT Martin in the fall. He was joined at SOAR by Concha Cochran. Students met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about First-Year Initiative (an orientation for freshmen the week before classes). Students should attend both SOAR and First-Year Initiative to get the jump on fall semester. For more information about SOAR, call the UT Martin Office of Admissions at (731) 881-7020 or 1-800-829-UTM1.
Lashaundria Lynette Perry was recently awarded an academic scholarship to the University of Tennessee at Martin. She is the daughter of Marvin and Cassandra Ambertha of North Memphis, and will be a freshman at UT-Martin in the fall.

Katherine Nicole King, of Bartlett, received the UT Martin Student Tennessee Education Association Leadership Award during Honors Day at the school. The UT Martin STEA Leadership Award of $150 is given to a student enrolled in the Teacher Education and Behavioral Sciences who has demonstrated professional dedication, professionalism and leadership in the field of education while serving STEA.

Charles Hugh Mitchell of Arlington received the George and Ruth Horton Curricula Award and the Norman and Ruby Campbell Scholarship during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The George and Ruth Horton Curricula Award of at least $100 is presented to the pre-health sophomore who has the highest academic average and to the humanities sophomore with the highest academic average.

The Norman and Ruby Campbell Scholarship Award of $1,000 is awarded annually to a returning student or students majoring in chemistry. The recipient is selected by the faculty of the department of Chemistry.

Jennifer Horbelt of Arlington received the Senior Communications Scholarship during the recent Communications Career Day banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The $500 scholarship goes to a communications

James Cole Duncan of Sedalia was among 17 students presented the Intercollegiate Athletics Student-Athletes Award at a recent Honors Day ceremony at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award recognizes student-athletes who have achieved academic excellence and demonstrate leadership in and out of the athletic venue. Duncan is a member of the school football team.

University of Tennessee at Martin student Lauren Wray of Wingo received the $500 Sophomore Communications Scholarship at the school's recent Communications Career Day banquet.

Kamela Deolos Prewett of Collierville received the Outstanding Residence Hall Student Award during Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The award of $100 is made to a previous hall resident who will be returning to school in the fall and will also reside in a residence hall. The award is presented by the Residence Hall Association in recognition of the outstanding contribution the recipient has made to residence hall life.

Daniel Jeffrey Adler of Munford received the Outstanding Computer Science and Information Systems Student Award during Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award acknowledges outstanding students recognized by their respective faculty members.

Guy Winslow of Collierville was recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet.

A Tipton County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin. Roby Anderson, son of Robin and Lee Anderson of Covington, will be a freshman. He received the Ed Scholar Scholarship.
UT Martin parody opera was based on Bell Witch

The quote, "Truth is stranger than fiction," easily could have applied to the Bell Witch Legend recently making its rounds in movie theaters as "An American Haunting."

It seems everyone near the small town of Adams, where the Bell Farm was located, has a story to relate about the legend that began 200 years ago. Additional interest was drawn from stories that the "witch" appeared to President-elect Andrew Jackson, whose curiosity was piqued by the tale and visited the Bells.

University of Tennessee at Martin students, faculty and staff were way ahead of Hollywood, claiming a piece of the legend in the mid-1970s with "The Tennessee Witch," an opera parody of the story. Altering the legend in a comedic vein, the text or libretto of the opera was penned by Tom Landess, who was a professor of English at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., at the time.

The libretto is based on an original play coauthored in 1960 by Landess and the late Edwin S. Godsey of Bristol. The music was composed and the orchestra conducted by Gilbert Carp, UT Martin professor emeritus of music, and the opera was produced by Marilyn Jewett, UT Martin associate professor emeritus of music.

It premiered May 21, 1976, and featured a cast of students and faculty. It was performed only two nights — but with the current film being bandied about, some faculty and alumni went searching for memorabilia related to the production.

Carp, who earned a master's degree at Converse and began teaching music there, met Landess and Godsey "two pretty clever writers." They had read about the legend and wrote the parody, altering portions of the storyline.

"They gave it to me and said, 'You're a composer. Here's a play. Make an opera out of it,'" said Carp. "It was funny. It was good."

Over the next several years, Carp toyed with the score, creating a series of arias. He joined the UT Martin faculty in 1969, and, in 1976, Jewett asked him to finish the piece to be performed by the university opera company as a special bicentennial production.

"I barely got through with it in time," said Carp, who added he did not write a complete score, just the piano score. "Bob Stewart, professor of music at that time, always said that while the characters were on stage performing the opera, the ink was still drying. People seemed to like it. They got the humor."

Carp said reading a recent newspaper article previewing the movie has "stirred memories." As a result, he's picked up his pen again and is working on the music. He's also contacted city officials in Adams to tell them about the opera in case they want to use it in some way as a tie-in to the recent movie.

"The opera was really a parody written in the style of an old melodrama, replete with heroine and villain," said Jennifer Hill Cook of Martin, a UT Martin student at the time. "I played the role of the heroine, Betsy, and the villain, Crabtree Surratt, was played by my dear friend, the late Read Willis. One rather 'ghostly' event actually spooked all of us during the production. I was making an entrance when a light frame fell from the grid, barely missing both Read and me."

Cook added, "Although I appeared in several operas during my college career, 'The Tennessee Witch' was by far the most collaborative effort in which I participated. There was such a sense of camaraderie among students and faculty, I suppose partly because Mr. Carp was finishing the piece as we rehearsed."

"For the part of the Bell Witch, I was asked by Marilyn Jewett, the director, to sing a role that was ethereal," said Tim Barrington, UT Martin instructor of theater, also a student cast member at the time. "We used an offstage microphone with an echo effect. I was the voice from beyond." He added, "I watched from the wings and sang the role with the music played back through a monitor. It was difficult not being on stage with the rest of the actors and the orchestra, but still a lot of fun."

As generally told, the Legend of the Bell Witch, purports that is the only time someone was killed by a ghost. The legend centers on the John Bell family that was tormented for years by a "witch," whose origin varies. Some accounts note that it was the apparition of a neighbor lady with whom Bell had had troubles in business dealings.

From 1817 to 1820, the witch's presence is said to have progressed from whispering voices in the Bell home to loud and boisterous tirades, levitations and relentless physical abuse — particularly focusing on John Bell and his daughter, Betsy.

When Jackson, who knew the Bells, and his entourage arrived at the Bell home in 1819, one of his companions was singled out as a "fraud" and severely beaten by the spirit. When the spirit intimated there was another "fraud" in the Jackson party, it reportedly sent the group fleeing with the future president saying he'd "rather fight the entire British army than to deal with the Bell Witch."

The torment continued, often involving guests and others in the home, until Dec. 20, 1820, when John Bell succumbed after a lengthy battle with a crippling nervous system disorder. However, found on his bedside table was a vial of liquid followed with a pronouncement by the ghost, "I gave ol' Jack a big dose of that last night, and that fixed him."
UT Martin students volunteer as tutors, 'goodwill ambassadors'

Tim Hacker of Fulton overheard when Kay Williams, an elementary school teacher, asked someone to serve as a reading tutor.

That was fall 2001, and that was all it took. Hacker, a UT Martin instructor of English, has tutored almost every week for the past five years.

While that is a significant personal commitment, it’s the ripple effect that pleases Hacker the most. A number of UT Martin students also have regularly volunteered their time during the past year at Carr Elementary School in Fulton — wherever they are needed — serving as reading tutors, mentors and "goodwill ambassadors."

"They have made a difference in the lives and academic success of many little people," said Hacker. "I’m proud of them."

As a College of Humanities and Fine Arts representative to the Honors Council, the oversight body of the University Honors Programs, Hacker learned that many members of the Honors Programs have a service-learning requirement.

"I immediately thought of Kay and her ongoing need for tutoring help at Carr Elementary School in Fulton, where she teaches," said Hacker. "In the fall, we had four students who tutored regularly for an hour or so every week. This spring, we’ve added four more. Next fall, when I teach a section of First-Year Initiative (formerly known as Freshman Studies) for a group of honors programs students, I hope to make tutoring a class project."

Hacker credits Williams for being the "linchpin, who organizes and holds the project together." In the fall of 2001, Williams was starting the academic year in a grant-funded position as Carr’s reading specialist. Part of her program was enlisting the help of people in the community to serve as reading tutors, which prompted Hacker to volunteer.

"Tim comes weekly to read with a student who needs extra help and encouragement," said Ms. Williams. "The children he works with are eager to improve their reading so they can show him the progress they have made during the week."

Ms. Williams and fellow teachers also appreciate the students' volunteer hours.

"These students have been paired with various primary teachers to provide extra help for the students who need just a little more work to master the concepts being taught in class," said Ms. Williams. "This individual often can make a difference between a child mastering a concept and being able to progress with his classmates or becoming confused and discouraged."

Gigi Milner, a Carr kindergarten teacher, added, "We greatly appreciate the time and effort given by the UT Martin students. Their willingness to drive from Martin to Fulton early in the morning to listen to our kindergartners read has been a wonderful gift to our class. It has been so encouraging to see the spirit of service to others in these young people."

Rachael Funston, an education major from Murfreesboro, has found that she benefits as much as the students she tutors.

"Listening to these kids read and watching them learn and sound out the words is very rewarding," said Funston. "As an education major, getting this experience ... is very beneficial."

She added, "Illiteracy is an epidemic that college students can actually have a large impact on. It's our duty to use our education and youth to help not only our own generation, but those generations that are coming after us. Tutoring is a very easy way to do that."

"In college, you get used to explaining things in big terms and taking for granted that people know certain things and already have a solid base of knowledge on which to build. But when you are tutoring a kindergarten student, you realize you're helping to build that foundation for future learning. That feeling isn't comparable to anything else I've experienced."

"I started tutoring because I enjoy being around children," said Clint Arey, an agriculture major from Greenfield. "They help me relax and see the world in the simple ways I used to. The best thing about tutoring is being able to see the progress you make with a child and see that smile on their face when they can see it, too."

INSTRUCTOR VOLUNTEERS — Tim Hacker of Fulton, University of Tennessee at Martin instructor of English, has been tutoring Carr Elementary School students in Fulton for five years. Delmonte Godwin, a student in Barbara Buckingham’s class, reads to Hacker, who also assists with other educational skills. Hacker sparked the interest of eight UT Martin students who have volunteered regularly throughout the school year.
STARTING EARLY — Gibson County High School graduates (from left) Holly Watkins, Laurel Childs of Kenton, Cassie Vincent and Liz McCurdy recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. They will attend UT Martin in the fall. Students met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about First-Year Initiative (an orientation for freshmen the week before classes). Students should attend both SOAR and First-Year Initiative to get the jump on fall semester. For more information about SOAR, call the UT Martin Office of Admissions at (731) 881-7020 or 1-800-829-UTM1.

GIRL SCOUTS ATTEND UT MARTIN SAACS CHEMISTRY CLINIC — The University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) recently sponsored the chemistry merit badge clinic for Girl Scouts. Martin Troop No. 373 participated in the event. Pictured are (front, from left) Dinah Batchelor, Sydney Gilliam, Amber Kirby, Alanna Bethel and Hallie Butler; (back, from left) Charles Mitchell (UT Martin SAACS), Laura Bethel (leader), Jenna Willoughby, Heidi Batchelor (assistant leader), Christy Lowe (UT Martin SAACS) and Kiran Vaswani (UT Martin SAACS).
LOCAL STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO PHI KAPPA PHI — Allison Bukeavich, Ryan Harrison, Lindsay Holder, Sara McIntosh, Brenda Quinn, Sarah Roberts, Becky Smith and Lindsey Sutherland, all of Martin, and Jon Sipes, of Sharon, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper 10 percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10 percent of their class and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent of their class. Also eligible are faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements. An internationally respected honor society, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and most selective organization that recognizes and promotes academic excellence in all fields of higher education. The society was founded at the University of Maine in 1897 and currently has chapters on the campuses of 282 colleges and universities in the United States, the Philippines and Puerto Rico. Pictured are (front, from left) Bukeavich, Sutherland, Roberts, Holder, McIntosh; (back, from left) Smith, Sipes, Harrison and Quinn.

UT MARTIN FACULTY INDUCTED INTO PHI KAPPA PHI — Dr. Jeffrey Scott McCullough, Georgia Basket and Dr. David Barber, all of Martin, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Pictured are (from left) McCullough, Basket and Barber.
STUDENTS RECEIVE LEADERSHIP AWARDS FROM UT MARTIN — Three Paul and Martha Meek Awards were presented at the recent commencement exercises at the University of Tennessee at Martin. David Belote, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, presented the awards, which are the only awards presented during commencement exercises. All other awards are presented during honors day. The Meek Award is a cash award given to graduating seniors who demonstrate outstanding qualities of leadership while at UT Martin. The award is made possible by the children of Paul and Martha Meek. Pictured with Belote (second from left) are Kevin Teets of Woodlawn, Stephanie Dowell of Franklin, and David Taylor of Hendersonville.

Weakley County student receives scholarship to attend UT Martin

A Weakley County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Jane Gullett, daughter of Jacky and Nell Gullett of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor's Award.

A VALUABLE PARTNER-SHIP — The University of Tennessee at Martin's Sodexo Dining Services was recently awarded the Most Valuable Partner (MVP) award at the Tennessee Consortium spring conference in Jackson on May 24. Nominated by Sandy Stevens of Community Developmental Services, she noted that Sodexo has been a strong supporter of hiring individuals with disabilities.

CDS supports five individuals who work at Sodexo and two of the employees have been with Sodexo for 16 years.

The Tennessee Employment Consortium is funded by the Tennessee Division of Mental Retardation Services and works to promote the employment of individuals with developmental disabilities throughout Tennessee. The annual spring conference features awards to individuals throughout Tennessee. The annual spring conference features awards to individuals, agencies and employers in West Tennessee as well as sessions on employment related topics.

To learn more about the Tennessee Employment Consortium or employment programs involving individuals with disabilities, please contact Sandy Stevens at CDS at 731-587-1955. Workers from Sodexo include (back, from left) David Nash, Don Hayes, Keith Royster and (front, from left) Chris Munkel, Danny Suratt and Sammie Nash.
International students receive degrees from UT Martin

A number of international students were among those who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent spring commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were: Olton Mollaymeri of Albania; Gayatri Ramesh of India; Katrina Domela of Indonesia; Tetsu Chinen, Yoshiki Fujita, Emiko Kinoshita and Zenko Kurishita of Japan; Seung Taek Hong, Eun Sun Kim, Ji Yoon Kim, Kwan Whi Pyo and Min Kyung Sin of Korea; Jeanne De Wet of South Africa; Chih-Ling Liu, Shih-Jung Wong of Taiwan; and Irene Dayana Oquendo of Venezuela.

Among students receiving graduate degrees were: Kunitsugu Nishida and Yuri Sasaki of Japan; Husein Husein of Jerusalem; Jui-Sui Hung, Chu-Chin Wang and Hung-Ming Weng of Taiwan.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen was the keynote speaker, and Dr. John D. Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee, attended the ceremony and congratulated the graduate on their accomplishment. Chancellor Nick Dunagan presided and conferred degrees.

MILAN’S PUGH WINS ‘WENK’ AWARD

Grant Pugh, of Milan, received the WENK Award during the recent Communications Career Day banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The $300 award goes to an outstanding broadcasting student. Presenting the award to Pugh is Richard Robinson, instructor of communications. The UT Martin department of communications invites high school students, media professionals, communications majors, faculty and their guests to the annual Communications Career Day event.

Milan student cited at UTM

Anastasia Umanets, 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. Dr. Ernest Moser, Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, presented the award.

HUGHES WINS UTM LEADERSHIP AWARD

Tori Hughes, of Milan, received the M. Sue Kahle Excellence in Leadership Award during the recent Communications Career Day banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Presenting the award is Teresa Collard, instructor of communications.

YORK RECEIVES HONOR AT UTM

Will York, of Milan, received the Wayne Tansil Scholarship during the recent Communications Career Day banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The scholarship goes to an outstanding news-editorial student. Presenting the scholarship to York is Tomi Parrish, instructor of communications at UT Martin.
UTM senior releases novel championed as best seller

Stephen Outten, a senior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, announces the release of his debut novel, The Shadows Whisper, May 16, 2006.

In The Shadows Whisper, Colin Lockner dreams of a beautiful woman. She whispers to him while he sleeps, telling him stories of a love long passed. Using his dreams as guides, Colin must unravel the mystery behind this Dark Lady before her secret destroys him. Little does he know that the journey for this truth will not only take him to the Old South, where dastardly murders were committed on the advent of the Civil War, but to the skeleton of creation itself. The Shadows Whisper tells the story of one man's discovery of that which guides us all, a cosmic river keeping the universe in harmony. Colin also learns the startling truth behind the human soul—the fate of our existence after death.

Relying on local education and Southern culture, Outten wrote The Shadows Whisper to be genre-shattering, combining a refreshingly original love story with suspenseful intrigue.


LOCAL STUDENT RECOGNIZED ON HONORS DAY

Brian Jeffery Wheeler, of Milan, received the Outstanding Biology Student Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award acknowledges outstanding students recognized by their respective faculty members.

Kid College coming to Paris

Students who are already complaining of summer boredom will have the option of taking classes which aren't part of normal school curriculum.

Kid College 2006, with the theme "Inspire the Desire to Inquire," will be offered Monday through June 29 at Paris Elementary School.

The program includes classes from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for children who will be enrolled in kindergarten or older in the fall. Kid College is sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin's office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education. Children may register for one to five courses.

Classes such as cool science, grossology, computer works, junior meteorologists and Harry Potter Summer Hogwards School will be offered.

One student will win an authentic astronaut flight suit. To be eligible to win the suit the student must complete a space project and be enrolled in one of the following classes: Senior space camp, moon shot, journey to the moon, junior space challenge or junior space camp.

An open house is planned from 5-7 p.m. June 29 for family and friends to view students' work and meet their teachers.

According to a UT Martin press release, children will be supervised at all times, including lunch. They will be escorted to and from class each period and class rolls will be checked for attendance. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the PES fifth-grade wing on the back side of the school. Staff and teachers will escort students to their classrooms.

To assist with safety precautions, parents are asked to deliver children 10 minutes prior to their first class.

Classes are $40 each and some classes require supply fees to be paid to the instructor the first day of class. A Kid College T-shirt is also available for an additional $10.

To register online or for more information, visit www.utm.edu/departments/cecce/kidcollege.php or call the UT Martin Kid College office at 1-800-482-5199.
Anderson completes leadership program

A Henry County man recently completed the WestStar Leadership Program sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Chip Anderson, office manager at Bone and Joint Specialists in Paris, completed the WestStar program which provides leadership development and training for selected participants.

The program identifies and educates people to assume leadership responsibilities in the economic and social development of West Tennessee.

Class members participate in a series of seminars featuring speakers who focus on leadership and community progress issues such as education and health care.

A UT Martin press release stated WestStar graduates already hold key leadership positions throughout the state in every West Tennessee county.

Anderson is a member of the Lakeway Kiwanis Club board, Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce healthcare committee and Paris-Henry County Arts Council board. He also participates in the Helping Hand radio auction and the local Relay for Life.

Kiwanis Club of Paris gives two scholarships

The Paris Kiwanis Club awarded two $1,000 scholarships.

April Miller received the Pop Gulick Scholarship from the club.

Jade Nicole Stearns received the club's other scholarship.

Ms. Miller plans to attend Jackson State Community College and pursue a pediatric nursing degree. She is the daughter of Deza Huddleston.

Miss Stearnes is the daughter of Michael and Pamela Stearnes. She is scheduled to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin. She plans to pursue a degree in pharmacy.

The two students and their parents were scheduled to attend the club's meeting today.

Local Resident Honored at UT Martin College of Business, Public Affairs Banquet

MARTIN, Tenn., June 7, 2006 - Kelly Duncan, of Lavinia, recently was recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. Dr. Ernest Moser, Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, presented the award.

Microsoft Access Course Offered

MARTIN - The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering an Intermediate Microsoft Access course from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, July 18, and Thursday, July 20.

Course participants must be familiar with the concepts presented in Beginning Microsoft Access. The course will teach students how to create, update and delete queries, create queries that prompt for multiple variable fields, and design and create complex forms, including sub forms and command buttons. Students also will be trained to create charts, customize reports and utilize a PivotTable to analyze data in Microsoft Access.

Shannon Burgin will teach the course, and the cost will be $149. Advance registration is required. To register, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-581-7062.

Step # Michael Outten of Union City received the Literary Award in Essay during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The Literary Award in Essay is for the outstanding essay submitted in a campus competition.
Area students honored at UTM College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet

Trista Perritt, of Gleason, received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award at the 18th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Lisa LeBleu, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Shannon Ary, of Martin, received the Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Education Student Award and the Pre-Professional and Graduate Student Group/American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Outstanding Member Award at the 18th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Lisa LeBleu, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Intermediate Microsoft Access course offered to the public

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Shannon Burgin will teach the course, and the cost will be $149. Advance registration is required. To register, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.

Dustin Patterson, of Dresden, received the Outstanding Animal Science Student Award at the 18th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
Local residents honored at UT Martin College of Business and Public Affairs Banquet

Erin Mathis, of Dresden, recently was recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. Dr. Ernest Moser, Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, presented the award.

Zach Parham, of Martin, recently was recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. Dr. Ernest Moser, Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, presented the award.

Rachel Payne, of Martin, recently was recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. Dr. Ernest Moser, Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, presented the award.

Mark Brown, of Martin, recently was recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. Dr. Ernest Moser, Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, presented the award.
Local student recognized on Honors Day

Seventeen students received the Intercollegiate Athletics Student-Athletes Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Recognition is given to student-athletes in their respective sports, who have demonstrated leadership in and out of the athletic venue and academic excellence, as selected by the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics staff and coaches.

Laura Jayne Leahy of Martin was awarded this recognition in the sport of cheerleading.

Nursing donation made

As the result of support from H.J. and Mary Lou Maxedon, of Selmer, the Department of Nursing at the University of Tennessee at Martin has purchased the SimMan and SimBaby for the campus clinical skills laboratory. These life-like mannequins offer the instructors the ability to provide simulation education to challenge and test the students’ clinical and decision-making skills during realistic patient care scenarios. SimMan and SimBaby are realistic and flexible to meet the needs of multi-disciplinary educational needs such as airway maintenance, care of chest tubs, physiologically correct pulses, blood pressure and pulse sounds, cardiac rhythms, defibrillation, pacing and intravenous training. From left, are: Morgan Sutton, Jamestown, junior nursing student; Jane Walker, Martin, graduate nursing student; Candace Renfro, Huntingdon, graduate nursing student; Peggy Davis, Paris, UT Martin assistant professor of nursing; Mary Lou and H.J. Maxedon.
Local teachers participate in West Tennessee Writing Project

Bynum joins First State Bank

Jake Bynum

First State has hired Jake Bynum as a business development trainee.

Bynum will be assisting business development operations, as well as establishing client relations for First State Bank’s Dresden office.

"First State Bank is proud to welcome Jake to our bank family," said Jennifer Reavis, senior operations officer. "His recent educational background and customer service skills will make Jake an asset to First State Bank and to our customers," Reavis added.

"I am very thrilled to join First State Bank," said Bynum. "This is an exciting opportunity for me. First State Bank is a dynamic and growing company that is truly interested in helping customers and making a difference in the communities they serve."

Bynum is a graduate of Dresden High School and earned a degree in Marketing from the University of Tennessee at Martin. While at UT Martin, Bynum was a member of the L.E.A.D. Academy as well as a member of the Undergraduate Alumni Council. He also served as a student ambassador, president of Pi Sigma Epsilon marketing fraternity, and public relations chair of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Bynum serves on the Tennessee Election Commission and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks in Dresden. He has also served as chairman of the Tennessee Iris Festival since 2004 and has been a committee member for the Tennessee Iris Festival since 2003.

Pictured here are: Dr. David Carithers, left, UT Martin assistant professor of English and WTWP associate director, Blair Chadwick, Dresden High School vocal music/theater teacher, Brittan Sutherland, Martin Elementary School 5th grade teacher and WTWP teacher consultant, Glenda Arant, Martin Middle School teacher and WTWP Teacher consultant and institute listening partner, and Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede, UT Martin professor of English and WTWP director.

The 14th annual invitational Institute of the West Tennessee Writing Project is meeting on the University of Tennessee at Martin Campus, June 5-June 29. Teachers are learning innovative classroom practices that will result in more and better writing among their students and refining questions for classroom inquiry for the coming school year. Participants included: Dr. David Carithers, left, UT Martin assistant professor of English and WTWP associate director, Blair Chadwick, Dresden High School vocal music/theater teacher, Brittan Sutherland, Martin Elementary School 5th grade teacher and WTWP teacher consultant, Glenda Arant, Martin Middle School teacher and WTWP Teacher consultant and institute listening partner, and Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede, UT Martin professor of English and WTWP director.

The next WTWP event is a workshop open to all K-12 teachers, all subject-matters titled "Every Child Has a Story: Rethinking Curriculum Through Art," to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., August 19, in Boling University Center at UT Martin. Keynote presenter is Diane Shaw, UT Martin assistant professor of art. Teacher consultants of WTWP and UT Martin faculty from Voice Lessons: The UT Martin Faculty Writing Project will facilitate interactive teaching sessions throughout the day. Topics include blogs, creative writing, art, digital storytelling and more. The day also includes a continental breakfast, box lunches and certificates of participation. CEU's are available. The workshop may be used as documentation for highly qualified status. The workshop is sponsored in cooperation with the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) and supported by the UT Martin Bookstore. Pre-registration is $45; after August 11, $55. Checks should be made payable to UT Martin. To register, contact ECCE, 110 Gooch Hall, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238, 731-881-7082 or e-mail: ecce@utm.edu. Register online at www.utm.edu/ecce/non_credit_registration.php. The WTWP Web site can be accessed at www.utm.edu/wtwp.
Scholarship Assistance

Representatives of the University of Tennessee Federal Credit Union recently presented a $5,000 check to the University of Tennessee at Martin for the Scholarship Assistance Fund. The funds are derived from the UTFCU Campus Support Program, introduced in 1996. This program allows the credit union to give back a portion of income from the credit and debit card programs to the university communities that are members. With this recent check, UTFCU’s gifts to the Martin campus now total more than $35,000. From left, are, Karen Hicks, Martin Branch manager; Debbie Jones, CEO UT Federal Credit Union; UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan; and Betty Gissel, board of directors chair, UT Federal Credit Union.

Local Girl Scouts attend Chemistry Clinic

The University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) recently sponsored the chemistry merit badge clinic for girl scouts. Martin troop #373 participated in the event. Pictured from left, front row, are Dinah Batchelor, Sydney Gilliam, Amber Kirby, Alanna Bethel, and Hallie Butler; back row, Charles Mitchell (UT Martin SAACS), Laura Bethel (Leader), Jenna Willoughby, Heidi Batchelor (Assistant Leader), Christy Lowe (UT Martin SAACS), and Kiran Vaswani (UT Martin SAACS).
Local students recognized on Honors Day

Savannah Lynn Grooms, of Greenfield, received the Outstanding Biology Student Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award acknowledges outstanding students recognized by their respective faculty members.

Megan Brooke Madden, of Martin, received the Alpha Omicron Pi Mothers’ Club Scholarship during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Alpha Omicron Pi Mothers’ Club Scholarship Award of $500 is given to a senior Alpha Omicron Pi sorority member in recognition of academic excellence, leadership and service to her sorority and UT Martin.

Dwayne H. Maxey, of Martin, received the Outstanding Philosophy Student Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award acknowledges outstanding students recognized by their respective faculty members.

Weakley County Soil Conservation District’s Outstanding Farmer of the Year

Dr. Paul T. Chandler was the Key Note speaker at the Weakley County Soil Conservation District Outstanding Farmer of the Year Banquet. He is a third generation farmer. His topic was Carrying on for Grandpa & Grandma.

Dr. Chandler received his B.S. at the University of Tennessee at Martin, his M.S. at University of Tennessee at Knoxville and his PhD from Pennsylvania State University. His specialties are nutritional biochemistry, applied dairy cattle nutrition and computerized feeding and management systems. He worked many years as Professor of the Dairy Science Department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. In addition to membership in many professional and honor societies, Dr. Chandler received the Nutritional Professional Inc.'s Applied Dairy Nutrition Award in 1997. He has dairy news spots carried by over 86 radio stations and has published over 150 articles.

The district surprised Dr. Chandler by recognizing him as Outstanding Farmer of the Year. He has 250 acres of cropland and has an established beef herd and goat herd on about 110 acres. He routinely practices pasture/hay/land planting and forage management. He practiced strip cropping for several years before changing over to no-tilling and is now a strong advocate for no-till farming.

In the past few years up to this year, he has constructed 3 water and sediment control basins, 3 grade stabilization structures, grass waterways and applied seeding to critical areas caused by road construction. He practices Woodland Management, also.
Local students recognized on honors day

Jennifer Michelle Mitchell, of Martin, received the Outstanding Psychology Student Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award acknowledges outstanding students recognized by their respective faculty members.

Debra J. Stacy, of Greenfield, received the Outstanding Special Education Student Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award acknowledges outstanding students recognized by their respective faculty members.

Rebecca Lee McCulley, of Dresden, received the Gallien Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Gallien Award is given in memory of Dr. Glenn S. Gallien, who served as the first head of the teacher education unit at UT Martin. Students are nominated on the basis of contributions to achievement, leadership qualities, and academic excellence.

Ashley Jo Donoho, of Palermersville, received the Delta Kappa Gamma Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Delta Kappa Gamma Award of $500 is presented by the Beta Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. The award honors a woman student from Weakley County whose curriculum leads to teaching certification in Tennessee. The recipient is chosen on the basis of her potential for classroom teaching and is honored with the award during her junior year.

Selena Ellen DeSantis, of Martin, and Miriam R. Shawver, of Newbern, received the William H. Baker Scholarship during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The William H. Baker Award is given to one or more full-time students in the College of Business and Public Affairs, who have completed 60 hours of college credit, demonstrated scholarship and leadership ability, participated in extracurricular activities and shown promise of professional achievement.

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Shannon Burgin will teach the course, and the cost will be $149. Advance registration is required. To register, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5190 or 731-881-7082.
UTM HONORS DAY
Beth Grissom, of South Fulton, received the Outstanding Accounting, Economics, Finance and International Business Student Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award acknowledges outstanding students recognized by their respective faculty members. She was also recognized as a faculty scholar at the College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. (Photo submitted)

MALIN HONORED
Mark Malin, of South Fulton, recently was recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. Dr. Ernest Moser, Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, presented the award. (Photo submitted)

McNairy County resident graduate WestStar
Janna Hellums of McNairy County, recently was honored in Martin for completing the WestStar Leadership Program sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

In its 17th year, UT Martin's WestStar program provides leadership development and training for selected participants. The program identifies and educates people to assume leadership responsibilities in the economic and social development of West Tennessee. Class members participate in a series of seminars designed to provide information about major issues facing West Tennessee. Seminars feature different speakers who focus on subjects that go hand-in-hand with leadership and community progress issues such as education, health care, community and resource development, and leadership skills. WestStar graduates already hold key leadership positions throughout the state in every West Tennessee county. Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Martin, serves as executive director of the program.

Hellums is executive director of the McNairy County Economic Development Commission and the Selmer/McNairy County Industrial Development Board. She is a member of the Selmer Rotary Club, Tennessee Industrial Development Association, International Council of Shopping Centers and Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives. She has served more than four years as corporate president and more than eight years as an alumnus chapter president of an international fraternal organization.

Local students recognized on Honors Day
Bobby Joe Isbell, of Adamsville, received the Louise Knifley Memorial Scholarship during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Louise Knifley Memorial Scholarship Award is awarded to a junior or senior mathematics or secondary education mathematics major with a 3.50 GPA in mathematics and a 3.00 or above overall GPA.

George D. Norton, of Ramer, received the Departmental Award in Political Science during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Departmental Award in Political Science is given to the senior political science major with the highest overall academic average.
Local resident honored at Banquet

Whitney Chandler, of Finger, was recently recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. Dr. Ernest Moser, Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, presented the award.

Davis, Prince inducted

Charles Davis and Jarrod Prince, both of Dyersburg, were inducted into the Order of the Engineer at a ceremony prior to the University of Tennessee at Martin's spring commencement. The engineering graduates pledged to be ethical and impartial and adhere to safety codes as they enter the engineering profession.

Those taking the oath received a ring and certificate.

Two honored at banquet

Heather McLean of Newbern and Krista Roser of Dyersburg were among the students honored during the 18th annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet.

McLean received the Outstanding Agricultural Science Student Award. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Roser received the Outstanding Fashion Merchandising Student Award. The award was presented by Dr. Lisa LeBlanc, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Local students recognized on UTM Honors Day

Four area students were among those recognized when the University of Tennessee at Martin held its annual Honors Day for the 2005-06 academic year.

Jennifer Lynn Fruttt of Newbern received the Literary Award in Short Story. The award is for the best short story submitted in a campus competition.

Joshua Nathanael Smeton of Dyersburg received the Mathematics Award. The award is given to a student in mathematics chosen by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. The recipient is selected as an outstanding senior in mathematics.

Chance Michael Barr of Dyersburg was a co-recipient of the Ernest and Wilma Newby Scholarship. The $2,000 award is given to two students majoring in history, criminal justice or political science, and have, if possible, some military connection. In honor of his parents, the award is given by Carl G. "Butch" Newby, whose father served in the armed forces. The recipients are selected by the history faculty.

James Lewis Barham of Dyersburg received the Information Systems Award. The award is given to a student in information systems chosen by the faculty of the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems. The recipient is selected as the outstanding senior in information systems.

Manning honored

Julia Manning of Trenton recently was recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. Dr. Ernest Moser, dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, presented the award.
UTM Dean’s List announced

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Spring 2006 Dean’s List for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Public Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

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

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

• Trenton: Serena R. Cannon, High Honors; Lana C. Carpenter, High Honors; Jenni L. Crossnoe, High Honors; Jonathan L. Dodd, Highest Honors; Kelly J. Dunagan, Honors; Chelsey L. Elliott, High Honors; Mark W. Fairless, High Honors; Geoffrey A. Fuentes, Honors; Kevin S. Hopper, Highest Honors; Erica F. Howell, Highest Honors; Anessa L. Inman, Highest Honors; Jeri L. Jones, Highest Honors; Jana S. McCall, High Honors; Stephanie S. Morris, Honors; Benjamin T. Sanders, Highest Honors; Nicholas T. Scott, Honors; John H. Smith, Highest Honors; Rebecca F. Taylor, Highest Honors.
• Bradford: Xavier T. Alexander, High Honors; Nina M. Bane, High Honors; Kendra R. Cole, Highest Honors; Ashley L. Horne, Highest Honors; Rickey L. Mask, Highest Honors; Lindsey F. Moore, Honors; William J. Pratt, Highest Honors; John T. Summers, Honors; and Tabitha R. Wendt, Highest Honors.
• Dyer: Kelly H. Barron, Highest Honors; Rachel S. Coleman, High Honors; Joshua B. Dye, Highest Honors; Patrick M. Fulwood, Honors; Melissa A. George, Honors; Jennifer R. Jennings, High Honors; Ashlee N. Johnson, Honors; Christopher M. Lownsdale, Highest Honors; James D. McCurdy, Highest Honors; Kevin P. Pack, Highest Honors; Emily B. Parks, Highest Honors; Jessica J. Riffe, Highest Honors; Jessica J. Sims, High Honors; Leighanna M. Sims, High Honors; Trent A. Sullivan, High Honors; Amber N. Thornton, Honors; Joseph H. Tucker, Highest Honors; and Chace A. Wimberley, Highest Honors.
• Kenton: Laura J. Asbridgge, Highest Honors; Leena D. Asbridge, Highest Honors; Andrea L. Dover, Highest Honors; Julie M. Farrar, Highest Honors; Jessica J. Francis, Honors; Melissa S. Johnson, High Honors; Ronald B. Poole, High Honors; Bethany J. Vinson, Highest Honors; and Joseph T. Williams, Honors.
• Rutherford: Jeremy A. Farmer, High Honors; Samantha M. Gadlen, Honors; Stephen G. Petty, Honors; and Rebecca L. Whitworth, Highest Honors.
• Yorkville: Jacquelyn A. Ladd, Highest Honors; Gary B. Mullins, Honors; and Ryan J. Pope, Honors.
• Gibson: Derrick R. Casey, Highest Honors, and Ashley M. Lynn, Highest Honors.
• Humboldt: Adam H. Blackwell, High Honors; Justin L. Brown, Honors; Jonathan A. Cole, Highest Honors; Michael P. Corder, High Honors; Jayme D. Crawford, High Honors; Daniel S. DeHaan, Honors; David M. Deloach, Honors; Jason M. DeMent, Highest Honors; Megan M. Dickson, Highest Honors; Miriam L. Gillespie, Highest Honors; Hunter W. Hamilton, Highest Honors; Ashley N. Knight, Highest Honors; Nicholas B. Latimer, High Honors; Benjamin C. Luckey, Highest Honors; Zac K. Luckey, Honors; Lyndsie S. Mayfield, High Honors; Leo W. McCormick, Honors; Julia E. McKnight, High Honors; Melissa M. Morrison, Honors; Stephanie M. Murray, Honors; Kelli J. Porter, Highest Honors; Heather N. Privitt, Honors; Jody L. Stokes, Highest Honors; and Phillip M. Tyler, Honors.
• Medina: Justin B. Chapman, High Honors, and Emily M. Tanner, Highest Honors.
• Milan: Nicolas C. Appleton, Honors; Patrick R. Barnes, Honors; April A. Brake, Honors; Matthew L. Browning, Honors; Jennifer N. Cody, Highest Honors; Justin S. Condon, High Honors; Jenny L. Dodson, Highest Honors; James E. Ferguson, Highest Honors; Candace M. Garmany, Honors; Weston W. Gentry, Honors; Rachel L. Hazelwood, High Honors; Amanda K. Hopper, Honors; John Hyde, Honors; Benny L. Johns, High Honors; Brian L. Jones, High Honors; Margaret L. Kite, Honors; Dave J. Mallard, Highest Honors; Amber L. McCaig, Honors; Zachary A. McMin, Honors; Amanda M. Mitchell, Highest Honors; Ashley M. Niven, Highest Honors; Megan A. Pope, Highest Honors; John L. Presson, Honors; Grant T. Pugh, Honors; Amanda L. Reeves, High Honors; Stephanie L. Riddle, Highest Honors; Bryan G. Sandor, Honors; Savannah L. Sellers, Honors; Mitchell W. Sims, High Honors; Marilyn G. Stewart, Highest Honors; Anastasia Umanets, Highest Honors; Jeffrey F. Waddington, High Honors; Brian J. Wheeler, Highest Honors; and William P. York, Highest Honors.
• Newbern: Kimberly A. Scott, Highest Honors.

Receives award

Jeri Lee Jones of Trenton received the Madeline Hall Pritchett Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Madeline Hall Pritchett Award $250 is given by the Weakley-Obion Alumni Association of the Chi Omega sorority to an active member of the Chi Omega sorority in recognition of contributions to her institution through extracurricular achievements, leadership qualities and academic excellence. The recipient is selected by an awards committee of the Alumni Association.
County students receive scholarships

Three Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

- Benjamin Dodd, son of Randy and La Jean Dodd of Trenton, will be a freshman. He received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship.

- Clay Mallard, son of Alan and Lacee Mallard of Milan, will be a freshman. He received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship.

- Megan Petty, daughter of Brian and Kristi Petty of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the Salutatorian Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, Tenn. 38238.

In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.

STUDENT RECOGNIZED — Mary Elizabeth Grissom of South Fulton received the Outstanding Accounting, Economics, Finance and International Business Student Award during the recent Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award acknowledges outstanding students recognized by their respective faculty members. Plus, Miss Grissom was recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual UT Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. Dr. Ernest Moser, Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, presented the award.

College bound

UT-MARTIN REGISTRATION

Bill Kelley, a Tipton-Rosemark Academy graduate, plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin. He went to a Summer Orientation and Registration event there recently with his parents, Claudia and Clay Kelley.

TEACHER INVOLVED — Ridgemont Elementary School teacher Annette Ferguson is among the teachers participating in the 14th Annual Invitational Institute of the West Tennessee Writing Project, meeting at the University of Tennessee at Martin through June 29. Teachers are learning innovative classroom practices that will result in more and better writing among their students and refining questions for classroom inquiry.
Feeding your pets people food could lead to obesity and diabetes

Lacy is looking up at me like I haven't fed her in years. I am sitting in my living room, trying to write this article, eating saltines. The look she is giving me says that she knows saltines have to be the tastiest thing on the planet, and she must have one or she will surely starve to death.

I give her a little bite. I shouldn't. I gave her a little bite of something years ago, and she'll never let me forget it. If I'm eating, she's there, giving me that look. Most of the time, however, she knows her efforts are futile. No matter how pitiful she looks or how much she whines, I usually don't give in. I've seen too many obese pets, too many diabetic pets, and too many critically ill pets to give in. All those pets had one thing in common -- their owners fed them 'people' food.

We love to spoil our pets. Probably the most common way we spoil them is to feed them all the foods we love. We seem to forget that when our pets eat 'people' food, they often become obese. Chubby pets are cute pets, right? Well, not necessarily. An overweight pet may have problems such as breathing difficulties, exercise and heat intolerance, joint and back injuries, diabetes, and the list goes on and on. Obesity decreases both their quality of life and their lifespan.

Besides obesity, another serious health problem caused by feeding our pets people food is called pancreatitis. Pancreatitis usually manifests itself as severe stomach upset which, in many cases, requires hospitalization and intensive veterinary care.

So, Lacy can whine and look pitiful all she wants. She's old, but she can still play, run, jump and romp. She's not obese. She doesn't have to have insulin injections, and she's still around. If she has to have a treat, I'll give her a doggie treat and every once in a long while, if she's lucky, maybe one of those flavor-filled, tastiest things on the planet D the saltine.

**Dr. Janet Bailey** is a veterinarian and assistant professor of animal science with a B.S. from Freed-Hardeman University and a D.V.M. from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Bailey, who is married to Jim 'Crow' Bailey, has three dogs, Lacy, Bedford and Kate. Lacy, the senior citizen, runs the household. Dr. Bailey was formerly in private practice at the Huntingdon Animal Clinic before moving to UT Martin in January 2005.
The BIG question: 'What do we have to eat?'

School is almost over. Pretty soon many of us will have our children with us daily. This is something that I look forward to every year. But there is one question that tends to haunt me throughout the summer. It is: 'What do we have to eat?' This question is usually one with many answers, although none of those answers seem to be the right one.

I recently read an article in Family Fun magazine that suggested the interior of your refrigerator should be similar to that of the grocery store shelves. Keep the child friendly foods at eye level. That can be very important this summer as the children will probably be home more often and searching the shelves for food.

It can be challenging to continue to come up with creative food ideas. A neat thing to do is get on the mypyramid.gov website sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This site allows you to enter your gender and age then prepares a detailed food guide of what is appropriate for you to consume for one day. There is also a worksheet that encourages you to keep track of the items you have consumed during the day.

This can be a great way to help keep your child's snack intake on the right track. There is nothing wrong with a few cookies; however there is something wrong with eating the entire package! In order to find out how many of each item is appropriate to eat, you can click on links that give you life size photograph examples of serving sizes.

A fun idea is to get some regular food items such as baby carrots and create a different type of food with them. For example, slice them into coins or shred them on a cheese shredder. I have to admit that eating the same foods prepared the same way all the time can tend to be boring. Also, there are prepackaged zero calorie powders that can be added to a bottle of water to add variety to the 8 glasses of water that should be consumed each day.

Also, let your child take ownership in the variety of foods available to him/her. Take your child fruit and vegetable shopping. As an adult it is not a very big deal to tear the plastic bag off the roll at the corner of the produce isle. But just look at the face of a child as they tear off the bag and you can see how proud they are. Let them pick out the type of apple they want. Then show them the price of a Fuji apple compared to a Rome apple. Which one is better for pies? (This shopping lesson could go on and on. You could make a pie, applesauce, use measuring cups, oven timers -- oh my!) Place your produce on the scales and calculate the cost. How much of a difference is it when you add one more apple?

As parents we are responsible for the food that our children eat. We are all aware that our nation is full of individuals that do not eat or exercise according to the suggested guidelines of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. It is our job to do the best that we can to help our children make wise choices for summertime snacks and meals. So I ask you, 'What do you have to eat?'
Dr. Laura Brown has been an assistant professor of pedagogy at the University of Tennessee at Martin for three years. She received her B.S. from UT Martin, her M.A. from Murray State University, and her doctorate from Union University. She teaches people to be physical education teachers. She’s the mother of two children.

UT Martin future guided by ‘Turbo’ charge

The balance between higher education and teaching students' life lessons is what UTM's Nick Dunagan is hoping to accomplish.

By SARA REID
Staff Writer

A chancellor is the leader of the university, making all the most important decisions, acting as the mouthpiece for a whole legion of undergraduate and graduate students and professors and, in general, serving as the public face of the institution of learning. He or she, in essence, is the king or queen of the college castle. With this high position comes great responsibilities, though, and a chancellor is one of the busiest leadership positions that a person can undertake.

One special chancellor takes it all in stride, however. Though most universities can claim to have dedicated leaders, no university in the country other than the University of Tennessee at Martin has “Bo Bo.”

UT Martin chancellor Nick Dunagan and his family were once deemed as the “Turbo” family for always being on the go and since the word was a bit difficult to say for Dunagan’s grandchildren at the time, they shortened it to the personal moniker “Bo Bo.” It’s a name that Dunagan, as chancellor, must live up to every day.

“I graduated from college here in 1968 and then I came back here after law school and practiced law with Harold Brundige for about a year. In the fall of 1973, I took my first job at the University of Tennessee at Martin as director of development and I had a number of rising positions in that,” he explained.

Dunagan would eventually go through three interim periods of being chancellor before officially taking over five years ago.

“The last time I was interim was October of 2000 and I was named chancellor in April of 2001. My first time as interim was in 1985 and I had no dreams of being a chancellor. I thought, ‘Well, OK, I can serve the university via the transition.’ The second time, was after Dr. Margaret Perry left. I was happy with what I was doing and there were some good five years so far,” he commented.

At the time of Dunagan’s third and final step up as chancellor, the university was experiencing chaos and turmoil over the controversy surrounding the last chancellor, Philip Conn. Dunagan proved to be the light at the end of the tunnel for the college as he had already proven his trustworthy character. Taking the reins for good seemed like second nature for this long-time university employee.

“It felt like the right time. Two of our kids were in college and two were out, but they were all away from home. My wife and I had a discussion and she’s played a very big role in what I do, so it was a family decision and we both feel really good about it,” he said.

It was a decision that has ultimately resulted in Dunagan’s being awarded the Weakly County of the Year by the Weakly County Chamber of Commerce.

Atypical of most leaders, though, Dunagan modestly and earnestly places the credit squarely on the shoulders of his supporting staff and the students of the university.

“It is really a nice honor. I almost feel that it was the recog-

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nition of the university’s involvement with the community as opposed to mine,” he admitted. “One of the things that I feel very deeply about is that we need to be involved in the community and we need to be an economic development force and so I really saw that as an award recognizing what the university is doing to be a player with the city and the county and the other West Tennessee communities.”

“I am engaged in the community in the joint economic force and a lot of economic issues. I have spoken numerous times about the importance of our working together. Being a proponent for us working together with partnerships is a part of it. The university’s had a good year and again, that is because of a lot of people and I think probably the recognition of the role that a good, active, vibrant university plays in the community,” he added.

In considering the future of the university and its students, this energetic and enthusiastic chancellor sees it as holding all the untapped potential and promise that a college institution can possibly hope for and then some.

“At the particular time that I came on as chancellor, I think the university needed someone they could trust and someone that would bring the campus back together and I feel very good about playing a role in that, but that’s because we already had so many good people here. We have had $54 million worth of construction going on with the new residence halls, we got approved last week for a complete renovation of the fine arts building and we will start planning on a new student recreation complex,” he said.

“In the last five years, we’ve had a number of retirements in the faculty. I think it’s been really crucial that we hire faculty who enjoy relating to students, enjoy the teaching part of it and I think we’ve been able to do that and again, Dr. Rakes does a great job with the deans. Perhaps my role is setting the tone that teaching is important. What we do with undergraduates and the experiences that we give them is the niche that we want to be here at the university. What separates us from most other universities is our faculty. You can have pretty buildings and you can have pretty grounds, but it really gets back to what goes on in that classroom.”

“This fall class coming in will be the third year of the lottery scholarship. Next year, we’ll probably have another increase with the fourth year of it. I think it’s crucial for us to maintain a focus on what goes on in the classroom. That’s No. 1. A student’s experience in college is much more than what goes on in the classroom, though. There are two things that I’m really interested in. One is how can we ensure the students get the opportunity to go on travel studies abroad and another thing I’m interested in is getting students the opportunities to take leadership positions. You get that inside the classroom and you get that outside the classroom,” he concluded. “In my five years as chancellor, I’ve worked under five presidents and I think we have a really good president now. Part of my job is to be able to communicate to him the special mission that Martin has and that the UT system folks understand what we do and why we do it and why we think it’s important. By doing that, they can also be advocates for us statewide. A number of legislators, Sen. (Roy) Herron and Rep. (Mark) Maddox, are aware of our value to West Tennessee.”

Quite a tall order for any other chancellor, Dunagan is not called “Bo Bo” for nothing. As he has already speedily led UT Martin back into a prospering educational institution, the road ahead suddenly looks freer of obstacles and even fuller of possibilities.

West Tennessee Writing Project— The 14th Annual Invitational Institute of the West Tennessee Writing Project is meeting on the University of Tennessee at Martin Campus, June 5 - 29. Teachers are learning innovative classroom practices that will result in more and better writing among their students and refining questions for classroom inquiry for the coming school year. Participants included: Dr. David Carithers (left) UT Martin assistant professor of English and WTWP associate director, Blair Chadwick, Dresden High School vocal music/theater teacher, Brittan Sutherland, Martin Elementary School 5th grade teacher and WTWP teacher consultant, Glenda Arant, Martin Middle School teacher and WTWP Teacher consultant and institute listening partner and Dr. Margrette Ahlschwede, UT Martin professor of English and WTWP director. The next WTWP event is a workshop open to all K-12 teachers, all subject-matters titled “Every Child Has a Story: Rethinking Curriculum Through Art,” to be held from 8:30 - 3 p.m., August 19, in Boling University Center at UT Martin. Keynote presenter is Diane Shaw, UT Martin assistant professor of art. Teacher consultants of WTWP and UT Martin faculty from Voice Lessons: The UT Martin Faculty Writing Project will facilitate interactive teaching sessions throughout the day. Topics include blogs, creative writing, art, digital storytelling and more. The day also includes a continental breakfast, box lunches and certificates of participation. CEU’s are available. The workshop may be used as documentation for highly qualified status. The workshop is sponsored in cooperation with the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) and supported by the UT Martin Bookstore. Pre-registration is $45; after August 11, $55. Checks should be made payable to UT Martin. To register, contact ECCE, 110 Gooch Hall, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238, 881-7082 or e-mail: ecce@utm.edu. Register online at www.utm.edu/ecce/non_cred it_registration.php. The WTWP Web site can be accessed at www.utm.edu/wtwp.
Intermediate Microsoft Access course

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering an Intermediate Microsoft Access course from 9 a.m. - noon Tuesday, July 18, and Thursday, July 20.

Course participants must be familiar with the concepts presented in Beginning Microsoft Access. The course will teach students how to create, update and delete queries, create queries that prompt for multiple variable fields and design and create complex forms, including sub forms and command buttons. Students also will be trained to create charts, customize reports and utilize a Pivot Table to analyze data in Microsoft Access.

Shannon Burgin will teach the course, and the cost will be $149. Advance registration is required. To register, call ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.

Jack Hall and Chris White of Tipton County recently were honored in Martin for completing the WestStar Leadership Program sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin. In its 17th year, UT Martin's WestStar program provides leadership development and training for selected participants.

Hall is the owner of Legacy Builders and Developers in Covington. He is a board member of the John Wilder Youth Center and is vice president of the Tipton County Home Builders Association. He is a graduate of Tipton Organized to Achieve Leadership (TOTAL) and is a speaker for the Drug Awareness Project of Tipton County Schools.

White is Bank of Ripley vice president. He serves on the board of directors for the Lauderdale County Exchange Club, where he also is the secretary. He is a member of the Tipton Arts Council Inc., and has served in several positions, including vice president, secretary and treasurer, is an advisory board member of the Heart-to-Heart Pregnancy Crisis Center in Covington and is a member of the Covington Lions Club.

The 14th annual invitational Institute of the West Tennessee Writing Project is meeting on the University of Tennessee at Martin Campus, now through June 29. Teachers are learning innovative classroom practices that will result in more and better writing among their students and refining questions for classroom inquiry for the coming school year.
Participants include Tina Bodenheimer, Brighton High School English and English as a Second Language teacher.

India Dean, a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority, received the University Service Award for being an important part of University of Tennessee at Martin student life, her chapter and the Greeks councils or involvement on campus.

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AREA STUDENT HONORED — Kelly Whitson of Troy received the Outstanding Freshman in Agriculture Award at the 18th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Kevin Whitten of South Fulton (not pictured) received the Outstanding Plant and Soil Science Student Award.
Meet the Contestants

Miss University of Tennessee at Martin
Jennifer Rose Roberts
Age: 21
Parents: Gary and April Roberts
College: The University of Tennessee at Martin/Nursing/2008/Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Ambition: Nurse practitioner
Talent: Clogging
Platform: The March of Dimes: Saving Babies Together

Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival
Holly Buchanan
Age: 20
Parents: Doug and Janet Buchanan, Brighton
College: University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Journalism and Electronic Media
Ambition: Lead anchor for a major news corporation
Talent: Classical piano performance
Platform: Reach Out and Read: Combating Childhood Illiteracy

Miss Mid South
Alexis Jordan Cole
Age: 20
Parents: John David Cole, Jill and Kevin Robinson, Martin
College: University of Tennessee at Martin/Elementary Education K-6/Sophomore
Ambition: To become a teacher. She would like to open a school specializing in helping those children who are non-proficient in reading and math.
Talent: Flute performance
Platform: R.E.D.H.E.A.D.

Whiteville Elementary grads first recipients of new scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of the Hooper family, two eighth-grade graduates of Whiteville Elementary School already have earned money to attend college.

Marekia Minter, the class valedictorian, and salutatorian Jamelia Gowan were awarded the first Justin Pickard Scholarship at the May commencement exercises.

The two girls received $1,000 and $500, respectively, and the money will be held in trust at Merchants & Planters Bank of Whiteville until they graduate from high school and enroll in a four-year college.

The scholarship, being given for the first time, was awarded by Charlotte Hooper and Sandy Hooper of Toone.

How to help

To support the Justin Pickard Scholarship, send contributions to the attention of Brenda Daniel at Merchants & Planters Bank, 2640 Highway 64, Whiteville TN 38075.

Gwenda Anthony
Lumber Co. in memory of their nephew, Justin David Pickard. He used to work at the company in the summers and was 19 when he died Dec. 11, 2005, from acute bronchopneumonia.

Besides the Hoopers, other family members at the graduation ceremony included Justin's parents, David and Connie Hooper Pickard.

"The parents were so pleased," said Frances Ward, scholarship events coordinator, about the recognition honoring their son. He is missed dearly, she added, but this scholarship will live on in people's hearts.

Justin was born in Jackson but grew up in Toone, in Hardeman County, where his family lives. He attended Toone Elementary School and was a top student and a member of the Junior Beta Club.

A 2004 graduate of Bolivar Central High School, he belonged to the Spanish Club and the National Society of High School Scholars. He also played on the golf team.

He loved the outdoors and spent many a day hunting, fishing and riding 4-wheelers. An avid Red Sox fan and collector of baseball memorabilia, he enjoyed watching ESPN.

The sophomore biology major was attending the University of Tennessee Martin on a Hope Scholarship at the time of his death. In presenting the Whiteville scholarship and other awards, Principal James Shaw reminded all the graduates to live by the seven Ls: laugh, look, labor, learn, lead, live and love.

Dr. Donald Hooper, director of schools, applauded the students for their academic achievements, and Judge Chip Cary explained the Justin Pickard Scholarship.

It will be presented annually to the top two graduates at the elementary school, which serves students in grades K-8, and funded by private and public donations.

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County residents graduate from WestStar

Dave Hinman, Hollie Holt and David Moore, of Weakley County, recently were honored in Martin for completing the WestStar Leadership Program sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

In its 17th year, UT Martin's WestStar program provides leadership development and training for selected participants. The program identifies and educates people to assume leadership responsibilities in the economic and social development of West Tennessee. Class members participate in a series of seminars designed to provide information about major issues facing West Tennessee. Seminars feature different speakers who focus on subjects that go hand-in-hand with leadership and community progress issues such as education, health care, community and resource development, and leadership skills. WestStar graduates already hold key leadership positions throughout the state in every West Tennessee county. Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Martin, serves as executive director of the program.

Hinman is the general manager of WLTV-DT/TV. He is a board member for the Martin Rotary Club. He previously served as a member of the executive committee of the Indiana Chapter of Prevention of Child Abuse and as troop committee chairman and explorer advisor for Boys Scouts of America. He is the recipient of several media awards.

Holt is the coordinator of the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneur and Economic Development (REED) Center. She is involved in numerous community and state organizations, including the Weakley County Economic Development Board, is West Tennessee director of the Tennessee Industrial Development Council and she participated in the Kentucky Institute for Economic Development. Also, she serves on the boards of the Northwest Tennessee Regional Working Group for the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Long-Range Transportation Planning Board and the UT Martin Students in Free Enterprise Advisory Board. Other community activities include serving on the board of directors for the Martin Rotary Club, serving as a committee member of the Tennessee Soybean Festival and serving as a volunteer for West Tennessee United Way. Holt is a graduate of Leadership Weakley County.

Moore is Martin chief of police. He is a member of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, the Tennessee Public Safety Coalition and the FBI National Academy Alumni Association. Recently, he was appointed to the Tennessee Public Health Emergency Advisory Committee and was the recipient of the UT Martin Outstanding Achievement Award in 2001.

OUTSTANDING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION STUDENT AWARD — Joseph Morrissett, of Gleason, (no photo available) received the Outstanding Soil and Water Conservation Student Award at the 18th annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

OUTSTANDING PREPROFESSIONAL STUDENT AWARD — Hillary Caldwell, of Martin, (no photo available) received the Outstanding Pre-Professional Student Award at the 18th annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

MCWHERTER HONORED — Former Tennessee Gov. Ned Ray McWherter (right) recently was honored by the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS) with the presentation of a unique state flag. The flag dates back to the late 1800s and was flown over the Fairview Academy in Centerville for many years, including the time that Sarah Cannon, "Minnie Pearl," attended the school. In the 1960s, the academy building was vacated and it was razed in the 1990s. Making the presentation at the University of Tennessee at Martin on behalf of TOSS is Wayne Qualls (center), former Tennessee commissioner of education during Gov. McWherter's administration. With McWherter and Qualls is UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan.
Local beauties ready for Miss Tennessee

Jennifer Roberts, 2006 Miss University of Tennessee at Martin, will join contestants from across the state, including others with UT Martin connections, in the Miss Tennessee Pageant finals at 7:30 p.m., June 24, at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson.

Preliminaries for the pageant are scheduled for June 21-23. Also headed to the Miss Tennessee Pageant is Holly Buchanan of Brighton, a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville who won the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival title in November at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Joining them in this year's pageant are Miss Mid South, Jordan Cole, a UT Martin sophomore from Martin, and Erica Jacobs, a 2005 UT Martin spring graduate from Jackson, who holds the Miss Bluegrass Festival title.

Roberts, a senior nursing major from McEwen, claimed the Miss UT Martin title on her third try as a contestant. "It is such an honor to represent the university and the city of Martin in the Miss Tennessee pageant," Roberts said.

For her talent, Roberts plans to clog.

"I am excited to bring such a unique dance to the stage this year. I have choreographed an upbeat routine for my talent in addition to staying fit for the swimsuit competition," Roberts said.

"Outside of preparing for onstage events, I have been an activist for my platform, which is the March of Dimes: Saving Babies Together," Roberts added.

SEEKING THE CROWN — Miss UT Martin Jennifer Roberts will head to Jackson for Miss Tennessee pageant.

Chandler speaks at banquet

Dr. Paul T. Chandler was the keynote speaker at the Weakley County Soil Conservation District Outstanding Farmer of the Year Banquet. He is a third generation farmer. His topic was "Carrying on for Grandpa and Grandma."

Dr. Chandler received his B.S. at the University of Tennessee at Martin, his M.S. at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and his Ph.D from Pennsylvania State University. His specialties are nutritional biochemistry, applied dairy cattle nutrition and computerized feeding and management systems.

He worked many years as a Professor of the Dairy Science Department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

In addition to membership in many professional and honor societies, Dr. Chandler received the Nutritional Professional Inc.'s Applied Dairy Nutrition Award in 1997. He has dairy news spots carried by over 86 radio stations and has published over 150 articles.

The district surprised Dr. Chandler by recognizing him as Outstanding Farmer of the Year. He has 250 acres of crop land and had an established beef herd and goat herd on about 110 acres. He routinely practices pasture/ hayland planting and forage management.

He practiced strip cropping for several years before changing over to no-tilling and is now a strong advocate for no-till farming.

The past few years up to this year, he has constructed three water and sediment control basins, three grade stabilization structures, grass waterways and applied seeding to critical areas caused by road construction.

He also practices Woodland Management.
Area Educator Participated in University of Tennessee Martin Summer Institute

MARTIN (June 19) - Twenty-one teachers from across the state recently traveled to the University of Tennessee at Martin to participate in the Activity Based Physics/Astronomy Institute for middle and junior high school teachers. Jana Vickers, who teaches at West Carroll Elementary School, participated in this workshop. Throughout the six-day program, the attendees participated in numerous activities designed to meet the physical science and earth science objectives in the Tennessee science curriculum. This program is in its fourth year and is funded by a grant from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and The U.S. Department of Education under the auspices of the Improving Teacher Quality Grant Program. At left is Dr. Cahit Erkal, UT Martin associate professor of physics and institute director.

Young Scholars Academy gives a taste of college

African-American high school students got a taste of college life during the recent fifth annual Young Scholars Academy at the University of Tennessee Martin, sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs at UTM. Students attending from Madison County included, from left, Roderick Tomlin II, Ashley Warren, Charles Cole, Melody Andrews, Whitley Miller, Michelle Andrews, Michael Merriweather, Jerica Robinson, all of Jackson; Melissa Marshall of Medon; Alisha Chism, Olivia Harvell, Remington Holt and Jonathan Collins, all of Jackson.
Local students participate in Young Scholars Academy

A select group of area African-American high school students got a taste of college life during the recent fifth annual Young Scholars Academy at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event was sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs at UT Martin. Students attended this competitive week-long summer residential program, designed for upcoming high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. The non-credit program introduced students to the college experience by focusing on three learning environments: special aptitude development; personal and social development; and college/major exploration. Students attending from Weakley County included, from left, Amy Gardner, Lerosha McDonald, Shunrita Nichols, Shanell Atkins, Carmesha Owens, and Russell Morrow.

Local high school students get jump on UT Martin fall registration

Pictured above are Jonathan Dethloff, left and his father, Joel Dethloff.

Jonathan Dethloff, a graduate of Greenfield High School, along with his father, Joel Dethloff, recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Jonathan will attend UT Martin in the fall. Students met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about First-Year Initiative (an orientation for freshmen the week before classes).

Pictured above are Paige Dilday, left, and Rebecca Paschall.

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Graham graduates from University of Tennessee

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Shawn was a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity. He served in the Marine Corps from July 1998 till July 2002. He was deployed to Afghanistan after 9/11 and was there for 9 months.

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**BOY SCOUTS ATTEND CHEMISTRY CLINIC:** The University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) recently sponsored the chemistry merit badge clinic for Boy Scouts. Dyersburg Troop No. 87 participated in the event. Pictured from left, front row, are Stephen Simpson, Nicholas Amend, Alex Scott, Ben Melton, Billy Jenkins, Kevin Danley, UTM SAACS member Phuongdinh Nguyen; back row, UTM SAACS member Joshua McCoy, UTM SAACS member Edurne Lopez, Clark Harrington, UTM SAACS member Jessica Clepper and Scoutmaster Hadden Collier.

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**Barham recognized during banquet**

James Barham of Dyersburg was recently recognized during the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs spring banquet. He was named a faculty scholar.

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Ashton Kendall and Blake Smith, both 2005 graduates of Obion County Central High School, were recently initiated into Phi Sigma Kappa, a social fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Kendall is the son of Andy and Robin Kendall of Troy and Smith is the son of Bill and Suzie Smith of Troy.

Kendall entered UT Martin in the fall of 2005 and is studying pre-pharmacy with an emphasis in biology. Upon graduation, he plans to attend the University of Memphis Pharmacy School to complete his education.

Smith, who also entered UT Martin in the fall of 2005, is an engineering major. His plans after graduation include graduate school.

Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity began its first chapter at Massachusetts Agricultural College, now the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, on March 15, 1873.

The original brothers were members of literary and academic societies, members of athletic groups and editors of campus publications.

There are currently 79 chapters and colonies at colleges and universities across the United States. The current total membership of Phi Sig is 115,000, with about 2,500 undergraduate members.
Contestants score for talent, swimsuit

By PETE WICKHAM
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April Lancaster, in her second year of graduate school and her second Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant, and newcomer Stefanie Wittler scored first-night wins Wednesday at the Carl Perkins Civic Center.

Lancaster, back this year as Miss Memphis, scored a victory in round one of the preliminary talent competition with her version of the theme from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera." Wittler, Miss Hamilton County, won the nod from the judging panel in the swimsuit category.

They and 36 other women began the process of finding a successor to Tara Burns as Miss Tennessee 2006. The winner, crowned Saturday night, will earn a $10,000 scholarship and a berth in next year's Miss America pageant and will spend the year serving as the governor's representative for a safe and drug-free Tennessee.

Preliminary rounds will continue tonight and Friday. Contestants have been divided into three groups and will rotate through each of three events — talent, swimsuit and evening wear — during the preliminaries. Talent and swimsuit winners will be declared each night, but evening wear winners won't be revealed until Saturday's finals.

Lancaster, a 24-year-old from Bartlett, is studying voice at Northwestern University, which has produced Miss Americas and memorable names in the show business world over the years.

A year ago, Lancaster reached the semifinals in this pageant while holding the title of Miss Cordova.

Wittler, 19, is one of the youngest contestants in this year's field. A native of Soddy Daisy, she is a sophomore communications major at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. Among those Lancaster bettered in the talent competition was Jackson's Erica Jacobs. A year ago Jacobs took a preliminary talent competition with "All that Jazz" from the musical "Chicago," on her way to a semifinal finish in the 2005 competition as Miss Riverview. The UT Martin graduate opted to bring the routine back this year.

The second night of preliminaries will also feature Wednesday at the Carl Perkins Civic Center during the talent portion of the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant.

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Bell Witch legend fueled parody opera at UTM

The quote, "Truth is stranger than fiction," easily could have applied to the Bell Witch legend now making its rounds in movie theaters as "An American Haunting." It seems everyone near the small town of Adams, Tenn., where the Bell Farm was located, has a story to relate about the legend that began 200 years ago. Additional interest was drawn from stories that the "witch" appeared to President-elect Andrew Jackson, whose curiosity was piqued by the tale and visited the Bells.

University of Tennessee at Martin students, faculty and staff were way ahead of Hollywood, claiming a piece of the legend in the mid-1970s with "The Tennessee Witch," an opera parody of the story. Altering the legend in a comedic vein, the text or libretto of the opera was penned by Tom Landess, who was a professor of English at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., at the time. The libretto is based on an original play coauthored in 1960 by Landess and the late Edwin S. Godsey of Bristol. The music was composed and the orchestra conducted by Gilbert Carp, UT Martin professor emeritus of music, and the opera was produced by Marilyn Jewett, UT Martin associate professor emeritus of music.

It premiered May 21, 1976, and featured a cast of students and faculty. It was performed only two nights — but with the current film being bandied about, some faculty and alumni went searching for memorabilia related to the production.

Carp, who earned a master's degree at Converse and began teaching music there, met Landess and Godsey, "two pretty clever writers." They had read about the legend and wrote the parody, altering portions of the storyline.

"They gave it to me and said, 'you're a composer. Here's a play. Make an opera out of it,'" Carp said. "It was funny. It was good."

Over the next several years, Carp toyed with the score, creating a series of arias. He joined the UT Martin faculty in 1969, and in 1976, Jewett asked him to finish the piece to be performed by the university opera company as a special bicentennial production.

"I barely got through with it in time," said Carp, who added he did not write a complete score, just the piano score. "Bob Stewart, professor of music at that time, always said that while the characters were on stage performing the opera, the ink was still drying. People seemed to like it. They got the humor."

Carp said reading a recent newspaper article previewing the movie has "stirred memories." As a result, he's picked up his pen again and is working on the music. He's also contacted city officials in Adams, Tenn., to tell them about the opera in case they want to use it in some way as a tie-in to the current movie.

"The opera was really a parody written in the style of an old melodrama, replete with heroine and villain," said Jennifer Hill Cook, of Martin, a UT Martin student at the time. "I played the role of the heroine, Betsy, and the villain, Crabtree Surratt, was played by my dear friend, the late Read Willis. One rather 'ghostly' event actually spooked all of us during the production. I was making an entrance when a light frame fell from the grid, barely missing both Read and me."

Cook added, "Although I appeared in several operas during my college career, 'The Tennessee Witch' was by far the most collaborative effort in which I participated. There was such a sense of camaraderie among students and faculty, I suppose partly because Mr. Carp was finishing the piece as we rehearsed."

"For the part of the Bell Witch, I was asked by Marilyn Jewett, the director, to sing a role that was ethereal," said Tim Barrington, UT Martin instructor of theater, also a student cast member at the time. "We used an offstage microphone with an echo effect. I was the voice from beyond." He added, "I watched from the wings and sang the role with the music played back through a monitor. It was difficult not being on stage with the rest of the actors and the orchestra, but still a lot of fun."

As generally told, the legend of the Bell Witch, purports that this is the only time someone was killed by a ghost. The legend centers on the John Bell family that was tormented for years by a "witch," whose origin varies. Some accounts note that it was the apparition of a neighbor lady with whom Bell had had troubled business dealings.

From 1817 to 1820, the witch's presence is said to have progressed from whispering voices in the Bell home to loud and boisterous tirades, levitations and relentless physical abuse — particularly focusing on John Bell and his daughter, Betsy.

When Jackson, who knew the Bells, and his entourage arrived at the Bell home in 1819, one of his companions was singled out as a "fraud" and severely beaten by the spirit. When the spirit intimated there was another "fraud" in the Jackson party, it reportedly sent the group fleeing with the future president saying he'd "rather fight the entire British army than to deal with the Bell Witch."

The torment continued, often involving guests and others in the home, until Dec. 20, 1820, when John Bell succumbed after a lengthy battle with a crippling nervous system disorder. However, found on his bedside table was a vial of liquid followed with a pronouncement by the ghost, "I gave ol' Jack a big dose of that last night, and that fixed him."

Other tales of the witch's reappearance have been passed down through the years keeping the legend alive and making the movie, "An American Haunting," a perfect subject for a summer horror flick.
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ON HIS WAY TO UT-MARTIN

G.W. Jameson III, a Faith Heritage Christian Academy graduate, attended the Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) program at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he will attend classes starting this fall. With him are his parents, Gerald and Melissa Jameson of Millington.
WTWP participants

The 14th annual invitational Institute of the West Tennessee Writing Project is meeting on the University of Tennessee at Martin Campus, June 5-June 29. Participants included: Kim Pierce, left, Gibson County High School ninth grade English teacher, and Tiffany Emerson, UT Martin English Learning Specialist, TRIO Student Support Services. The next WTWP event is a workshop open to all K-12 teachers to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., August 19, in Boling University Center at UT Martin. Keynote presenter is Diane Shaw, UT Martin assistant professor of art. Teacher consultants of WTWP and UT Martin faculty from Voice Lessons: The UT Martin Faculty Writing Project will facilitate interactive teaching sessions throughout the day. Pre-registration is $45; after August 11, $55. Checks should be made payable to UT Martin. To register, contact ECCE, 110 Gooch Hall, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238, 731-881-7082 or e-mail: ecce@utm.edu. Register online at www.utm.edu/ecce/non_credit_registration.php. The WTWP Web site can be accessed at www.utm.edu/wtwp.ttt

SF STUDENT HONORED — Elizabeth Watts (right) of South Fulton received the Wayne Tansil Scholarship during the recent Communications Career Day banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The scholarship goes to an outstanding news-editorial student. Presenting the scholarship was Tomi Parrish, instructor of communications at UT Martin.

RECEIVES HONORED — Jordan Tinkle (right) of Fulton received the Duke Drumm-WCMT/Oldies 95.1 Scholarship during the recent Communications Career Day banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The $300 scholarship goes to two broadcasting students. The scholarship was presented by Paul Tinkle, president and general manager of Thunderbolt Broadcasting Company.
UTM loses 40-year veteran

Speech teacher Norton, 68, dies of head injury

By TONYA SMITH-KING

The late Dorotha Norton had an "enthusiasm and compassion for teaching" that one student recalled, made it hard to believe she was 68.

That's what Kevin Teets remembers about the tenured University of Tennessee Martin communications and speech professor, who died Friday afternoon at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

"She just had the liveliness and motivation of someone who was very young," Teets, 22 and a recent graduate, said Saturday.

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Norton

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Norton, of Kenton, suffered a head injury in a fall Wednesday, according to The Pacer, UTM's school newspaper. She died about 3 p.m. Friday from injuries she suffered in that fall, which happened off campus, according to her family and a UTM news release.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. today at Kenton's First Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church.

A UTM faculty member since 1966, Norton taught 40 years at the university. Prior to her death, she was teaching public speaking classes, the news release said.

Norton is survived by her husband, Robert Marion Norton; a daughter, Robbie Norton Eddings; and her husband, Larry, of Kenton; a son, Ron Norton, and his wife, Angela, of Germantown; and grandchildren, Coby Eddings, 8, and Bryn and Conleigh Norton, ages 3 and 2.

The Nortons were married 48 years.

Dorotha Norton began her teaching career as an English instructor at the former Kenton High School and taught there eight years, Robert Norton said Saturday. She also served as the school's guidance counselor.

"She was just a special lady, and she loved doing things for others," Robert Norton said.

In fact, their daughter, Robbie Norton Eddings, said her mother's entire life was a sacrifice to others. The Nortons adopted their two children.

Dorotha Norton's motto was: "There's a right way to do things, and there's a wrong way to do things, and you do it the right way," Eddings said. She expected them to follow that motto in every aspect of their lives, from their school work to the way they treated authority figures, Eddings said.

Teets, of Woodlawn, graduated from UTM in May with degrees in communications and political science. Norton taught him public speaking and voice and diction.

"She could come across as stern to students just getting to know her," Teets said. But they understood why once they got to know her.

"She set the bar extremely high for every student," Teets explained. "She expected improvement from every student. If you came in as an A+ student, she expected A++ quality work."

UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan echoed that in the news release.

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Dorotha Norton's achievements reflect that she met the same high standards she expected of her students.

She recently received the 2006 Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award.

That's given each year to a faculty member "who demonstrates strength in teaching and contributes to the teaching profession through extracurricular achievements, leadership qualities and scholarly activities," the news release said.

In 2005, Dorotha Norton was presented the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award. Students, alumni and faculty nominate outstanding teachers for the recognition "based on classroom performance, scholarship and service," the release said.

She also was recognized last year when alumni leaders set up a scholarship endowment in her name.

"The scholarship is earmarked for an outstanding communications major who is an excellent public speaker," the release said.

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This program is in its fourth year and is funded by a grant from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and the U.S. Department of Education under the auspices of the Improving Teacher Quality Grant Program.

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Students receive scholarships

Two Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Brady Legens, son of Steve and Beth Legens of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship.

Casey Unger, son of Lang and Cathy Unger of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor’s Award.

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

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Professor leaves legacy after tragic accident

By SARA REID
Staff Writer

A freak accident took the life of a well-respected professor over the weekend.

Dorothy Norton, 68, of Kenton, fell and sustained a head injury last Wednesday afternoon while putting groceries in her car.

She was hospitalized at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis and died around 3 p.m. on Friday. Her funeral was held Monday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Kenton.

Norton was a professor of communications at the University of Tennessee at Martin. She was the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and honors during her distinguished career as an educator. Throughout her career, she taught voice, diction and public speaking and was an English teacher in public schools before joining UT Martin in 1966.

From the very beginning, it seemed Norton was destined not only to be a teacher, but to push her students beyond the normal limits to see each and every one of them achieve his or her goal. Demanding nothing less than the best, Norton earned a reputation for her tough love approach to getting her message across.

The start of her teaching career came when she served as both English instructor and guidance counselor in her hometown of Kenton at the former Kenton High School. Initially, when Norton came to UT Martin in 1966 she continued to teach English, but joined the communications department in 1978 and hasn't moved since then.

“I know I speak for the entire department when I say that we tell students who come in through the SOAR program that we're a family,” Tomi Parrish, professor of communications and faculty advisor of The Pacer, commented. “Those who have been with us for a while know it’s not a cliche. It’s true. No one is afraid to speak his or her mind and Dorothy was always one to speak her mind.

She was very open, tough and blunt, but fair. Both Robert (Nanney) and I had her as a former teacher and now a colleague and she could be so intimidating at first, especially if you were unsure of your skills. Once you got past that ‘calling a spade a spade’ mentality, then you realized how much she wanted you to learn. The fabric of the communications department will never be the same.”

“Stacey Freed will take over for the time being in the remaining two weeks of summer school and it's going to be all hands on deck now,” she added.

"Someone is coming in the fall, but voice and diction has been such a Norton tradition. She's always made me want to try harder as a student and when I worked with her as faculty. There’s a hole now that cannot be filled.”

“The communications department is a close-knit family, and we have lost the foundation of that family in the passing of Dorothy Norton,” Dr. Robert Nanney, department chair, said. "Professor Norton has been a colleague, mentor and dear friend to us all through the years. Through the last four decades on this campus, and through the entire history of this department, her impact cannot be measured. We will miss her terribly.”

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Her daughter-in-law, Angela Norton, summed it up in a written statement by citing, “Her legacy will surely be her kind and caring spirit and love of family and her students. She cared for many family members during their time of need and continued to touch lives of her students, both past and present.”

For her 40-year career as an educator at UT Martin, Norton earned the 2005 University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher award, a scholarship endowment and the 2006 Coffey Outstanding Teacher Award, but more rewarding than any of the many plaques she may have collected over the years are the even more numerous lives that have been touched and made better for having had her as a teacher.

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University administrators and friends mourned the loss of Norton.
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Services were at 11 a.m. Monday at Kenton First Baptist Church. Karnes-Thompson Funeral Home in Kenton was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Norton was the daughter of the late Lacey A. and Pearl Oliver. She was a tenured professor of speech and communications at the University of Tennessee at Martin. She was the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and honors, and was a distinguished career as an educator. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Kenton.

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Full-time graduate enrollment

Black graduates with honors

Dr. Piper L. Black graduated with honors May 26 from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center’s College of Pharmacy. She is an honor graduate of Westview High School and the University of Tennessee at Martin. She was a University and Harold Conner Scholar at UT Martin. Dr. Black is a drug information resident with Solvay Pharmaceuticals and Mercer University in Atlanta, Ga. She is the daughter of Dr. Frank Black and Ruby Lindsey Black.

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LOCAL TEACHERS PARTICIPATE IN SEA LAB WORKSHOP — Dauphin Island Sea Lab offers a teacher workshop titled "MAST" (Marine Applications of Science and Technology), a week-long workshop that introduces educators to a hands-on application of math, technology and science. Teachers explore disciplines as varied as oceanography, salt marsh ecology, climatology and fisheries management. The marine-life environment of Alabama’s coastal resources is used as a teaching tool to present the material. The teachers are taught how to use Global Positioning Systems (GPS) units to incorporate math, mapping, plotting and the use of technology in disciplines as varied as oceanography, salt marsh ecology, climatology and fisheries management, to measure waves on Dauphin Island’s public beach and trawl for marine life in the gulf and bay. They observed a variety of sea life up-close and personal, including sharks. Each "MAST" participant returns to their classroom with a state of the art GPS unit to be used by their students. Local participants in the workshop were (from left) Becky Cox of Hollow Rock, assistant professor at UTM; Tina Coleman of Martin, teacher at Martin Middle School; Michael Gibson of Martin, professor at UTM; and (back) Lionel Crews of Sharon, assistant professor at UTM.

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McNairy County student receives scholarship

A McNairy County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Amanda Gray, daughter of Dan and Lisa Gray of Ramer, will be a freshman. She received the College Cheerleader and Training Scholarship.

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

The University of Tennessee at Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer is offering a variety of non-credit summer courses throughout July and August.

A conversational Spanish class will be offered from 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays, July 6-July 27. The course will aid students in the development of the basic listening, speaking, reading and writing skills of the Spanish language and offer students the chance to learn fundamental Spanish phrases and sentences. The class will incorporate videos, PowerPoint presentations and conversations.

Stanley Holland will teach the class, and the cost will be $55.

A country and western line dancing class will be offered from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 11-Aug. 15. This class teaches beginner dancers the basic steps to a variety of dances performed to popular music. The Cha Cha, the Catfish, the Electric Slide, the Cowboy Stomp, the Two Step and the Waltz are among the dances that will be taught. Dances will include steps performed solo, with partners and in small groups. Michael J. Brewer will teach the class, and the cost will be $60 for singles and $110 for couples.

A yoga class will be offered from 6:30-8 p.m. on Mondays, July 10-Aug. 14. This class will introduce beginners to the basics of the ancient art of yoga, which promotes physical well-being and mental and emotional clarity. Participants will be aided in the development of a personal practice that can aid their strength, endurance, flexibility and energy. Mentally, students will benefit from improvement in concentration, mood and stress.

Students should come to class on an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal). Classes are performed barefoot. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights). All students need to bring their own yoga mat.

Carrie Blackley will teach this course, and the cost will be $55.

For more information, please call (888) 654-6897 or (731) 646-1636.

Megan Ward graduates Magna Cum Laude

Megan Ward graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin Magna Cum Laude on May 13, 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

While in college, she was a member of Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society and the Student Tennessee Education Association. She plans to attend graduate school this fall at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville to pursue a masters degree in education.

Megan is a 2002 graduate of McNairy Central High School. She is the daughter of Dennis and Wanda Ward of Selmer. She is the granddaughter of Florence Ward of Finger.

Business advice available at REED Center July 13

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will return to the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center (REED) from 9-4 p.m., July 13. He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs.

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.

Acree will be available the second Thursday of each month from 9-4 p.m., but the REED Center 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 887-REED (7333). The REED Center is located at 920 University St. in Martin.

For additional services offered by the REED Center go to www.utm.edu/reed.
Chesteen participates in national security seminar

Richard Chesteen of Union City, a University of Tennessee at Martin professor of political science, recently participated in a week-long National Security Seminar sponsored by the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle.

He was one of about 165 business, government, academic and community leaders from across the country who took part in the seminar.

The five-day annual seminar is the capstone event of the 10-month curriculum at the Army War College, the army’s senior educational institution.

While the principal purpose of the seminar is to permit the War College student body to hear a “civilian viewpoint” on defense matters, it also gives participants an opportunity to meet and exchange views with the nation’s future military leaders.

During the week, participants were assigned to one of 20 student seminar groups to discuss national security issues.

Featured speakers during the seminar included General (Retired) Wayne A. Downing, former Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command; Dr. Larry Diamond, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution; Mr. Martin Wolf, The Financial Times; Professor Samantha Power, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy; and Dr. Michael O’Hanlon, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution.

The U.S. Army War College was established in 1901 in Washington, DC “not to promote war, but to preserve peace.” The College relocated to Carlisle, Pa. in 1951.

The Army War College is the Army’s senior service college. It prepares senior officers to serve in the highest command and staff positions in the armed forces of the United States.

Annually, it provides educational outreach to nearly 7,000 students, program participants and senior visitors.


For more information about the U.S. Army War College, visit our website at http://www.carlisle.army.mil.

Hasselle participates in UTM Summer Institute

Twenty-one teachers from across the state recently traveled to the University of Tennessee at Martin to participate in the Activity Based Physics/Astronomy Institute for Middle and Junior High School Teachers.

Becky Hasselle, who teaches at Dyersburg Middle School, participated in the workshop.

Throughout the six-day program, the attendees participated in numerous activities designed to meet the physical science and earth science objectives in the Tennessee science curriculum.

Dr. Cahit Erkal, UTM associate professor of physics, is the institute director.

The program is in its fourth year and is funded by a grant from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and the U.S. Department of Education under the auspices of the Improving Teacher Quality Grant Program.

DHS GRADS PARTICIPATE IN SOAR: D’Ann Blakeburn, left, and Rachel Cook, both Dyersburg High School graduates, recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. They will attend UT Martin in the fall.

Students met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about First-Year Initiative (an orientation for freshmen the week before classes). Students should attend both S.O.A.R. and First-Year Initiative to get the jump on fall semester. For more information about S.O.A.R., call the UT Martin Office of Admissions at (731) 881-7020 or 1-800-829-UTM1.
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died Friday afternoon at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis. Professor Norton suffered a serious head injury as a result of the accident, which took place at her late mother's home in Kenton, Tennessee. She was transported to the emergency room in Union City and then transferred to the Med in Memphis.

"Dorotha Norton loved her work with students. She was tough, but fair, and a wonderful mentor to many students during her 40 years at UT Martin," said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. "It is hard to believe that she will no longer be with us engaging students and providing a high standard in her speech communications classes. We offer our thoughts and prayers to her family and friends."

Norton, a UT Martin faculty member since 1966, was recently recognized with the 2006 Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award, presented annually to a faculty member who demonstrates strength in teaching and contributes to the teaching profession through extracurricular achievements, leadership qualities, and scholarly activities.

In 2005, she received the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award. Students, alumni and faculty nominate outstanding teachers based on classroom performance, scholarship and service. Also in 2005, she was presented with a scholarship endowment established in her name that was initiated by alumni leaders for outstanding students in the UT Martin communications department. The scholarship is earmarked for an outstanding communications major who is an excellent public speaker. Additionally, the Tennessee Speech Communication Association named Norton Speech Educator of the Year in 1992.

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Norton was teaching two sections of public speaking. Throughout her career, she has taught various communications courses, including voice and diction, a requirement for all communications majors, since the inception of the communications department. She began as an instructor of English.

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Services were set for 11 a.m. today at Kenton First Baptist Church, where she was an active and dedicated member.

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Weakley County students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

Two Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

* Brady Legens, son of Steve and Beth Legens of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship.
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UTM Le Bonheur Marathon presents check

A University of Tennessee at Martin Leaders-In-Residence class recently organized an all night dance marathon to raise money for Le Bonheur Children’s Medical Center in Memphis. David Taylor, left, 2005-2006 Le Bonheur Marathon executive chair, and Shawn Nanney, right, Le Bonheur Marathon advisor, present a check in the amount of $2,500 to Sara Antonie, Le Bonheur Children’s Medical Center special events coordinator.

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Moores establish scholarship fund

The University of Tennessee at Martin recently received a gift from Charles and Bettye Moore to establish the Charles and Bettye Moore Scholarship to be awarded to students from Sharon or Sidonia. They were born and reared in the Sharon community and Charles earned his degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Tennessee. The first recipient of the scholarship is Krystal Wood of Sharon. Wood will be a beginning freshman and plans to major in physical therapy. Though now retired and living in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the Moores maintain close ties to Tennessee and are pleased to give back to their hometown through this scholarship.
Volunteers make Kid College possible

The Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at the University of Tennessee at Martin enlisted a number of youth volunteers who helped to make the 22nd Annual Kid College successful. More than 250 children from West Tennessee attended Kid College; volunteers of all ages supervised the children during classes, lunch and free time. "Without the help of volunteers, Kid College would not be possible," said Debbie Mount, director of non-degree programs in the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education.

Evelyn Daniel (bottom left) stands with other Kid College volunteers in front of Cecil M. and Boyce A. Gooch Hall on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus. Other volunteers (bottom row) include: Carrie Powers, Brandt Gibson and Jessie Parrish. Volunteers on the top row include: Maci Mount, left, Kendal Currin and Zack Merwin.

Students attend Governor’s School for Agricultural Sciences

Students from across Tennessee are attending the annual Governor's School for Agricultural Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Martin. In its third year, Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences gives students the opportunity to earn six hours of college credit. Additionally, as part of a pilot program, a first in the state, students received Gateway wireless tablet computers to use while on campus. Pictured are students from Weakley County: Jimmy Croom, left, and Arlene Cooper.

International student receives Friendship Award at UTM

Emre Serbest recently received the International Friendship Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The International Friendship Award was established by Dr. Yoshio Sei in the fall of 2003. Sei, a long time friend of the university, is a professor at Yamaguchi University, and Sei's daughter and son are graduates of UT Martin. Serbest, the third recipient of this award, is a senior management major in the Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science. Serbest is a native of Turkey.
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Veteran attends UT Memorial Day event

Bill Stout, right, of Martin, a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, was among the guests at the University of Tennessee Martin annual Memorial Day observance held May 26. Stout was a former UT Martin ROTC instructor. His son, the late David Stout, UT Martin library media specialist, was instrumental in organizing the annual event. UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan, left, and Brig. Gen. Jimmy Welch, guest speaker, are also pictured.

Memorial Day commemoration event at UT

Lt. Joe Dacus, of Dukedom, a spring 2006 University of Tennessee Martin graduate, was master of ceremonies for the seventh annual Memorial Day commemoration May 26 at the university. With him are, Nick Dunagan, UT Martin Chancellor; Stan Dunagan, online university studies assistant director; and accounting assistant in the UT physical plant administration Tracie Stewart of Dresden.
Diamond Rio, 38 Special to cap Martin bean festival

MARTIN — Diamond Rio and 38 Special will headline the 13th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival, Sept. 4-10, in Martin, with Diamond Rio’s first hit single used as part of the theme, “Meet in the Middle of Northwestern Tennessee.”

A varied mix of entertainment, along with a national car and truck show, pageants, barbecue cookoff and educational programs, also highlight this year’s event.

The 2006 festival will include Radio Daze in concert as the Tuesday night feature during festival week, the third annual Faith and Community Night, sponsored by the Martin Ministerial Alliance, with The Peacemakers as the Wednesday night entertainment, and the Spin Doctors (“Little Miss Can’t Be Wrong” and “Two Princes”) performing Thursday night.

The 38 Special concert Friday night and Diamond Rio’s performance Saturday night will cap festival musical events. All concerts will be on the main stage in downtown Martin.

Diamond Rio of “Meet in the Middle,” “One More Day” and “I Believe” fame, has had 25 Top Ten country hits and 15 top singles, including nine No. 1 songs. 38 Special’s hit songs include “Caught Up In You,” “Back Where You Belong” and “Hold on Loosely.”

Martin Mayor Randy Brundige said this year’s festival will be one of the best with top musical entertainment, activities for all ages, “one of the biggest carnivals” and continued support of sponsors.

“We couldn’t do it without our sponsors,” said Brundige, at last week’s festival kickoff luncheon. “Let’s get ready to welcome people to Martin, and show them what we have.”

Traditional festival events will include the Mayor’s Kickoff Luncheon and Soybean Festival Parade; the Soybean Farmer’s Breakfast; School Children’s Street Fair with lunch for the children; “The Price is Right” live game show; golf tournament; 5K run; bicycle rodeo; the 10th annual national car and truck show, and the 13th annual barbecue cookoff.

Complete festival information will be posted on the Web at www.tnsoybeanfestival.org.

Dorotha Norton

Funeral services for Dorotha Oliver Norton were held Monday at Kenton First Baptist Church, Karnes-Thompson Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. Norton, 68, professor of Speech and Communications at UT Martin, passed away Friday in Memphis following injuries sustained in an accident.

The recipient of numerous prestigious awards and honors during a most distinguished career as an educator, Mrs. Norton received a Bachelor’s Degree in Education from Union University. She completed Master’s Degrees from both Murray State University and University of Memphis. Throughout her career, she taught voice, diction, and public speaking and was an English teacher in public schools before joining UT Martin in 1966.

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“Her legacy will surely be her kind and caring spirit and love of family and her students. She cared for many family members during their time of need and continued to touch the lives of her students, both past and present,” her daughter-in-law, Angela Norton, said.

A dedicated and passionately spiritual lady, she was actively involved with First Baptist Church in Kenton. She loved her Lord and church family as she loved her own. While she cherished many scriptures, she favored Psalms 23. Even with this untimely death, all who knew her know “goodness and mercy” followed her all the days of her life and she “will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lacey A. and Pearl Oliver.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, Robert Marion Norton; a daughter, Robbie Norton Eddings and her husband, Larry, of Kenton; a son, Ron Norton and his wife, Angela, of Germantown. She glowed with adoring pride and loving devotion for grandchildren, Coby Eddings, Bryan and Conleigh Norton.
Country musician turned author shares stories of wit and wisdom

By REBECCA GRAY

Some of you may have never heard of the book "The Tao of Willie: A Guide to the Happiness in Your Heart" by Willie Nelson. Unfortunately, it graces no popular best-seller list at the moment. Luckily, I just happened to hear about it while watching a TV show featuring an interview with the living legend.

I'm sure everyone knows Willie as one of the most popular, if not influential, country music artists in history. His friend and fellow musician Kris Kristofferson said he is a "carved-in-granite, samurai-poet-warrior-Gypsy, guitar-pickin' wild man with a heart as big as Texas and the greatest sense of humor in the West." Though I may never cross paths with this wise old soul, I would say I've come pretty close after having what I feel is a conversation of sorts with him by reading his book. It's really quite enjoyable.

Willie said he wrote the book to share some life lessons that he has learned in his "72 years of making music and friends on this beautiful planet." While it contains some humorous jokes and stories of his career (including his use of marijuana to relieve stress), I went digging for his more thought-provoking gems and found several memorable ones sprinkled throughout the book. Though some of these quotes sound familiar, if they're coming from the pleasantly straightforward Mr. Nelson, they are definitely worth repeating.

• "By hook or by crook, I seem to have stumbled onto something all of us search for in this great mystery of life. Some would call it happiness, but I like to think that what I found is me. It took me quite a while to do it, and it took me learning that I had to quit trying to be someone else. Trying to be someone else is the hardest road there is."

• "In our childhoods, we form a bond between ourselves and the great mysteries of the universe. As we grow up, those mystical bonds we formed begin to slip away. Acquiring reason and practicality, we begin to forget who we were, and often never learn who we truly are. As adults we try to relax from the never-ending quest for reason and order by drinking a little whiskey, or smoking whatever works for us, but the wisdom isn't in the whiskey or the smoke. The wisdom is in the moments when the madness slips away and we remember the basics."

• "As nations, we prepare much more for war than we do for peace and, in doing so, we make war inevitable. Achieving peace through strength doesn't necessarily mean that you need bigger tanks or missiles, for peace can also be achieved through personal strength. No matter the rationalization, any destructive act leads to other destructive acts. Just because we were taught the Golden Rule as kids doesn't mean it doesn't apply to us as adults, or as nations."

• "Life is not about how far you run or how high you climb, but how well you bounce. When you live in a circle of negative thinking, when you are petty and selfish, when you use your handful of money or power to dominate others, you are already living in a hell of your own making, and only you hold the power to escape it. It is up to you to spread life and spirit through the positive, to be generous and to think of others as of equal importance as yourself."

• "You can't always change the circumstances of your life, but you can change your perception of those circumstances and of the world around you by any creative act. Creation will set you free. So to each of you, I say, 'Create!' It doesn't matter what: a line of poetry, a phrase of a song, or a perfect pot roast. Cook a perfect pot roast and you will never dine alone."

• "In trying to observe people who pass through my life, I've noticed that most people spend too much time worrying about what someone else is doing or saying. Instead of letting your thoughts think you into a corner, why not just let them go?"

Letting go of your anger by simply exhaling it away makes room for the ultimate breath of fresh air. If someone's a jerk, that's their misfortune, not yours. Let the jerks of the world serve as the perfect example of what you don't want to be. You'll be a heck of a lot happier, and in the long run, there's a chance that other person will end up asking what your secret is.

• "One of the great benefits of helping people who are less fortunate than you is that it gives you a new perspective on your own life. Appreciate what you have and you'll be in a better frame of mind to make the world a better place for those who have less."

• "Happiness is in the way we act, not in the outcome. The easiest mistake on earth is to forget to appreciate what you have right now. Like they say, you've got to slow down and smell the flowers, or in my case, smoke the flowers."

Willie Nelson possesses timeless wisdom born of his richly eventful life, and I think we can all learn something from this "Redheaded Stranger."

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