First Citizens National Bank announces several promotions

Several promotions have been announced by Jeff Agee, president and CEO of First Citizens Bancshares Inc., parent company of First Citizens National Bank. "It is always a pleasure to honor members of our staff with well deserved promotions," he said. "Through these appointments, the board of directors has shown their confidence in the potential and performance of these very capable employees. Any measure of success enjoyed by this company can be directly attributed to employees who make up the organization."

Dr. Thomas A. Rakes on May 7 was named the new University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor. At one time he was a University of Memphis professor and director of the Division of Research and Development in the College of Education. He also served as chair and professor in the department of instruction and curriculum.

In addition, First Citizens Financial Plus president Tommy Hopper has announced the promotion of Chuck Doss to vice president. Doss will continue to serve as investment representative and manager of the company's Union City office. He also serves the Weakley County market, possessing experience in financial planning, investments, and insurance.

He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a degree in communications with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in music. His community service includes Union City Babe Ruth baseball coach, Union City Rotary Club and Community Concert Association.

Qualls is Delegate to NEA Assembly

MARTIN - April Qualls, of Buena Vista, a University of Tennessee at Martin spring graduate, will be a delegate to the National Education Association's Representative Assembly later this month. She was elected during the spring Student Tennessee Education Association conference in Nashville.

The National Education Association Representative Assembly—the RA—is the highest decision-making body within the more than 3.2 million-member NEA. With 9,000 delegates, the RA also is the world's largest democratic deliberative body.

Over the course of eight business sessions spanning four days, RA delegates debate the vital issues that impact American public education and set Association policy and activities for the year ahead. In balloting conducted by NEA affiliates throughout the country, NEA members elect their peers to represent their concerns at the RA. The delegates represent NEA local and state affiliates, student members, retired members and other segments of the NEA membership. The elected delegates determine NEA's strategic plan and budget, legislative program and resolutions. Delegates also vote, by secret ballot, on proposed amendments to the NEA constitution and bylaws and elect NEA's executive officers, executive committee members and at-large members of the NEA board of directors.

Student delegates will gather June 23-26 in Philadelphia, Pa. On June 26, students will participate in Outreach to Teach, in which NEA retired members join student members to clean up a local school in the host city of NEA's Rep. Assembly Volunteers have painted, made repairs, cleaned, gardened and decorated bulletin boards in the past.

The RA will be held June 30-July 5 in Philadelphia. This is the association's 146th annual meeting and 96th representative assembly.

Qualls is the daughter of Harlon and Vicki Miller and the wife of Timothy Qualls. She was a K-8 education major.
Banking professionals learn about ‘big picture’
in bank simulation course

BY CHRISTOPHER SHEFFIELD

Before many bankers in the Mid-South get too far into their careers and start making big decisions with real money, they go through the Barret School of Banking first to test their skills in a computer simulation game.

The game has been part of the banking school almost since the beginning 35 years ago, but it has changed with time, technology and trends, says Thomas Payne, a professor of finance at the Barret School of Banking and a member of the Barret School’s faculty.

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Payne has run the bank simulation, or bank sim, course for the school since joining the staff in 2000. It is offered only to bankers who are in the third year of the three-year program.

The simulation pits teams against one another to see which team of four to six members can create the most profitable bank over an 18-month period. The experience is meant to bring together all facets of running a bank taught in previous years, Payne says.

“It’s the capstone experience for the school,” Payne says.

The 15.5 hours of credit for bank simulation are by far the most for a single course, behind the 8.5 hours for “financial statements,” and it’s for a reason, Payne says.

The primary lesson learned with the bank simulation program, and the other education components Payne works into lectures, is how students’ decisions as bankers affect other areas of the bank operation.

“They can’t make decisions in a vacuum,” he says.

Each team starts the game shortly after arriving on Sunday evening. After being put on a team — which doesn’t include anyone from the same bank — teams are given a publicly traded $5 billion asset bank with the single goal of producing earnings and growing its value beyond

$111 per share.

Doing that, though, means the student bankers must consider more than a half dozen factors, Payne says, including capital adequacy, credit risk, interest rate risk, liquidity, dividend policy and managing expenses.

Every day that passes is one quarter. In between, the teams meet and adjust and readjust their strategy. All the while, a pre-set group of economic indicators and the decisions of their competitors, with names like Southern Bank of Shumow or Premiere Bank, impact other teams’ results for which they must make further adjustments.

It’s fun but stressful, says Melissa Sullivan, a credit analyst for the commercial lending division of Frontenac Bank in suburban St. Louis.

As a credit analyst who hopes to one day be a commercial lender, Sullivan says the game helped her see more clearly all of the moving parts that make up a functioning bank.

Greg Teelke, a branch manager for the Bank of Franklin County began his banking career 10 years ago. He says he’s taken many one- and two-day seminars, but nothing ever gave him the big picture of what he was learning.

Bank simulation does that.

“Banking really brings it all together,” Teelke says. “Now, when our president is talking about how the bank is performing, I actually understand what he’s talking about.”

At the end of the week, the teams gather once again before a group of four bank executives to share what they learned and ask for feedback.

Buddy Montgomery, chairman and CEO of First National Bank of Pontotoc, warned the students about the danger of trying to grow too fast and taking on risky loans.

Size, Montgomery warned, is not everything. Serving current customers, being responsive, product sensitive and focused on real service will do more in the long run than simply trying to buy customers.

“Credit (quality) means more than anything else,” he says. “Credit and your capacity to pay and good underwriting and you’ll be a step up on others.”

Thomas Payne, left, fields a question at the Barret School’s bank simulation course.
UTM names local students to spring semester dean’s list

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Shobe, Honors; Rachel A. Stout, Highest Honors; Matthew A. Thomas, High Honors; Andrea F. Wade, High Honors; James B. Whaley, Honors; Dukedom: Charles V. Bailey, Honors; Matthew T. Dacus, Highest Honors; Jeremy L. Robertson, Highest Honors; Gleason: Heather L. Allen, Honors; Lacy D. Arnold, Honors; Adam T. Bennett, Honors; Brandon R. Boone, High Honors; Albert G. Collins, Honors; Tiffany B. Felts, Honors; Andrew R. Francisco, Honors; Dustin R. Frazier, Honors; Haley A. Hudson, Highest Honors; Carrie C. Joyner, Highest Honors; Tessa R. Kyle, Honors; Lindsey M. Phelps, Highest Honors; Thomas E. Pope, Honors; Kristyn D. Roberts, Highest Honors; Lesley M. Sawyer, Highest Honors; Greenfield: Clint A. Ary, Highest Honors; Kristopher S. Cantrell, Highest Honors; Adam G. Dowland, Honors; Chelsey P. Engler, High Honors; Shelley C. Featherston, Honors; Velvet C. Garner, Highest Honors; Samuel A. Hollis, Honors; Jerri A. Lewis, Highest Honors; Jerri A. Lewis, Highest Honors; Michael C. Maggard, Honors; Robert L. McCall, Highest Honors; Emily L. Medling, Honors; Michelle L. Medling, Highest Honors; Candace A. Robinson, High Honors; Chadwick T. Robinson, Highest Honors; Jonathan C. Shepherd, Highest Honors; Kelly A. Stewart, Highest Honors; Jenny B. Stout, Honors; Jennifer K. Tharp, Highest Honors; Kimberly K. Tharp, Highest Honors; Anna M. Waddell, Highest Honors; Martin: Abdulla Abdulla, Honors; Kassi L. Abney, Highest Honors; Bethany C. Adams, High Honors; Lacey E. Adkins, Highest Honors; Ali Alabradabreda, Honors; Sadiq Alhuwaidi, Highest Honors; Hassan Almansoor, High Honors; Joseph S. Anderson, High Honors; Gustavo A. Anzola, High Honors; Shannon M. Ary, Highest Honors; Gara A. Barlow, High Honors; Dustin M. Barner, High Honors; Brandi A. Barrigher, Honors; David P. Barrington, High Honors; Brandon N. Beck, Highest Honors; Christopher N. Bell, Highest Honors; Julie A. Bell, Highest Honors; Jeana L. Berry, High Honors; Mark W. Bird, High Honors; Mary Margaret M. Boyd, Highest Honors; Michelle C. Brasel, Highest Honors; Jessica K. Breeden, Highest Honors; Christopher E. Brewer, Honors; Pamela K. Bridges, High Honors; John S. Britton, Highest Honors; Jennifer L. Brooks, Highest Honors; Kyle H. Brooks, High Honors; Amy B. Brandige, High Honors; Bradley A. Bugg, Highest Honors; Hannah S. Burcham, High Honors; Clarice N. Callison, High Honors; Cornelius A. Capps, Honors; Candice B. Carter, Highest Honors; Christopher M. Cates, Highest Honors; Kayla A. Cazenave, Honors; Adam M. Chitwood, Honors; Shawn A. Coleman, Highest Honors; John A. Collins, Highest Honors; Matthew R. Cook, Highest Honors; Matthew R. Cook, Highest Honors; Reecce M. Cooper, Highest Honors; Darren N. Crowder, Highest Honors; Richelle L. Daniels, Honors; Phillip L. Darnall, High Honors; Cory S. Davis, High Honors; Selena E. DeSantis, High Honors; Michael L. Dobson, High Honors; Misty Len Dunlap, Highest Honors; James C. Eisterhold, High Honors; Andrew C. Evans, High Honors; Jason A. Evans, Honors; Mancell C. Fincher, High Honors; Sherree E. Finney, Highest Honors; Kimberly D. Foley, High Honors; Shawn D. Freid, High Honors; Samuel R. Freeman, High Honors; Victor O. Fulton, Honors; Christopher R. Garner, Honors; Scott A. Gibson, High Honors; Jessica E. Gill, High Honors; Lacie E. Glover, Highest Honors; Matthew H. Grimm, Highest Honors; Amy V. Hall, Honors; Europe L. Hall, Highest Honors; Cassandra L. Hamilton, High Honors; Justin S. Hanson, Honors; Grant R. Harper, High Honors; Angela K. Harris, Honors; Walter R. Harris, Honors; Ryan S. Harrison, Highest Honors; Jim B. Hatchel, Highest Honors; Stacie E. Hawks, Highest Honors; Bethany N. Hazelwood, High Honors; Laura L. Hensley, High Honors; Sarah Hensley, Honors; Thomas H. Hester, Honors; Rebecca K. Hinds, Highest Honors; Margaret A. Hinson, High Honors; Joanna R. Hite, Highest Honors; Hao En Ho, Highest Honors; Amelia D. Hollenberg, Honors; Tara M. Holmes, Honors; Carah L. Hooten, Highest Honors; Bethany L. Hummer, Highest Honors; Emily A. Hunt, Highest Honors; Sarah R. Hunter, Honors; Tiffany A. Hurt, Honors; Jaime A. Jones, Highest Honors; Dae Hyun Kang.
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 Students on the Dean’s List from Hickman are: Chrystal L. Craddock, High Honors; Roger A. Dunn, Honors; Lucas A. Goodman, Honors; Brandy D. Whitten, Honors; Mitchell L. Williamson, Honors.
New teacher survivor kits offered online

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and online course provider Education To Go are offering “Survival Kit for New Teachers.”

Many new teachers are caught in the modern educational dilemma – too many students and too little time. The key to creating a successful learning environment is knowing how to reach a base of diverse learners with the kind of creativity and leadership that will inspire greatness in each student. A new online course “Survival Kit for New Teachers,” will help teachers do just that.

Taught by veteran middle school teacher Tracey Birch, the course shares smart tips for making lessons creative and fun while giving teachers practical support for those days when nothing goes right.

New teachers in Birch’s course will learn about basic classroom management, lesson plan creation, discipline and rewards programs that encourage students and organizational tips that whip even the most harried teachers into shape.

Students can take "Survival Kit for New Teachers" from the convenience of home or office, and at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course – part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses – visit the ECCE Web site at www.utk.edu/departments/ecce/onlinesources.php
McKenzie Top Seniors

Rachel Lee Chandler
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Rachel, daughter of Ricky and Rhonda Chandler of McKenzie, plans to attend UT-Martin and pursue a family and consumer sciences education degree. Her activities and achievements included being president of the Student Council and membership in the Beta Club, Business Professionals of America, Leo Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, M-Club, Pep Club, the track team, and the trapshooting team. She has received the Tennessee Wildlife Federation President Award, the Danforth "I Dare You" Leadership Award, the Principal's Youth Leadership Award, the President's Academic Achievement Award, served as a Girls State delegate and been named Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who in Desktop Publishing. She was selected to attend a Junior Olympic Development Camp, has served on the Mayor's Advisory Board for community improvements, been an ambassador for Beretta USA, placed first in regional competitions of discus throwing, finished first in several trapshooting competitions, and been crowned queen in the Gleason Spring Pageant, the Miss McKenzie Pageant and the Carroll County Fairest of the Fair Pageant.

Samantha Gale Doster
96.58
Samantha, daughter of Paula and Mack Doster, plans to attend UT-Martin and pursue a family and consumer sciences education degree. Her activities and achievements included being president of the Student Council and membership in the Beta Club, Business Professionals of America, Leo Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, M-Club, Pep Club, the track team, and the trapshooting team. She has received the Tennessee Wildlife Federation President Award, the Danforth "I Dare You" Leadership Award, the Principal's Youth Leadership Award, the President's Academic Achievement Award, served as a Girls State delegate and been named Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who in Desktop Publishing. She was selected to attend a Junior Olympic Development Camp, has served on the Mayor's Advisory Board for community improvements, been an ambassador for Beretta USA, placed first in regional competitions of discus throwing, finished first in several trapshooting competitions, and been crowned queen in the Gleason Spring Pageant, the Miss McKenzie Pageant and the Carroll County Fairest of the Fair Pageant.

Kelsey Christopher Schweitzer
96.42
Kelsey, son of Jan Brake of McKenzie and the late Rick Schweitzer, plans to attend UT-Martin and pursue a career in the business field. His activities and achievements included membership in the Beta Club, Library Club, FCA, M-Club, DECA, serving as captain of the football team, captain of the soccer team, and playing one year each on the basketball and baseball teams. He has been a Boys State delegate, received awards at the district and regional level for his play in football and soccer, and been nominated for Mr. MHS, Best All-Around, Best Personality, and Friendliest.

Laken Brooke Comer
96.25
Laken, daughter of Wade and Amy Comer of McKenzie, plans to attend UT-Martin where she will major in nursing and minor in pre-med. Her activities and achievements included membership in DECA, Business Professionals of America, Key Club, Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Library Club, M-Club, Pep Club, Future Teachers of America, and the Science Club. She was a member of the softball team and basketball team, and she was a football manager and a DARE role model. She has participated in several community activities, including two mission trips to New York. She has been Who's Who Among American High School Students, International Business/Marketing, World Geography, and Psychology and received the Pat Cole Memorial Award and U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar and Athlete Award.
Dresden High School
Class of 2007

Allison Paschall
Allison Lynn Paschall is the daughter of Hal and Melanie Bynum and Tilmann and Nickie Paschall. She ranks 2nd in the graduating class at Dresden High School with a 4.0 grade point average. Throughout high school, Allison has been involved in many clubs and her community. Allison has been on the DHS girls’ basketball team all 4 years. She is involved in the Beta Club, Student Council, Pep Club, the "D" Club, Spanish Club, FCCLA, and Interact. This year she served as Secretary of the Beta Club, Student Council, and Spanish Club as well as Secretary of her senior class. She has received the ‘A’ average award all 4 years of high school and she received an outstanding student award her junior year. Allison was a 2004-2005 participant in the Weakley County Youth Leadership program and a 2006 SCOPE participant. She was selected this year by the student body as “Miss DHS”. She has also served as student representative on the Iris Festival Executive Committee and volunteered with the Dresden Parks and Recreation. After graduation, Allison plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, but her major is undecided.

Mercy Ford
Mercy Marriann Ford is the daughter of Craig Ford and Melia Mannberger of Dresden. She ranks 4th in her graduating class with a 4.0 grade point average. Mercy is an active member of many clubs including the Beta Club, HOSA, Stars Club, DHS Student Council, Pep Club, FTA, FCCLA, and the DHS Annual Staff. She holds officer positions in many of these clubs; this year she serves as Treasurer of the Beta Club, Student Council Representative of HOSA, Secretary of the Stars Club, Secretary of FTA, and as an editor on the annual staff. After graduation, Mercy plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin with a major in nursing.

Lacey Darden
Lacey Marie Darden is the daughter of Warren and Becky Darden of Dresden. She is the granddaughter of Jerry Kelley of Dresden. Lacey ranks seventh in the graduating class at Dresden High School with a 4.0 grade point average. During her four years at Dresden High School, Lacey has participated in numerous clubs including the Beta Club, FTA, and FCCLA. Lacey has received the DHS “A” Average Award each year. Lacey is an active member of Thompson Creek Baptist Church, where she serves as the piano player for Sunday school services and a member of Speechless, her church’s sign language group. After graduation, Lacey plans to attend The University of Tennessee at Martin and major in Education.

Cody Perkins
Cody Wyatt Perkins is the son of Ronald and Deborah Perkins of Dresden. He ranks 5th in the graduating class at Dresden High School with a 4.0 grade point average. During his four years at Dresden High School, Cody has participated in numerous school and community activities. He has been active in many clubs including the Beta Club, Future Farmers of America, Skills USA, Mu Alpha Theta, Interact, the Stars Club, and the Science Club. Cody has held officer positions in many of the clubs; this year he served as president of the FFA, vice president of the Beta Club, and secretary of Skills USA. In addition, Cody has competed at the state and national levels for the Future Farmers of America and has attended the prestigious Washington Leadership Conference. He has also competed at the state level in Skills USA and in the Tennessee Economic Challenge. Cody has been in the top ten of his class each year and has received the DHS “A” average award each year. Cody was also chosen as a delegate to Boys’ State which is sponsored by the American Legion. This year Cody was chosen to receive the DAR Good Citizen Award for Dresden High School as well as the Weakley County award. Cody was chosen by his classmates as “Most Likely to Succeed.” Recently Cody was honored with the Youth Achievement Award from the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce for having spotlighted Weakley County in the state and nation. Cody has been active in the 4-H rifle program while in high school and has attended the Tennessee 4-H Congress. He has also given volunteer time to young 4-H’ers each year by serving as a youth counselor for 4-H camps. Cody attends Southside Church of Christ. After graduation, Cody plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and major in Engineering.
E-billing begins at UT Martin

Paper bills will be the exception, not the rule, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Beginning with the summer session, an electronic statement/billing system via the Web is now used to send statements to all students, faculty and staff.

Paper schedules/bills and statements will not be sent unless a form to request paper billing is already on file or submitted to the Office of Business Affairs.

E-billing provides faster access to billing statements online anything of the day or night, e-mail reminder notices and the opportunity for students to give access to parents and spouses. Also, students control where the e-mail notices are sent. Payments can be made from the billing site with a Web check, VISA, Discover or MasterCard. A paper copy of the bill may be printed from the Web site.

To establish an e-mail address or to give parents or spouses access, a student may go to https://ebills.utm.edu and log in using his or her student ID and PIN. Students may update their e-mail addresses under "my profiles" and give parents or spouses access under "authorized users."

More information about e-billing is available at: http://www.utm.edu/otutor.php or you can contact Marsha Mitchell at (731) 881-7823 or mmitchell@utm.edu.

Anyone who needs a bill mailed, may complete the "Request for Paper Billing" form at: http://www.utm.edu/bursar under the forms tab. Paper billing statements are sent monthly from the Business Affairs Office for non-current students and for students who have elected to receive paper bills. The bills are mailed according to an address hierarchy. The bills are sent to the student’s dorm address, if applicable. If there is no dorm address, the mailing address will be used and then the permanent address.

Student accounts with current balance information also can be accessed at any time via the Web through Banner in the MyUT-Martin portal using the student’s username and password.

Schedules/bills for fall 2007 will be e-mailed approximately July 24.

County Spec building nears completion

The Weakley County Spec building, which is being built inside of the Martin Industrial Complex, nears completion. According to contractors, the structure should be finished in a few days. The project is the brainchild of the Joint Economic & Community Development Board composed of the county mayor, chairman of the Health, Education & Economic Development Committee, mayors of each municipality in the county, chairman of the Weakley County Industrial Board, chancellor of UTM, as well as representatives of the Weakley County Commission, and several others. The purpose of the building, of course, is to attract new industry and bring jobs to Weakley County. This is not the only project in the works, however, as the board is in the process of trying to establish a call center, as well as attracting various other industries. (Photo by David Fisher.)
Recipients of Gault Scholarships announced

Heather Baker

The University of Tennessee at Martin has awarded the 2007-08 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 Heather Baker, Elizabeth Barnes, Jared Barnes, and Heather Burdette.

* Heather Baker, daughter of Mark and Jeanine Baker of Martin, will be a freshman this fall majoring in biology.
* Elizabeth Barnes, daughter of Cleo and Becky Barnes of Union City, will be a freshman this fall majoring in elementary education.
* Jared Barnes, son of Cleo and Becky Barnes of Union City, will be a junior this fall majoring in cell and molecular biology.
* Heather Burdette, daughter of Joel and Gail Burdette of Martin, will be a sophomore this fall majoring in chemistry.

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.

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.

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McIntosh awarded Williams Scholarship

Sara McIntosh of Martin was awarded the Bryant and Julia Williams Scholarship during communications career day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Post-Intelligencer editor emeritus Bill Williams, who is son of Bryant and Julia Williams, represented the newspaper at the presentation.

UT Martin’s communications career day honors the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students at the school. The day also included a banquet, keynote speaker, award presentation and career fair.

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The Paris Post-Intelligencer, Paris, Tenn., Thursday, June 7, 2007
**Students earn degrees**

Humboldt area 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 are:
- Gibson - Stephanie Leigh Conder, Michael Paul Corder.
Among students receiving graduate degrees were:
- Humboldt - Sarah Jayne Parrish;
- Anne Meek, UT Martin alumna, was the keynote speaker, and Dr. John D. Peterson, president of the University of Tennessee, attended the ceremony and congratulated the graduates. Chancellor Nick Dunagan presided and conferred degrees.

**Mason honored at UT Martin**

Holly Mason of Springville received the Louise Knifely Memorial Scholarship award during the 43rd annual honors day this spring at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The award is presented to a junior or senior mathematics major or secondary education mathematics major with a grade-point average of at least 3.5 in mathematics and an overall GPA of at least 3.0.

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**Patty Beecham awarded at UT Martin**

Former Springville resident Patty Beecham of Big Sandy graduated with honors and received an award during the honors day program this spring at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Beecham received her bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, with a major in natural sciences during the school's May commencement.

In addition, she received the Outstanding University Studies Student award during the 43rd annual honors day ceremony.

Beecham is the wife of Dave Beecham. She is the daughter of the late Clifford and Evelyn Cleary, who lived in Springville for 30 years. She has a son, Jonathan Greene of Paris and two grandchildren, Conner Greene of Big Sandy and Gabriel Greene of Puryear. She graduated from Henry County High School in 1978.
Students receive scholarships

The Tennessee Grocers Education Foundation (TGEF) presented Amber Hicks with the $1200 E.W. James Memorial Scholarship and Brandon Wilson with the $1000 P.A. Turner Memorial Scholarship at the Tennessee Grocers and Convenience Store Association’s (TGCSA) annual convention April 15 at Gaylord Opryland.

Hicks graduated from Westview High School and plans to pursue a degree in nursing at the University of Tennessee Martin. Hicks is a member of Tennessee Scholars, FCCLA, HOSA, Beta Club and the National Honor Society.

Wilson graduated from Westview High School and plans to pursue a degree in biology at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Wilson is the recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award, the S.C.O.P.E. delegate and a member of the National Honor Society and the Beta Club.

Amber Hicks

Brandon Wilson

The TGEF scholarship program began in 1982 giving away four $1000 awards. Since its inception, the foundation has presented 2,070 scholarships. This year, seniors and college students who are employed by a Tennessee grocers and Convenience Store Association (TGCSA) member or are children of employees of a TGCSA member are eligible for scholarships. For more information, please visit the TGCSA Web site, www.tngrocer.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2007

AREA RESIDENTS ATTEND GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL FOR THE HUMANITIES AT UT MARTIN – Some of Tennessee’s best and brightest high school juniors and seniors are attending the five-week long Governor’s School for the Humanities (GSH) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. UT Martin has hosted the GSH program since 1985, and this is the third year that students were able to earn college credit. Weakley County students participating in the school are, from left, Alex Crowell, Dresden High School student, and Caitlin Simpson, Westview High School student. Not pictured is John Herron, Dresden High School student.
It's always Green at UT Martin

By SABRINA BATES
Chief Staff Writer

Green seems to be a popular color and the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin is wearing that color proudly.

As physical plant operations manager Dennis Kosta explained, the campus has been active since the 90s with recycling efforts and he plans to continue because "it's the right thing to do."

"We really need a recycling center in the area. I plan to keep it up because it is the right thing to do. We should set an example to help save our environment," Kosta said.

While UTM's recycling center worked hand-in-hand with the city of Martin in the past, the college's efforts are ongoing and Kosta is hoping it is able to expand into an even larger venture than what the center does now.

"We try and take anything we can to save the landfills. Right now we don't have the resources to accept plastic and glass, but hopefully in the future, we can recycle those items as well," Kosta stated.

The physical plant accepts any form of paper such as cardboard, books, magazines and feed bags. The plant recycles the paper products by baling them together to make cardboard boxes. The center also accepts aluminum cans and many forms of scrap metal. The scrap metal is then sent to a recycling center in Union City.

"Our bins are made of recycled material and we burn used motor oil to run our equipment and heat several areas of the campus," Kosta described how the concept of being "green" extends beyond a recycling center. "If we all did our part, this world would be a much better place," Kosta commented. The university also uses a recyclable carpet in many of its buildings and the toilet paper and paper towels distributed on campus are made from recycled materials.

"We try to be as green as we can, not just from recycling See Green, Page 4

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products, but by using green products," Kosta added.

Kosta is encouraging everyone from businesses to local cities to areas schools to take advantage of the center's services.

"I know of some states that charge their residents to pay for their trash by the pound. I hope it doesn't get to that point here," he said.

The recycling center is open from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Kosta said it is acceptable to leave products by the door and encourages community members to bring trailer-loads of products for the center to recycle.

"Bring trailers and we will unload them. That is what the staff is here for." Kosta said.

"We want to do as much as we can for our community and our environment." Kosta added. Call UTM at 881-7640 for more information.

WestStar Leadership Program C.P. Boyd Award presented

Steve Holt, right, of Weakley County, receives the C.P. Boyd Leadership Award at the recent graduation of the WestStar Leadership Class of 2007 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Making the presentation to Holt are Jeff Griggs, center, past award recipient, and David Belote, executive director of WestStar. Class members selected Holt for his leadership in the Class of 2007. Holt is an active leadership volunteer in his community. Holt is the director of the UT Martin Instructional Technology Center and Web Services. He is a member of the Martin Rotary Club board of directors, a technology consultant/trainer for the UT Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center, a computer science instructor in the UT Martin Department of Computer Sciences and Information Systems, co-chair of the Tennessee Podcasting Sandbox Educational Initiative and an independent Web design consultant. Holt is a graduate of Leadership Weakley County.
Cup stacking - it's a sport, not a chore mom gave you

Did you know that the sport of cup stacking originated in the 1980's at a boys' and girls' club in southern California? The idea of stacking cups was promoted on the Tonight Show where a physical educator from Colorado, Bob Fox, first saw the idea and became passionate about the new 'sport.' Due to the popularity of cup stacking, the name was changed to sport stacking in an attempt to give it immediate identification as a competitive sport (http://worldsportstackingassociation.org).

The idea behind cup stacking, according to www.speedstacks.com, is that it increases eye-hand coordination, quickness and ambidexterity. A recent study performed by Dr. Brian Udermann at the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse confirms that cup stacking improves eye-hand coordination and reaction time by up to 30 percent. By increasing ambidexterity, or bilateral proficiency, a student will develop a greater percentage of the right side of their brain. The right side of the brain is important as it houses awareness, focus, creativity and rhythm. Additionally, sport stacking uses sequencing and patterning, both of which are used in reading and math skills.

The benefits of sport stacking are definitely known by educators. Lorna Benson, the spokesperson for the Weakley County Alliance for a Safe and Drug Free Tennessee, informed me that the Alliance provided equipment, such as cup sets and timing mats for all the schools in Weakley County. Lorna also told me that each fall Weakley County hosts an open cup stacking event where children from many West Tennessee counties participate.

Sport stacking is performed using 12 specially designed cups made of plastic with holes in the bottom to allow air to pass through. Participants 'upstack' and 'downstack' the cups through a sequence of patterns using three, six, or ten cups to make a pyramid of cups.

The first time I observed students stacking cups I could not believe my eyes. At first it seemed overwhelming - but like my father told me on many occasions, you are not supposed to walk through the door knowing everything. That is what teachers are for - they will teach you how to do it. Of course once again, he was right! Once I was given a lesson on sport stacking, I caught on very quickly. It is not hard to learn and is quite fun for people of all ages.

I have observed children the age of five all the way to senior citizens, of an undetermined age, enjoying working with cups. If you are interested in watching a sport stacking cycle, you can log on to either of the Web sites referenced in this article and you will truly be amazed to see video clips of people like David Wolf who set a new world record on April 15, 2007 with a time of 7.25 seconds.

Do not be disappointed if your first time takes you around one minute. But you will definitely shed seconds quickly with practice.

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.
In for a penny, in for a pound of fleas

Crow and I went to a well-known home improvement store Sunday to buy some items for our home. As we were waiting in the lumber aisle for help, I noticed a display that had several pictures of dogs and their owners. I thought I'd take a closer look since we were just twiddling our thumbs anyway. As I approached the display, I was able to read the words 'flea and tick control for your dog.' I noticed the brand, looked at the price, and smiling, I walked away.

I am continuously amazed at what we, as consumers, will do to save a buck. I am as guilty as anyone. I look for bargains, for clearance sales, and shop around for the best prices - on some things. On other things, things that matter, I don't go with the cheapest prices or the sales. I look for quality, and if I am not qualified to decide for myself if the item or service I need is of good quality, I ask people I trust who will know. I wish more people would do that when it comes to flea and tick control for their pets. They would save the pet and themselves irritation, time, and in many situations, money. Yes, I said save money.

When I was in practice, especially during the summer months, clients would come to the clinic frustrated and looking for help when it came to flea and tick control. The scenario many times went something like this:

Client: 'I have tried EVERYTHING, and my dog/cat still has fleas. The fleas are taking over the house, my pet is scratching continuously, and everything I have tried only seems to work for a day or two.'

Me: 'What type of flea and tick control have you tried?'

Client: 'Well, I got some shampoo at (insert wherever) and bathed my dog/cat and that worked for a couple of days, then all the fleas were back. So, then I went down to (insert wherever) and got this spray stuff that you can use in between the baths. I couldn't tell that worked at all. You can imagine that by this time I was getting frustrated, so I went (insert wherever) and got this liquid stuff you put down in the backs and is supposed to work for a month or so. I know it only cost $7 or $8 for a three-to-four-month supply, but the package said it would work. I've been fighting these things for weeks, and it just seems like I see more and more. Now, I've seen them jumping around in my house and things are just getting out of control. I need some help.'

I ask more questions about other animals in the house or in the yard. I ask about the environment. I ask about pest control. I ask about the animal and its habits. We talk. I look at the animal, assess the extent of the problem, and the owner and I devise a plan. Is it usually relatively expensive? Yes, I'll be honest - it is. Does it ALWAYS work? No, I'll be honest, it does not. Environment, owner compliance, parasite resistance, the animal's habits and many other factors play a role in flea and tick control. Does it USUALLY work? Yes, it does.

As the owner exits the exam room, I think to myself that I wished they had come in earlier. I calculate in my head what all the shampoos, sprays, liquids, collars, dips, etc., the owner bought at all those different places must have cost. Those products didn't work. All that money basically wasted, plus pets and owners miserable, all just to save a buck.

In the end, I could have saved them a lot of money if they had just come to me first. At least now, they will have products that work and some good advice on flea control. I'll be here to answer any questions, change the control and prevention plan if problems arise and help them get through flea and tick season.

I watch the owner drive away through the big windows in the front and let out a long sigh. It's been a hectic morning and just for a second, the waiting room is empty. I walk out the back door into the summer sun to take a short break. You know, we've got a lot of room out here. Hmmm, I think a small lumber yard would fit nicely behind the cattle chute. We could buy lots of lumber I know nothing about and sell it cheap. Isn't that a good idea?

Did you know?

AKC debuts toy lines
NEW YORK, NY - Sababa Toys and the American Kennel Club have joined to create new games: American Kennel Club UNO; American Kennel Club Rubik's Cube; American Kennel Club Dominoes; and Best in Show Board Game.

- American Kennel Club UNO® features 112 custom cards including the exclusive Best in Show card and rule, and comes packaged in a collectible case. This UNO game comes in four versions: Sporting Group, Non-Sporting Group, Terrier Group and Herding Group. It's available at Barnes & Noble for $12.95.

- American Kennel Club Dominoes include 28 super-sized domino pieces and are packaged in a gift box. Featuring dogs such as Beagles, Huskies and Golden Retrievers, dog lovers will find their favorite breed in this game. Available at Barnes & Noble for $12.95.

- American Kennel Club Rubik's Cubes comes in four versions including Sporting Group; Non-Sporting Group; Terrier Group and Herding Group with five breed images on each cube. Available at Barnes & Noble for $12.95.

- The American Kennel Club Best in Show Board Game will put you (the dog handler) and your dog front and center. Players choose their breed, register their dog and enter to win 'Best in Breed' and then ultimately 'Best in Show.' For 2-4 players, comes in two versions sculpted purebred figures, activity cards, AKC fact cards and a real agility course. Available at Barnes & Noble for $14.95.

**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.

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**SMART RESOURCES**

UT MARTIN hosts academy for area under-represented students

MARTIN - Under-represented high school students will get a taste of college life during the sixth annual Young Scholars Academy, set for June 10-16, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs.

A select group of about 90 West Tennessee students will attend this competitive week-long summer residential program, designed for high school sophomores and juniors. The non-credit program seeks to introduce students to the college experience by focusing on three learning environments: special aptitude development; personal and social development; and college major exploration.

"Our purpose is to educate, enlighten, expose and encourage under-represented students to continue their education after high school," said Vishenhu Huery, YSA camp director and UT Martin student conduct officer. "No other place will nurture students and help them achieve that pursuit better than UT Martin."

From dorm life to the classroom to a culminating graduation ceremony, the academy offers a cross section of college life, with a variety of activities designed to develop creative and intellectual skills. Students will attend classes throughout the week, with about two-thirds of class time in an area of special academic interest. Students will be exposed to two special aptitude areas from the following courses: mass communication, computer science, English composition, nursing, psychology, sociology, education and history. Extra curricular activities will include a community picnic, a community service activity, movie night, talent revue and a field trip to the Yeiser Art Center and Museum of the American Quilter's Society in Paducah, Ky.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Affairs at 731-881-7703.
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Takes 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 Josh Richardson of Trenton. Making the presentation was Dr. Doug Sterrett (left), College of Engineering and Natural Sciences dean, and Dr. Richard Helgeson, Department of Engineering chair.
UT-Martin teacher education re-accredited by national council

The University of Tennessee at Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences recently was reaccredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. Reaccreditation indicates that the college, which oversees the professional-education offerings at UT Martin, and its programs meet rigorous standards established by the professional-education community.

“Our faculty and staff in the teacher education area worked very hard over the last few years to secure this reaccreditation,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT-Martin chancellor. “I am extremely proud of them and appreciate the excellent job they do in preparing our students for the teaching profession. Good teachers are the lifeblood of our school systems, and UT Martin is committed to maintaining a pipeline of well-prepared teachers. NCATE just reaffirmed our efforts.”

In a letter to Dunagan, Arthur Vise, NCATE president said, “Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you and your professional-education unit for displaying the high quality necessary to be granted national accreditation.”

“NCATE accreditation involves 50 percent of our accredited programs, and we are delighted to receive approval,” said Dr. Tom Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and chancellor-elect. “Dean Hall and the faculty and staff involved in teacher preparation are to be congratulated for the hard work leading to the national approval of these programs.”

“I am very proud of the notification that our teacher education programs, both initial and advanced are reaccredited by NCATE,” said Dr. Mary Lee Hall, dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. “The process of accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education validates the rigor of our teacher-education programs.” She added, “We are very proud of all candidates who complete our licensure programs, whether as an initial licensed teacher or as an advanced candidate in school administration or counseling. Our faculty and staff have worked hard to maintain this important accreditation.”

NCATE currently accredits 623 institutions which produce two-thirds of the nation’s new teacher graduates each year. Ninety-nine institutions are candidates or precandidates for accreditation.

Teacher candidates must have in-depth knowledge of the subject matter they plan to teach, as well as the skills necessary to convey it so that students learn. The college or university must carefully assess this knowledge and skill to determine that candidates may graduate. The institution must have partnerships with P-12 schools that enable candidates to develop the skills necessary to help students learn. Candidates must be prepared to understand and work with diverse student populations. College and university faculty must model effective teaching practices.

And the school, college, or department of education must have the resources, including information technology resources, necessary to prepare candidates to meet new standards.

NCATE, recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a specialized accrediting body for schools, colleges, and departments of education, revises its standards every five years to incorporate the best practice and research in order to ensure that the standards reflect a consensus about what is important in teacher preparation today. In the past decade, NCATE has moved from an accreditation system that focused on curriculum and what teacher candidates were offered, to a data-driven performance-based system dedicated to determining what candidates know and are able to do. The new system expects teacher preparation institutions to provide compelling evidence of candidate knowledge and skill in the classroom. Multiple types of performance assessment are expected throughout the program of study.

Meeting NCATE accreditation standards also helps institutions prepare new teachers for new, more stringent licensing standards in many states. NCATE accreditation standards incorporate the model state licensing principles developed by a task force of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

SIGMA XI SIGMA XI AWARD — The University of Tennessee at Martin Sigma Xi Chapter recently presented the Outstanding High School Math/Science Teacher Award to Margaret Greer, center, Westview High School math teacher. Presenting the award to Greer are Dr. Richard Helgeson, president-elect, and Dr. Nancy Hinds, president, UT Martin chapter. Sigma Xi is a national scientific research society.
UT Martin students claim top performance managing ‘real’ money

University of Tennessee at Martin Tennessee Valley Authority stock portfolio, managed by finance students, is out-performing the Standard and Poor’s 500 Index rating UT Martin in the top one-fifth among the 25 competing universities for the past three years of the TVA Investment Challenge. Having won the award for highest returns in 2005, UT Martin students have enjoyed continued success as the portfolio is among top performers to date in 2007.

TVA’s Investment Challenge is an innovative and unique partnership between TVA and 25 universities in its service territory that provides a real-world learning experience in portfolio management. The challenge gives teams of students hands-on experience managing TVA stock portfolios.

Students actively manage TVA funds by designing long-term investment strategies, placing trades and providing performance reports to TVA. UT Martin students are guided by Drs. Mahmoud Haddad and Arnold Redman, both professors of finance. The students learn how to manage real money and meet all the requirements. They are held to similar guidelines as TVA’s professional money managers. “Our students have greatly benefited from this unique program, which allows them to put into practice the financial knowledge they have gained in the finance program,” said Redman.

Dr. Haddad added, “The hands-on investment experience this course offers our students helps them to become tomorrow’s entrepreneurs and business leaders. It has been an excellent recruiting tool for good positions at leading financial corporations.” The TVA Board created the Investment Challenge Program in 1998 to diversify the management of its Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Funds and give Tennessee Valley Authority students experience in managing a stock portfolio. Originally, 19 universities received investment funds of $100,000 a piece, for a total of $1.9 million.

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Alpine Culture travel-study program slated

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

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

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

For complete information on the Alpine travel-study program contact: Stan Sieber, professor of history and philosophy, at 731-881-7467, or e-mail: ssieber@utm.edu.

Judge William (Mike) Maloan promoted to Brigadier General in National Guard

Col. William M. (Mike) Maloan of Martin, was promoted to Brigadier General, Tennessee Army National Guard, on June 2, at ceremonies in Nashville. Brig. Gen. Maloan will serve as the Deputy Adjutant General, the principal advisor to Major General Gus L. Hargett, Jr., Tennessee Adjutant General.

Brig. Gen. Maloan is the presiding Judge and Chancellor, 27th Judicial District, for Weakley and Obion counties.

He succeeds Major General Jimmy G. Welch of Dyersburg, who recently retired with nearly 40 years military service.

Prior to his assignment as the Deputy Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Maloan served as the Staff Judge Advocate, Tennessee Army National Guard. He is a 1972 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from Memphis State University in 1974. He is a graduate of the Judge Advocate General Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and in 2005 received his Master of Science Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Brig. Gen. Maloan and his wife, Sharon, have four daughters and one granddaughter.

UTM Dean’s Lists announced

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Spring 2007 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.

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.

Students include:
- Trenton: Mack R. Ashburn, Honors; Rebecca L. Blackbourn, Honors; Jenni L. Crossnoe, High Honors; Kerri J. Crossnoe, High Honors; Jimmy L. Dixon, Honors; Benjamin L. Dodd, High Honors; Casey M. Ellington, High Honors; Lindsey N. Flowers, Honors; Candace R. Gibson, Highest Honors; Kevin S. Hopper, Highest Honors; Anessa L. Inman, High Honors; Diana L. Jones, Highest Honors; Jennifer R. Kirk, High Honors; Chance D. Lewis, Honors; Matthew A. Maitland, High Honors; Megan N. Petty, High Honors; Kristin K. Rodamaker, High Honors; Emily J. Rogers, Highest Honors; Hunter C. Smith, High Honors; Edward C. Sturgeon, High Honors; and Rebecca F. Taylor, Highest Honors;
- Bradford: Xavier T. Alexander, Highest Honors; Nina M. Bane, High Honors; Kendra R. Cole, Highest Honors; Amanda K. Hall, Honors; Lori D. Rinks, Highest Honors; John T. Summers, Honors; Deidre A. Vasey, Honors; and Tabitha R. Wendt, Highest Honors;
- Dyers: Kelly H. Barron, Honors; Rachel S. Coleman, High Honors; Joshua B. Dye, High Honors; Joseph A. Fulwood, Highest Honors; Leslie K. Harwell, Honors; Betty S. Jewell, High Honors; Christopher M. Lownsdale, Highest Honors; Elizabeth A. McCurdy, High Honors; Emily B. Parks, Highest Honors; Jessica J. Sims, High Honors; and Chace A. Wimberley, High Honors;
- Rutherford: Jacob A. Abbott, Honors; Miranda L. Pate, Honors; Stephen G. Petty, Highest Honors; Ashley A. Pickard, Highest Honors; and Rebecca L. Whitworth, High Honors;
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- Medina: Jodie L. Davidson, High Honors; Brianna M. Quinn, Highest Honors; Emily M. Tanner, High Honors; Cassandra L. Vincent, High Honors; and Jesse N. Winchester, Highest Honors;
- Milan: Katharine E. Appleton, High Honors; Nicolas C. Appleton, Highest Honors; Patrick R. Barnes, Highest Honors; Thomas B. Barnes, Honors; Richard W. Cody, Highest Honors; Jennifer N. Cody, Highest Honors; Russ N. Deloach, Honors; Jessika B. Derry, Honors; Margaret C. Duncan, Honors; Brandon C. Garcia, Honors; Weston W. Gentry, Honors; Amy R. Gray, Honors; William H. Harrison, Honors; Benny L. Johnson, Highest Honors; Brian L. Jones, High Honors; Jessica L. Mangrum, Honors; Lindsay N. Mathis, Honors; Amber L. McGehee, Honors; Christopher S. McCollum, Honors; Rachel R. McMinn, High Honors; Amanda M. Mitchell, Highest Honors; Pamela W. Moore, Highest Honors; Ashley N. Murphy, Highest Honors; Ashley M. Niven, High Honors; Megan A. Pope, Highest Honors; Amanda L. Reeves, Highest Honors; Stephanie L. Riddle, Highest Honors; Judith R. Robbins, Honors; Drury C. Sanders, Honors; Adam J. Sandor, Honors; Samuel A. Saputo, High Honors; Mitchell W. Sims, Highest Honors; Rachel D. Szopinski, Honors; Jennifer L. Timmons, Highest Honors; Anastasia Umanets, Highest Honors; and Jeffrey F. Waddington, Honors;
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Gibson Countians receive UTM degrees

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•Dyer: Kelly Honey-Lynn Barron, Kevin Lee Depke, and Patrick Micah Fulwood;
•Rutherford: James L. Fife Jr., Stephen Glen Petty, Ashley Ann Pickard, and Rebecca L. Whitworth;
•Gibson: Stephanie Leigh Conder and Michael Paul Cordier;
•Humboldt: Emily Brooke Arnold, Derrick Robert Casey, Heather Marie Hobbs, Charleigh Jane Stephens, and Jason Anthony Stephens;
•Mason Hall: Crystal Nicole Huey;

Among students receiving graduate degrees were:
•Trenton: Adrian Dewayne Doaks;
•Bradford: Jenny Lee Lannom;
•Yorkville: Theresa L. Henson and Amanda Kelly Turner;
•Humboldt: Sarah Jayne Parish;
•Milan: Elizabeth Anne Reynolds.

Summer Orientation and Registration for UT Martin scheduled

Incoming freshmen who plan to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin during the fall semester can get prepared for college life by attending one of the Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.R.R.) programs.

S.O.R.R. dates have been scheduled for:
• Thursday and Friday, June 21-22; and
• Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21.

Check-in is set for 3 p.m., at Boling University Center.

Students will get the opportunity to meet with academic advisors and register for classes; tour the campus, residence halls and University Village; receive information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and hear detailed information about First-Year Initiative (an orientation for freshmen the week before classes). Students should attend both S.O.R.R. and First Year Initiative prior to the fall semester.

Students and parents will participate in a variety of informational sessions such as those on financial aid, student health services, public safety, bookstore, student employment and other topics.

Additional concurrent sessions also are scheduled for students and parents with topics including student activities, Greek life, housing and meal plans.

Area residents attend Governor’s School for the Humanities at UTM

Some of Tennessee’s best and brightest high school juniors and seniors are attending the five-week long Governor’s School for the Humanities (GSH) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. UT Martin has hosted the GSH program since 1985, and this is the third year that students were able to earn college credit. Weakley County students participating in the school are, from left, Alex Crowell, Dresden High School student, and Caitlin Simpson, Westview High School student. Not pictured is John Herron, Dresden High School student.
UT Martin names local students to Spring Semester Dean’s List

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Andrew J. Alexander, Honors; Blake J. Gibbs, High Honors; Brett C. Holmes, Honors; Bobby J. Isbell, Highest Honors; Chelsea E. Phillips, High Honors; Holly R. Spencer, High Honors

Milledgeville:
Clinton R. Smith, Highest Honors; Courtney A. Weatherford, Honors

Ramer:
Sarah L. Conrad, High Honors; Patricia A. Derryberry, Highest Honors; Brandon K. Ham, Honors; Whitney D. Lambert, High Honors; Jennifer L. Saxton, Highest Honors; James T. Smith, Highest Honors; Joyce K. Strickland, High Honors; Valerie J. Youngblood, Highest Honors

Selmer:
Richard B. Atlee, Highest Honors; Christopher B. Carroll, Highest Honors; Melissa W. Carroll, Highest Honors; Rachael L. Crump, Highest Honors; Kelly A. Dickens, High Honors; Jenny L. Drumright, Honors; David M. Duncan, High Honors; Cathy L. Fergusson, High Honors; Leilani K. Hansen, High Honors; Blenda K. Judd, High Honors; Denise W. King, Highest Honors; Megan P. King, High Honors; Donald K.

Linam, High Honors; Sammie R. Linton, Honors; Elyse A. Martin, High Honors; Joe A. McCombs, Highest Honors; Erik L. McElrath, Honors; Jennifer L. Mehr, Highest Honors; Constance A. Murphy, Honors; Billy A. Patterson, High Honors; Matthew D. Pickle, Honors; Heath D. Roland, High Honors; Angela A. Shea, Honors; Gretchen A. Stackens, Honors

Stantonville:
Susan A. Davis, High Honors; Gerry L. Ham, Highest Honors; Lena M. Hembree, Honors; Adam T. Killingsworth, Highest Honors

e-billing begins at UT Martin

Paper bills will be the exception, not the rule, at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Beginning with the summer session, an electronic statement/billing system via the Web is now used to send statements to all students, faculty and staff.

Paper schedules/bills and statements will not be sent unless a form to request paper billing is already on file or submitted to the Office of Business Affairs.

E-billing provides faster access to billing statements online any time of the day or night, email reminder notices and the opportunity for students to give access to parents and spouses. Also, students control where the email notices are sent. Payments can be made from the billing site with a Web check, VISA, Discover or MasterCard. A paper copy of the bill may be printed from the Web site.

To establish an email address or give parents or spouses access, a student may go to https://ebills.utm.edu and log in using his or her student ID and PIN.

Students may update their email addresses under their profiles and give parents or spouses access under "authorized users." More information about e-billing is available at http://www.utm.edu/otutor.php or by contacting Marsh Mitchell at (731) 881-7823 or mmitchell@utm.edu.

Anyone who needs a bill mailed may complete the "Request for Paper Billing" form at: http://www.utm.edu/bursar/ under the forms tab. Paper billing statements are sent monthly from the Business Affairs Office for non-current students and for students who have elected to receive paper bills. The bills are mailed according to an address hierarchy. The bills are sent to the student's dorm address, if applicable. If there is no dorm address, the mailing address will be used and then the permanent address.

Student accounts with current balance information also can be accessed at any time via the Web through Banner in the MyUTMartin portal using the student's username and password.

Schedules/bills for fall 2007 will be e-mailed around July 24, a spokesman said.
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- Hornbeak — Connie P. Conley, high honors; Laura L. Hooper, high honors; Holly L. Hopper, highest honors; Jonathon W. Johnson, honors; Matthew B. Morrison, honors; Brandon W. Orr, honors; and Kayne N. Tolley, honors.

- Kenton — Leena D. Ashbridge, high honors; Laurel G. Childs, honors; Ellen M. Crum, high honors; Emily C. Davis, high honors; Bethany L. Dunn, highest honors; Jessica J. Francis, high honors; Becky J. Griggs, high honors; Bethany L. Griggs, high honors; Benjamin W. Hollomon, honors; Melissa S. Johnson, high honors; Emily A. Littleton, honors; Kimberly N. Moore, highest honors; Kerri P. Paschall, high honors; and Robert F. Somerville, high honors.

- Obion — Lauren I. Fultz, high honors; Michelle L. Hurst, highest honors; Jon B. Kendall, high honors; Valery Lewis, highest honors; and Donald J. Qualls, highest honors.

- Rives — Natalie T. Armstrong, highest honors; Joseph C. Caldwell, highest honors; Brian E. Conner, highest honors; Dustin L. Hickerson, highest honors; Pamela F. Jones, honors; Jessica G. McBride, honors; and Zachary T. Ward, honors.

- South Fulton — Jessica R. Archie, honors; Tammy M. Byers, honors; Lindy M. Cassette, highest honors; Emily L. Clark, highest honors; Chasity N. Conner, honors; Kelly R. Crawford, highest honors; and Brandon M. Culver, honors.

- William B. Taylor, high honors; Brittany R. Thompson, highest honors; Menta M. Thompson, honors; Meredith L. Thompson, high honors; R.B. Tolar, highest honors; Alicia D. White, highest honors; Melinda S. Whit, highest honors; and Micheal S. Yandell, highest honors.

- Fulton — Andrew M. Atkins, high honors; Bryan K. Black, honors; Chase M. Brown, high honors; Casey A. Culp, honors; Karen C. Dean, high honors; James A. Fister, high honors; Yevgenyi L. Radetsky, high honors; Natalie L. Rushing, highest honors; Jennifer M. Smith, highest honors; Jordan F. Tinkle, honors; Kimberly D. Ward, honors; and David A. Wyna, honors.

- Jessica K. Curtis, high honors; Kady E. Elliott, honors; Gerald E. Franklin, highest honors; Tianda V. Harris, highest honors; Quintin L. Haskins, high honors; S. Linn L. McClain, high honors; Delana J. McDaniel, honors; Jessica L. McKinney, highest honors; Jennifer L. Nipp, highest honors; Edward A. Phipps, highest honors; Megan K. Suter, highest honors; Elizabeth C. Watts, highest honors; Anna E. Williams, honors; Kelli L. Wright, highest honors; and Janet L. Zoeller, highest honors.

- Troy — Whitney L. Buchanan, honors; Zachary S. Buckland, high honors; Adrienne N. Calhoun, highest honors; Brittany J. Duncan, highest honors; Carolyn A. Duncan, honors; Sherrie D. Fitzgerald, honors; Joshua E. Gatlin, high honors; Laura Beth Griffin, highest honors; Heather E. Grossner, highest honors; Natalie E. Grossner, highest honors; Joshua C. Hart, honors; Emily R. Kendall, highest honors; Brian E. Kissell, highest honors; Terah L. Reed, honors; Bryan A. Scott, highest honors; Ashleigh C. Short, highest honors; and Kelly M. Whitson, honors.

- Union City — Whitney B. Angel, highest honors; Melanie R. Baggett, highest honors; Tyler W. Barker, honors; Jared G. Barnes, highest honors; Shannon L. Brown, high honors; Perry B. Burnett, honors; Jonathan L. Byrd, high honors; Madilyn E. Carrington, honors; Kristin M. Chandler, high honors; Ryan C. Chandler, highest honors; Matthew L. Clark, highest honors; Concha V. Cochran, honors; Emmilyou F. Covington, high honors; Dustin S. Crowell, honors; Matthew L. Davis, high honors; Trent C. Duncan, highest honors; Lucas G. Durall, honors; Meagan N. Eason, highest honors; Thomas E. Elam, honors; Chad D. Elks, high honors; Dana Elliott, high honors; Kristina L. Elmore, high honors; Garrett S. Flanary, honors; Sara V. Fowler, highest honors; Joseph S. Gilliland, honors; Lisa L. Glass, highest honors; Thomas E. Gossett, highest honors; Jake W. Graves, honors; Rebecca R. Gray, highest honors; Bradley J. Gregg, highest honors; Brandi L. Grisham, highest honors; Bradley T. Henderson, high honors; Randal L. Huff, highest honors; Jon L. Jorge, highest honors; Amy N. Kendall, highest honors; Chance L. Kirk, highest honors; Letitia E. Lavender, highest honors; Julianne M. Lawson, honors; Lacinda J. Legate, high honors; Matthew A. Lynch, high honors; William J. McKinnis, highest honors; Mary Beth McManus, highest honors; Mallory S. Morris, highest honors; Jacinta A. Mullins, honors; Joshua C. Mullins, honors; Kevin M. Mullins, high honors; Peter J. Newton, high honors; Hilary R. Norrid, honors; Douglas G. Pair, highest honors; Don D. Parks, honors; Ron E. Parks, high honors; Mark J. Potter, high honors; James L. Rambo, high honors; Kathryn E. Ramsey, highest honors; Clint S. Rawls, honors; Robert A. Regan, highest honors; Lindsey N. Reigle, highest honors; Sara A. Rieger, highest honors; Kristi L. Roberson, honors; Kirk Z. Ross, honors; Megan L. Russell, highest honors; Tyler M. Sherwood, high honors; Kelsey C. Sigman, high honors; Brandon C. Smith, highest honors; Clarice M. Smith, honors; Craig L. Smith, high honors; Graham S. Smith, highest honors; Meagan B. Smith, highest honors; Cary E. Speed, high honors; Justin D. Stokes, highest honors; Franklin T. Storey, highest honors; Ashley M. Tankersley, high honors.
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Students who received graduate degrees included William M. Hudson, Angela Wesner Lamb, Shelia Ann Parks and M. Jill Adams Spencer, all of Union City; and Steven John Spadafino and Stacey Sue Ussery, both of Fulton.

Union City student selected president-elect of the STEA

Beth McManus of Union City, a University of Tennessee at Martin secondary Spanish education major, is president-elect of the Student Tennessee Education Association (STEA) for the 2007-08 school year.

Mrs. McManus, who also serves as the UT Martin STEA president, will become state president during the 2008-09 school year. She was elected during the spring STEA Conference in Nashville.

STEA is a pre-approved organization for students who are preparing to be educators in Tennessee. The Tennessee Education Association and its student program help lead education majors to a brighter professional future. The student program exists to help them make a smooth transition from the campus to the classroom and to help give them an edge as a teacher during the first years.

STEA is an affiliate of the 60,000-member National Education Association Student Program (NEA-SP) — the nation's largest student organization. STEA is part of the 60,000-member TEA and the 2.6 million-member National Education Association. These groups are considered the voice of education in America.

As president-elect, Mrs. McManus will attend the Student Leadership Conference June 25-28 in Philadelphia. On June 26, she will participate in Outreach to Teach, in which NEA-retired members join student members to clean up a local school in the host city of NEA's Representative Assembly. Volunteers have painted, made repairs, cleaned, gardened and decorated bulletin boards in past years.

Mrs. McManus was also invited to attend the National Education Association Representative Assembly June 30-July 5 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. However, she will not be able to attend because of Language Immersion Study in Guanajuato, Mexico, June 30-July 28. She will study at the University of Guanajuato for four weeks to complete a requirement for her major.

She will graduate in May 2009.

Mrs. McManus and her husband, Craig McManus, are the parents of Larkin Austin, Josh, Jessica and Amanda McManus. She is the daughter of Charles and Louise Miller.

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Get Out! -- June 14, 2007

'YOGA -- ALL LEVELS'
5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through June 26 at the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education.
Fee: $55. The instructor is Ken Zimmerman. Nationally certified yoga teacher Zimmerman will guide you through this ancient practice at a level tailored to serve each individual. Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and in bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights).
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Representative Assembly to vote on group policies

By Rita Mitchell
Special to My Life

LaDonna Braswell, of Memphis, a University of Tennessee at Martin spring graduate, will be a delegate to the National Education Association’s Representative Assembly later this month. She was elected during the Student Tennessee Education Association Spring Conference in Nashville.

The National Education Association Representative Assembly (RA) is the highest decision-making body within the over 3.2 million-member NEA. With more than 9,000 delegates, the RA also is the world’s largest democratic deliberative body.

Over the course of eight business sessions spanning four days, RA delegates debate the vital issues that impact American public education and set Association policy and activities for the year ahead. In balloting conducted by NEA affiliates throughout the country, NEA members elect their peers to represent their concerns at the RA. The delegates represent NEA local and state affiliates, student members, retired members and other segments of the NEA membership.

The elected delegates determine NEA’s strategic plan and budget, legislative program and resolutions. Delegates also vote, by secret ballot, on proposed amendments to the NEA constitution and bylaws and elect NEA’s executive officers, executive committee members and at-large members of the NEA Board of Directors.

Student delegates will gather June 25-28 in Philadelphia for the association’s 145th annual meeting and 86th representative assembly. On June 26, students will participate in Outreach to Teach, in which NEA-retired members join student members to clean up a local school in the host city of NEA’s RA. Volunteers have painted, made repairs, cleaned, gardened and decorated bulletin boards in the past.

Braswell is the daughter of Jennifer and Donnie Braswell of North Memphis, granddaughter of Maggie Walls, James Malone and Rudy Braswell and great-granddaughter of Lula Mae Smith.

She was a K-8 education major. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the UT Martin STAND chapter.

Rita Mitchell is with the Office of University Relations at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
REED Center, WC board set open house

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center and Weakley County Economic Development Board are hosting an open house for their newly-renovated facility, located at 406 Lindell St. in Martin.

The event is set for today from 5-7 p.m. and is open to the public.

"The Aldermen and I are delighted to have this fine facility added as a part of Martin's ongoing redevelopment project," Martin Mayor Randy Brundige said. "This building will be mutually beneficial for the REED Center and the Weakley County Economic Development Board and serves as an example of continuing cooperation between the City of Martin, the University of Tennessee at Martin and Weakley County. We are indeed fortunate to have such a fine facility located so conveniently in downtown Martin. I would like to add my appreciation to the Delta Regional Authority for the $60,000 grant that helped make this needed renovation possible."

The REED Center office is staffed by coordinator Hollie Holt, while Ronnie Price, Weakley County Economic Development Board president, staffs the WCEDB office. Holly Elliott serves as assistant for both agencies.

"Building partnerships with others is one of the best ways to get things done," Ms. Holt said. "And the REED Center and WCEDB do just that. We work together on the economic development of Weakley County and the region. Economic development isn't just trying to get a large manufacturing plant here. It is also growing and developing the businesses you already have here and those people who want to start a business. So being in the same location is great because we can collaborate on areas where we can both make a difference."

The REED Center was established in August 2005 by the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking, the Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Free Enterprise and several partners in the region - serves existing and prospective entrepreneurs and supports economic development in rural Northwest Tennessee. 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 731-587-REED (7333).

The primary service area includes Weakley, Henry, Carroll, Gibson and Obion counties. The secondary service area includes Benton, Crockett, Dyer and Lake counties.

For more information about services offered by the REED Center, visit the website www.utm.edu/reed.

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For more information, contact Dr. Rebel Reavis, UT Martin assistant professor of sociology, at 881-7519 or rreavis@utm.edu.
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Mayo serves as All About Learning’s lead instructor and curriculum developer. He has a bachelor’s degree in arts and sciences from Western Michigan University.

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UT Martin beauties vie for state crown

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UT Martin gets grant to be used for laboratory

The Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners has awarded grants totaling $175,000 to seven state-funded universities. Among those receiving grant funds this year is University of Tennessee Martin, $12,500 to the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences. Funds will be utilized to purchase a damper dynamometer test fixture for the measurements and vibrations laboratory.

For more information about the board, visit www.state.tn.us/commerce/boards/ or call (615) 741-3221 or (800) 256-6758.

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LEISURE READING — The Leisure Reading Area of Paul Meek Library at the University of Tennessee at Martin, was the perfect setting for the recent retirement reception honoring Steve Rogers, library director, and Sandra Downing, government documents librarian. Rogers completed 32 years of service to the library, and Downing recorded 27 years.
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TANNER HONORED AT BANQUET - Emily Tanner, of Medina, received the Outstanding Natural Resources Management Student Award and the Silver Park Outstanding Senior in Park and Recreation Administration Award at the 19th 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.

UT-Martin workshop offers teachers multiple options

The workshop, “Every Child Has a Song (and Every Teacher Too): Music and Writing in Every Classroom,” is a workshop for all teachers, all grades and all subjects. Slated for 8:30-3:30 p.m., Aug. 18, in the Fine Arts Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Tenn., pre-registration is $45; after Aug. 11, $55. The cost for new teachers (less than two years) is $30.

Other teaching sessions include: Jazzing with Orff; Hands-On Learning, Pam Sliger; The Online Teacher: Blogs and Podcasts, Sandi Walden; The Rhythm of Poetry, Britton Wright Sutherland; Writing and the Soundtrack of your Life, Nancy Warden; and Da Vinci’s Passion: Writing to Become Genius, Blair Chadwick. Rounding out the day, others features are: Creativity Through Music: Finding Your Voice, Interactive workshop with the Caixa Trio; Teaching Transcendentalism through Music, Beth Halbert; songwriting workshop, David Carithers and David Coffey; From Writing to Music and Back Again, Nancy Crider; Elvis was the King of Poetry?: Re-thinking Poetry in the Classroom, Lana Warren; and How to Begin and Sustain Teacher Inquiry, Angela Redden.

Continuing education unit credits are available. To register or to inquire about CEUs, contact the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, ecce@utm.edu, write ECCE, 110 Gooch Hall, UT Martin, Martin, Tenn., 38238 or call 731-881-7082 or 1-800-482-5199. Registration may be faxed to 731-881-7984. Register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/english_registration.php.

Sponsors are WTWP, Department of English, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, in cooperation with the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, UT Martin.

WTWP is a site of the National Writing Project and one of two such sites in Tennessee. For more information, contact wtp@utm.edu, or visit the web site, www.utm.edu/wtwp.
UT Martin announces recent promotions; Seng is associate vice chancellor

Persons to fill interim positions at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been announced by Dr. Tom Rakes, the university's chancellor-elect. Also, Dr. Nick Dunagan, who is retiring as chancellor June 30, announced several key administrative promotions.

Rakes, who was named chancellor May 7 by UT President John Petersen, is leaving the university's position of provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. Named by Rakes to fill his former position as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs is Dr. Jerald Ogg, who is currently serving as interim vice chancellor for student affairs. Filling Ogg's interim position in student affairs is Steve Vantrease, current director of the Boling University Center. "We are fortunate to have excellent leadership available on campus that enables us to continue our tradition of excellence," Rakes said.

Three administrative promotions announced by Dunagan are: Dr. Victoria Seng, from assistant to associate vice chancellor for academic affairs; Nancy Yarbrough from director of budget and management reporting to assistant vice chancellor for finance and administration and director of budget and management reporting; and Charley Deal from director of alumni relations to assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations. Seng also holds the position of graduate studies dean.

Yarbrough replaces Joe Croom, who is retiring June 30 as assistant vice chancellor for finance and administration. Yarbrough lives in Union City.

Students rank in top one-fifth for TVA Challenge

University of Tennessee at Martin Tennessee Valley Authority stock portfolio, managed by finance students, is outperforming the Standard and Poor's 500 Index, ranking UT-Martin in the top one-fifth among the 25 competing universities for the past three years of the TVA Investment Challenge. Having won the award for highest returns in 2005, UT-Martin students have enjoyed continued success as the portfolio is among top performers to date in 2007.

TVA's Investment Challenge is an innovative and unique partnership between 25 universities and TVA in its service territory that provides a real-world learning experience in portfolio management. The challenge gives teams of students hands-on experience managing TVA stock portfolios.

Students actively manage TVA funds by designing long-term investment strategies, placing trades and providing performance reports to TVA. UT-Martin students are guided by Dr. Mahmoud Haddad and Dr. Arnold Redman, both professors of finance. The students learn how to manage real money and meet all the requirements. They are held to similar guidelines as TVA's professional money managers.

"Our students have greatly benefited from this unique program which allows them to put into practice the financial knowledge they have gained in the finance program," said Redman.

Haddad added, "The hands-on investment experience this course offers our students helps them to become tomorrow's entrepreneurs and business leaders. It has been an excellent recruiting tool for good positions at leading financial corporations."

The TVA Board created the Investment Challenge Program in 1998 to diversify the management of its Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund and give Tennessee Valley students experience in managing a stock portfolio. Originally, 19 universities received investment funds of $100,000 a piece, for a total of $1.9 million. The program has expanded to include 25 universities, and the funds total approximately $9 million.
School uses text messaging for safety alerts

Using technology services already available at the University of Tennessee at Martin, the Office of Information Technology Services and the Department of Public Safety have implemented an inexpensive method of sending emergency TXT message notifications to students, faculty and staff.

"Lessons learned from the Virginia Tech tragedy say that TXT messaging is a valuable method of communicating with the campus community," said Shannon Burgin, UT Martin assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief information officer. "The addition of TXT messaging to current methods of emergency notification will provide a valuable piece to our communication capabilities in an emergency situation."

In April, Seung-Hui Cho, a Virginia Tech student, killed 32 people and wounded others before committing suicide, making it the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history.

Following the tragedy, ITS staff members, Terry Lewis, Andy Rivers, Bruce Harrison, Ken Blankenship, Brenda Wright, Larry Holder, Mark McAlpin, Roger Elmore and Burgin reviewed the alternatives to quickly reach students, faculty and staff.

Larry Holder, IT administrator IV and database administrator, developed a program on the UT Martin student information system Banner Web, which provides a simple opt-in Web page for each UT Martin students, faculty and staff to voluntarily provide his or her cell phone number, cell phone provider and select a message level for TXT messages sent from university administration, primarily intended for emergency notifications distributed by the Department of Public Safety.

Recently, the system was tested with the 600 initial subscribers on the UT Martin campus.

Weaving, knitting classes to be offered

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ECCE, Legos offers engineering camp for kids

Hands-on science and math. Teamwork skills. All this sounds serious, and it is. But participants in two summer camps may be surprised to learn that it can be fun — when Lego® kits are involved.

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UT Martin among safest

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 ranks UT Martin as the safest among four-year public institutions. 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.

“We knew we were a safe campus, and the latest statistics certainly reinforce this belief,” said UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan. “We have great students, and they conduct themselves in a way that is a credit to the university.”

According to crime statistics for 2006 recently released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, UT Martin maintains its customary position as the safest campus in the state among Board of Regents and Board of Trustees four-year institutions. UT Martin had a rating of 15 for group “A” offenses per 1,000 campus population with the statewide average at 26 for group “A” offenses per 1,000 campus population. UT Martin’s rating was the lowest among the state institutions. UT Martin’s clearance rate (case solved) for group “A” offenses was 35.5 percent with the statewide average at 22.8 percent. UT Martin’s rating was the highest among the state institutions.

“The low rate in the number of offenses is a direct result of the high caliber of the people who work at and attend UT Martin,” said Scott Robbins, UT Martin director of public safety. “The high rate of clearances is a direct result of folks being willing to get involved and report criminal activity, which leads to a successful investigation and resolution of the case by members of Department of Public Safety. It is a total team effort by everyone involved.

“Not only can a parent of a student rest assured that their son or daughter is coming to one of the safest campus environments in the South, our stats show that they are more than likely moving to a safer environment than the town they live in,” he added.

In the 2006 Tennessee report, UT Martin had 56 index crimes, increasing one since 2005. In the most serious category, “crimes against persons,” three index crimes were reported. The remaining 53 index crimes were crimes against property. These figures come after an increase of approximately 800 in university population.

“I think it’s great that we have been able to keep our crime rate one of the lowest in the state even with the steady increase in campus population over the last few years,” added Robbins.

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.

STOKES NAMED TO WHO'S - Jody Stokes, center, of Humboldt, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who awards ceremony. Stokes is vice president of the Visual Art Society, Beanswitch design assistant and is involved in Vanguard Theatre productions. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Jerald Ogg, left, interim vice chancellor of student affairs; presented the award. Pictured with them is Lauren Witty, right, lead academy facilitator.

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DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee, June 20, 2007

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Persons to fill interim positions at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been announced by Dr. Tom Rakes, the university’s chancellor-elect. Also, Dr. Nick Dunagan, who is retiring as chancellor June 30, announced several key administrative promotions.

Rakes, who was named chancellor May 7 by UT President John Petersen, is leaving the university’s position of provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. Named by Rakes to fill his former position as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs is Dr. Jerald Ogg, who is currently serving as interim vice chancellor for student affairs. Filling Ogg’s interim position in student affairs is Steve Vantrease, current director of the Boling University Center. “We are fortunate to have excellent leadership available on campus that enables us to continue our tradition of excellence,” Rakes said.

Three administrative positions announced by Dunagan are: Dr. Victoria Seng, from assistant to associate vice chancellor for academic affairs; Nancy Yarbrough from director of budget and management reporting to assistant vice chancellor for finance and administration and director of budget and management reporting; and Charley Deal from director of alumni relations to assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations. Seng also holds the position of graduate studies dean.

Yarbrough replaces Joe Croom, who is retiring June 30 as assistant vice chancellor for finance administration. Yarbrough lives in Union City, Seng in Fulton, Kentucky, while all others receiving new appointments or promotions reside in Weakley County.

“Vicki, Charley and Nancy have made significant contributions to their respective areas at UT Martin,” Dunagan said. “It has been my pleasure to work with them, and their dedication will play an important role in the new administration ably led by Chancellor-Elect Rakes.”

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Lego camps give students 'leg up' in science, math, other skills

Hands-on science and math. Teamwork skills. All this sounds serious, and it is. But participants in two summer camps may be surprised to learn that it can be fun - when Lego kits are involved.

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering Lego Engineering Camp and Lego Jr. Engineering Camp, July 9-13, for ages 5-7 from 9 a.m.-noon and ages 8-12 from 1-4 p.m. Camp instructor is Mary Margaret Ulrich, Martin Middle School science teacher, and the cost is $140.

The older participants will have lessons about simple machines, structures and forces, levers, wheels and axles, gears and gear math, ratchets and drive trains, motorized systems and challenges for points. The younger students will build and work with models to investigate fixed and movable pulleys, gears and belt drives.

The students will work in a lab setting with one Lego Technic kit for each two students. Objectives of the courses are to encourage hands-on (tactile) learning, promote team building, allow creativity in construction and to have fun with basic science and mathematics.

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Selena DeSantis, 2007 Miss University of Tennessee at Martin, and Kara Waddell, 2007 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival, will join contestants from across the state in the Miss Tennessee Pageant finals at 7:30 p.m., June 23, at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson. Also vying for the crown in this year’s pageant is Miss Fall Fest Tennessee, Jordan Cole, a UT Martin junior from Martin.

The contestants will have their first official Miss Tennessee duty Sunday at the Old Hickory Mall in Jackson with a meet-and-greet session. The public is encouraged to attend. The Miss Tennessee program books will be available for purchase and all contestants will spend time signing autographs and visiting with their fans,” said Lynn Gibson, Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival director. “Preparing for the entertainment part of the pageant will come first. Pageant preliminaries will begin Wednesday night as they get ready for the Saturday night finals. It would be great to see all three girls progress to the Saturday night event.”

DeSantis, a 2007 UT Martin graduate from Martin, will perform a vocal selection. Her first public vocal performance was at the Miss UT Martin/Miss Soybean Festival Pageant last November. DeSantis’ platform is “organ donor awareness.” She has focused on fitness training, keeping up with current events and developing her vocal talent in preparation for the Miss Tennessee Pageant.

“I was so excited, because this is something that I’ve always dreamed about,” said Waddell, a UT Martin junior from Mason, after winning the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival crown. Now, as a competitor for the crown, she will focus on her vocal talent and also prepare for the pageant’s “racking” portion of the pageant. Her platform is support of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

The University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Weakley County Chapter will host a farewell event for University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan and his wife, Cathy. The party, also hosted by chapters in Obion, Carroll, Dyer, Gibson, Henry and Lake counties, will be June 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the home of Warner Pace at 206 Poplar St. in Martin.

Dunagan will retire June 30 from UT Martin. UT President Dr. John Petersen and his wife, Carol, will be among those attending the farewell event. Anyone who plans to attend may send a check at a cost of $10 per person payable to Weakley County UTNAA, 314 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238, by Monday. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the newly-funded Dunagan Legacy Scholarship may do so by including the amount in the check.

For more information, contact Charley Deal at (731) 881-7611 or Carol Kirkland at (731) 225-8445.
UTM REED Center and WCEDB host open house & ribbon cutting

Elected officials, Chamber of Commerce members and other area dignitaries gathered at the UT Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic (REED) Center and Weakley County Economic Development Board Office Monday afternoon for an open house and ribbon cutting. These newly renovated offices are located at 406 Lindell Street in Martin, which is adjacent to Martin City Hall. Those pictured are (L to R): Weakley County Mayor Houston Patrick; Sherri Brown of 1st Citizens Bank; Tom Surratt, president of 1st Citizens Bank; Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barbara Virgin; USDA Area Rural Development Director Bobby Goode; Hollie Elliot, assistant to both the REED Center and Weakley County Economic Development Board directors; Tom Rakes, UTM Chancellor elect; Holly Holt, director of the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic (REED) Center; Ronnie Price, CEO of the Weakley County Economic Development Board; Joe Brasher, president of Bank of Sharon; Michael Hagan of Reelfoot Bank; State Representative Mark Maddox; Ron Acré, Small Business Specialist; Jerry Brignace, who serves on the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Van Wylie; and Weakley County Industrial Development Board chairman Junior Moore.

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Go Wii-ld and it can be therapeutic

This month's article is definitely non-traditional as far as sports and fitness are concerned. At the end of the school year, my children asked me if they could have a Wii video game. Although our family owns video games, and we all enjoy playing them, I don't encourage spending excessive amounts of time simply participating in thumb and finger exercises. After a minimal amount of research, I gave in and purchased the Wii game.

Let me be the first to tell you that we are all enjoying the Wii! The Encyclopedia of Children's Health defines hand-eye coordination as, 'the ability of the vision system to coordinate the information received through the eyes to control, guide, and direct the hands in the accomplishment of a given task, such as handwriting or catching a ball.' The Wii console comes with a complimentary sports game which allows you to actively participate on sports such as bowling, tennis, golf, boxing and baseball. All of these sports use eye-hand coordination as well as speed, stamina and balance. The game allows you to participate in a daily Wii 'fitness age' which decreases as you increase the number of homerruns that you hit, bowling pins you knock down and tennis balls that you return correctly over the net and in fair play. I actually think that I have improved my tennis backhand follow through!

A recent Time.com article (Schmidt, 2007) titled, 'Is the Wii Really Good for your Health?,' suggests that the Wii has capabilities of therapeutic, psychological and weight loss. According to a report published by the Mayo Clinic (Pediatrics, 2007) active video games such as the Wii can help fight childhood obesity. Researchers found that children burned three times as many calories playing 'active' video games. Additionally, according to Schmidt (2007), a computer programmer hypothesized that he would be able to lose weight playing the Wii for 30 minutes per day and he lost nine pounds in six weeks. He has recently signed a book deal tentatively titled, The Wii Workout.

Now I did not tell you all of those interesting facts so that you could stay in your playroom all summer long and play the Wii video game. I did however, want to share my excitement for the new game that our family has been enjoying at our house. In my opinion, I can see beneficial qualities of the game, although it does not totally replace outdoor activity by any means. If you have the opportunity to play a Wii I hope that you have as much fun hitting your fist ball out of the park on the 98 mile per hour fast ball as I did!

- [http://www.time.com/time/](http://www.time.com/time/)

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.
What kind of people abandon pets?

My neighbor, Jan, and I try to walk at least three to four times a week. We live in the country, so we just basically walk down the country roads for three miles. As we were walking several weeks ago, we turned down an old cemetery road. A cat immediately came out of the grass to meet us.

She was friendly and obviously glad to see people. She was small and young. There are no houses on this road, so Jan and I were pretty sure someone had just dropped her there. We were right.

As we glanced further down the road, two very young kittens were lying dead on the road. Both of the kittens had been hit by a vehicle. I picked the cat up and realized she had milk and must be the mother of these kittens. I gave the cat to Jan and got the dead kittens off the road. As I walked back to Jan, I noticed two live kittens in the grass beside the road. We walked a mile back to the house, I carried the kittens, and Jan carried the cat.

When we got back to my house, we gave the cat some food and water. She sat at the water bowl and drank for probably 15 minutes or more and then she attacked the food with a vengeance. The kittens, even though they were only about three weeks old, even acted interested in the food. I imagine the cat had very little milk to give them since she had not eaten or drank in awhile. We made a bed for the kittens and the cat in my garage. After the cat had finished eating and drinking, she curled up with her kittens, and they all went to sleep.

The next afternoon, it began to rain, and soon, it began to pour. As I sat in my house looking out the back window, I couldn't help but wonder what would have happened to the cat and her kittens if Jan and I had not walked that day. Unlike a lot of cats, this young mother was not equipped for the outdoor life with four kittens by her side. From her behavior, it was obvious she had been inside often and did not know how to fend for herself, much less her three-week-old kittens. I went to our enclosed garage and sat there on the steps rubbing the mother and watching the kittens sleep peacefully as the rain beat down outside. As the cat and I watched her babies, I ask myself the same old question that I have asked many times before: How/why do people do this?

As an animal lover, I don't understand and will never understand the cruelty and insensitivity one must have to dump a pet. If you can't take care of a pet, I feel like it's a pretty simple matter. Don't get a pet. If you have a pet and circumstances arise where you cannot keep that pet, be responsible and find other alternatives instead of dumping that animal on the side of the road. You may be able to fool yourself into thinking that most dumped animals end up like Sera (that's what I've named her), but they don't. If they are lucky, someone will find them, but the majority end up like Sera's two dead kittens on the road or worse yet, suffer tremendously before they finally die.

Many of you out there may be thinking, 'I don't know why she cares, it's just a cat.' That's true, Sera is just a cat, but on the subject of why I care, I will defer to some people who are much better known than myself.

'It is man's sympathy with all creatures that first makes him truly a man.'  
- Albert Schweitzer, French philosopher and physician.

'Our association with animals cannot be taken for granted, but rather must be tempered with virtuous care and compassion.'  
- Susan B. Anthony, American suffragist.

'The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.'  
- Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian nationalist leader.

So, yes I do care. I am an animal lover and a veterinarian. It worries me that people can throw out a
Retiring chancellor says ‘I’d liked to be remembered as someone who loved Martin.’

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

Since announcing his retirement last September, the hectic pace of leading the university has continued for Nick and Cathy Dunagan.

Along the way, faculty, staff, students, alumni and others have reminded them of the lasting legacy they leave behind.

May was a significant month as the official retirement date of June 30 approached.

A public reception for the Dunagans was held May 2 that included many well wishers and proclamations presented to the chancellor by the Faculty Senate and Student Government Association.

Then came a retirement dinner attended by more than 400 guests May 11 in the Boling University Center, followed the next day by the final commencement presided over by Dunagan as university chancellor.

Occurring amid these events was the announcement May 7 of Dr. Tom Rakes as the new UT Martin chancellor.

About Rakes, the university’s provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Dunagan said, “UT Martin is going to be in good hands.”

Before these events and the naming of his successor, Dunagan took some time last fall to reflect on his career. Born in Humboldt to the late Horace and Sara Dunagan, he returned to Martin where his father attended UT Junior College, thereby beginning his lifelong association with the campus.

Years later, the Dunagan family includes many UT Martin alums, including Dunagan’s two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

Also, the Dunagan’s three married children and their spouses all graduated from the university. And, even though the university didn’t offer the major their fourth child chose, he, too, supported the Dunagan/UT Martin connection by picking up additional courses toward his degree in summer school.

While his announcement surprised many, he sees this as the right time for a change.

When he was named chancellor, Dunagan planned to serve in the position for up to five years. Once he retires, he will have served six years, and counting three interim stints as chancellor, he’s held the position approximately eight years.

“I think when you look at a university, there are always a lot of things that are going on, so you’re never going to come to that place where ‘OK, I can stop here and there will not be any other projects under way,’” he said.

Significant changes have occurred since he became chancellor in 2001.

Especially significant during his administration is enrollment growth. Online degrees and off-campus centers have contributed to greater numbers of students.

“When I started, we had the one center in Selmer, and we now have a new location in Jackson with new centers in operation in Parsons and Ripley, so the diversity of our enrollment has greatly changed,” he said, “and I think it’s helped us as a university to reach out to West Tennessee in a much more positive way.”

In addition to the four centers, online course offerings have increased from fewer than 10 to 109 in the past five years.

To Dunagan, improved outreach is evident in other ways. The university’s Dual-Credit Program, which allows students to take selected courses for both high school and college credit, is now offered in 25 high schools.

“And I know our faculty, while they’ve always been engaged, are even more engaged in our service area, and that’s a positive thing for the university.”

With many projects under way, he knows that some will not be completed when he retires.

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Other initiatives will continue to evolve. A big proponent of globalization, Dunagan was instrumental in establishing the university’s Center for Global Studies and International Education.

The center provides travel-study and study-abroad opportunities and establishes formal working relationships with universities in other countries.

Now, with President Petersen’s globalization emphasis in UT’s new strategic plan unveiled last August, Dunagan will watch with interest to see how these new relationships further position UT Martin in the international community to benefit students and faculty members.

Another of Dunagan’s lasting legacies is the WestStar Leadership Program.

As a founder and executive director of the leadership-development program for six years, he sees how WestStar has benefited West Tennessee.

Hesitant to name names from the growing WestStar alumni base, he does mention three graduates serving in the Tennessee General Assembly: Mark Norris, Randy Rinks and Delores Gresham.

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

Dunagan also has left his mark on intercollegiate athletics.

He was heavily involved when UT Martin joined the Ohio Valley Conference as a full member in 1992.

Years later, under his watch as chancellor, athletics facilities have greatly improved, including construction of the Bob Carroll Football Building, soccer field enhancements and new Elam Center seating.

“There is no doubt that I join a lot of people who realize that athletics is an important component of students receiving the total collegiate experience,” he said of his support for such improvements.

Still, he acknowledges that success in athletics comes with a price tag, and he sees fans and donors holding the key through increased ticket sales and gifts dedicated to the program.

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

For Dunagan, everything points back to students and those touched by the university.

“I think the thing that makes a continual smile on my face is when I see students and alumni and hear them express what the university has meant to their lives and community leaders express what the university has meant to West Tennessee and to Tennessee,” he said.

James Orr, a recent graduate and former Student Government Association president from Bolivar, Tenn., has seen firsthand Dunagan’s focus on students.

“Chancellor Dunagan is amazing to work with. He truly cares about the well being of students. He has an open-door policy and is always willing to speak about student concerns,” Orr said.

As for his legacy, Orr said, “Chancellor Dunagan will be remembered as a strong, compassionate leader. He is a great man, and I hope to one day impact as many lives as he has impacted.”

Another person who daily sees Dunagan’s concern for students is his wife, Cathy, who received equal billing from President Petersen at the retirement announcement.

She has been a visible partner to Dunagan, sharing his passion for serving students. She’s even answered the surprise telephone calls when, without her knowing, he gave out their home number for parents to call if they had concerns.

She tells this as a humorous story, but she knows it speaks volumes about her husband.

“I hear countless stories about Nick talking with homesick students, encouraging students to apply themselves to their academic goals, and helping with letters of recommendation,” she said.

“I think that hearing from folks who say that Nick has had a positive impact on their lives makes both of us feel extremely proud.”

UT Martin’s first family plans to take on no new obligations in the first year following Dunagan’s retirement.

However, at the retirement announcement, he promised that Cathy and he would remain in Martin to “be the most dedicated alums that this institution could have.”

His 24/7 job will be replaced with travel and time with children and grandchildren. Most will agree that it’s a well-deserved change for two people who have given 34 years of their lives to the university.

Future generations will see buildings that were built, programs that began and scholarships that were established under Nick Dunagan’s leadership.

When asked how he wanted to be remembered, Dunagan said, “That’s easy. I’d like to be remembered as someone who loved UT Martin, tried to keep its students, faculty, and staff uppermost in my mind with every decision I made, and strived to make West Tennessee a better place to live and work.”
WELCOME TO THE NEW REED CENTER — Hollie Holt, UTM Reed Center Director, entertains guest and University of Tennessee at Martin student Tyler Hayes (right) during the REED Center and Weakley County Economic Development Board Office open house at their new downtown Lindell Street location Monday evening.

Area Resident Honored at UT Martin ROTC Awards Ceremony

MARTIN - Cadet Amanda Allen of McKenzie recently received the ROTC Alumni Scholarship Fund Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC Awards Ceremony. Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton (l), professor of military science, presented the award.
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UTM honors sacrifices of U.S. troops

The University of Tennessee Martin held a Memorial Day observance. Those attending included, from left, Dorothy Gillon of Martin; Bob Smith of Martin, a World War II Navy veteran; Janice Sims of Rutherford; and Nicole Davidson and Billy Laird, both of Martin. Laird is the father of Sgt. Dustin Laird, who died Aug. 1, 2006, during combat operations in Rawah, Iraq. Sgt. Laird was assigned to the Tennessee Army National Guard 913th Engineer Company. Davidson was Dustin Laird's fiancee.

Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant

preliminary competition on Thursday

Miss UT Martin, Selena DeSantis, walks the runway during the swimsuit portion of the preliminary competition on Thursday.
UT hikes tuition 6 percent

By DUNCAN MANSFIELD
The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE — University of Tennessee trustees voted Thursday to raise tuition this fall for most students by 6 percent to support salary hikes for faculty and staff, while looking ahead to new buildings and new projects on various campuses.

A boost in funding from the state, along with the increase from students, will "put us in a position where we have opportunities ... to compete for the best things in the world," UT President John Petersen said as trustees approved a nearly $1.6 billion budget for 2007-2008.

Trustees praised Petersen's work in convincing the General Assembly that larger appropriations were needed.

State contributions fell to less than half of UT's unrestricted revenues last year from 61.5 percent a decade ago.

"But some were concerned about the tuition increase UT used in bargaining for the state funding hike.

"This is not something that we haven't paid attention to or thought about or taken lightly," said Jim Murphy, a UT Board of Trustees member from Nashville. "I don't like raising tuition. (But) I feel there is nothing else we can do."

Officials from the five-campus, 44,000-student UT system told lawmakers this year that improving compensation for its 14,380 employees was a priority, particularly for retaining and hiring professors.

A $30.8 million boost in state appropriations to $502 million will support a 3 percent across-the-board raise. An $18.6 million increase in tuition and fees to $330.6 million will provide another 2 percent for merit- and equity-based raises.

As a result, undergraduate in-state tuition will increase by $290 to $5,120 a year at Knoxville by $224 to $3,927 a year in Chattanooga and by $234 to $4,150 a year in Martin.

Fee increases will vary for medical programs at the UT Health Science Center in Memphis, the law school in Knoxville, the Space Institute in Tullahoma and the veterinary medicine program in Knoxville.

UT officials say increases in lottery-funded scholarships may help students who are eligible for them absorb some of the tuition hike.

On the Net:
www.utk.edu

Students receive scholarships for UTM

Three Madison County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions. Information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available from the UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, 38238.

In-state residents may call (800) 829-UTM1. Out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.

Michael Cain, son of Gene and Janet Cain of Medon, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor's Award. Christopher Couch, son of Joe and Vicki Couch of Jackson, will be a freshman. He received the Dean's Scholarship. Michaela Warner, daughter of Jerry and Cheryl Warner of Jackson, will be a freshman. She received the Harold Connar African-American Scholarship.

UT Martin in-state cost now $2,502 per semester

MARTIN, Tenn. - The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees approved a 6 percent in-state tuition increase for students attending UT Martin, effective for the fall semester. The action was part of the board's annual meeting this week in Knoxville.

In-state tuition and fees, including the new tuition rate and a $50 increase per semester in the athletic fee, will now cost undergraduate students $2,502 per semester to attend the Martin campus. Full-time undergraduate enrollment is a minimum of 12 hours. Out-of-state undergraduate tuition will increase 6.4 percent, from $7,068 to $7,522.

UT Martin students voted almost 2 to 1 in April in favor of a referendum to increase the athletics activity fee $50 per semester. As approved by the board of trustees, the increase will generate more equitable funding for operating budgets, team travel and recruiting. It will fund assistant coaches in selected sports, an assistant sports information director, a new marketing coordinator and a new intern coordinator, who will help create undergraduate internships for all academic disciplines. Finally, the increase will fund facility improvements for baseball, softball and soccer specifically in the areas of seating, lighting, locker rooms and restroom facilities.

"The limited tuition increase of 6 percent represents a combination of support from our local legislators and also the positive case that President [John] Petersen and the Board of Trustees made for the importance of higher education to the future of the state," said Chancellor Nick Dunagan. "Economic development success has a direct correlation to the education level of our citizens. We must continue to be sensitive to the cost of higher education and be good stewards of both tax and tuition dollars. I believe UT Martin is doing this by providing an excellent academic program at a reasonable price."

Tuition and fees for in-state graduate students at UT Martin will increase by 7.1 percent, from $2,700 to $2,928 per semester this fall. Out-of-state graduate tuition and fees will increase 6.4 percent, from $7,435 to $7,913. Both in-state and out-of-state totals include the athletic fee increase. Full-time graduate enrollment is 95 hours per semester.

UT Online, the university's online degree program, in-state per credit hour will increase from $280 to $320; out-of-state undergraduate, from $224 to $237; in-state graduate, from $322 to $341; and out-of-state, $300 to $371. The UT Online course fees are charged per credit hour with no maximum credit hour cap. This applies to all students, including on-campus students. Both in-state and out-of-state totals include the athletic-fee increase.

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UT votes for 6% increase in tuition

To fund pay hikes, effort to ‘compete for best things’

By Duncan Mansfield
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE — University of Tennessee trustees voted Thursday to raise tuition this fall for most students by 6 percent to support salary hikes for faculty and staff, while looking ahead to new buildings and new projects on various campuses.

A boost in funding from the state, along with the increase from students, will “put us in a position where we have opportunities … to compete for the best things in the world,” UT President John Petersen said as trustees approved a nearly $1.6 billion budget for 2007-08.

Trustees praised Petersen’s work in convincing the General Assembly that larger appropriations were needed.

State contributions fell to less than half of UT’s unrestricted revenues last year from 61.5 percent a decade ago.

But some were concerned about the tuition increase UT used in bargaining for the state funding hike.

“This is not something that we haven’t paid attention to or thought about or taken lightly,” said Jim Murphy, a UT Board of Trustees member from Nashville. “I don’t like raising tuition. (But) I feel there is nothing else we can do.”

Officials from the five-campus, 44,000-student UT system told lawmakers this year that improving compensation for its 14,380 employees was a priority, particularly for retaining and hiring professors.

A $30.8 million boost in state appropriations to $502 million will support a 3 percent across-the-board raise. An $18.6 million increase in tuition and fees to $330.6 million will provide another 2 percent for merit- and equity-based raises.

As a result, undergraduate in-state tuition will increase by $290 to $5,120 a year at Knoxville, by $224 to $3,927 a year in Chattanooga and by $234 to $4,150 a year in Martin.

Fee increases will vary for medical programs at the UT Health Science Center in Memphis, the law school in Knoxville, Space Institute in Tullahoma and veterinary medicine in Knoxville.

UT officials say increases in lottery-funded scholarships may help eligible students absorb some of the hike.

The 2007-08 budget includes $154 million for capital outlay projects, the highest amount ever received by UT from the state in a single year. It also has $22 million for capital maintenance, the second highest amount ever.

New capital projects include a $40 million biofuels demonstration project between UT and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, some $32 million for roads and utilities for a new high-tech Cherokee Campus in Knoxville, a $30 million music school at UT-Knoxville and a $48 million library for UT-Chattanooga.

Petersen also mentioned that the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which is co-managed by UT, is a top candidate for millions of dollars in federal funding for supercomputing and bio-energy projects to be awarded soon.

“So we have a lot on our plate right now,” he said.

Tuition Going up on UT Campuses

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Doing so with High Honors were Anthony W. Cheshire and William E. Duffel, both of East Memphis; Southeast Memphians DaSondra J. Chinn, Erica N. Cole, Phuongdinh T. Nguyen and Rashanda T. Patterson; Kyle A. McGowan, Starlina C. Ray and Jaleesha R. Whitley, all of Whitehaven; South Memphian Terrance A. Shaw; and Carl E. Foxx of Southwest Memphis.

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Area Educator Participated in UT Martin Summer Institute

MARTIN (June 20) - Twenty-two 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 of Huntington 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 fifth 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.

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UT president to attend Dunagan farewell event

The University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Weakley County Chapter will host a farewell event for University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan and his wife, Cathy. The party, also hosted by chapters in Carroll, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake and Obion counties, will be from 7-8:30 p.m., June 28, at the home of Warner Pace, 206 Poplar St., Martin. Dunagan will retire June 30.

UT President Dr. John Petersen and his wife, Carol, will be among those attending the event.

For more information, contact Charley Deal, at 881-7611, or Carol Kirkland, at (731) 225-8445.

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Karlen Evins signs new book ‘I Didn’t Know That’ at UT Martin bookstore

By ELIZABETH WATTS
Staff Reporter


Evins’ book, ‘I Didn’t Know That’, takes words and phrases we use everyday and explains the history and origin behind their meaning. Evins says that she wouldn’t have been able to publish this book without many radio listeners’ help.

“This has been a hobby for mine for a long time. When I started talking about this on the radio, people started to send in old sayings that their grandparents had said,” explained Evins.

Evins had to revisit her old college books to uncover and understand the meaning to some of the sayings featured in her book.

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“A lot of these sayings come from scripture. I’m having to break out old notebooks from Divinity School,” Evins said.

Evins said that her book, ‘I Didn’t Know That’, is actually a compilation of two books that she self-published almost 15 years ago.

While she had much success with her publishing career, Evins’ career originally started on the radio. Her radio career began as a stroke of luck and an unlikely opportunity. With a communications degree from the University of Tennessee, Karlen Evins had mapped out a career in advertising, not anticipating that the universe might have another plan.

While driving into Nashville, flipping through her daily fare of country radio stations, she happened upon a brand new talk show that stopped her in her tracks. So intrigued was she that she drove to the site of the broadcast, sat in the audience, raised her hand to ask the guest a questions, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Until that moment she had no media interest, and certainly no broadcast training to back up her next move, but she asked for a job anyway and within weeks was hired as an intern to work on the new show, Beyond Reason. In a matter of months she moved up the ranks to producer, and then one day, when a guest lost his way, Bart said,

“Mic up kid; we’ve got an hour to fill!”

Karlen was a natural, and shortly thereafter assumed the role of co-host, and later became Bart’s business partner as well. She and Teddy now enter their second decade together as co-hosts and partners in their own company, Bart-Evins Productions. In addition to her passion for the spiritual, Karlen co-moderated the politically oriented Teddy Bart’s Round Table for eighteen years. She also co-created and hosted Country Music Soulmates on TNN.

Her business interests have included a TV production company, a book publishing company and a Nashville radio station. Through her work with the not-for-profit she founded called The Public Forum, she lobbied extensively for a statewide network to cover Tennessee’s Capitol Hill.

In addition to her on air work, Karlen wrote the recently acquired, ‘I Didn’t Know That’ series of books, and just recently received her Masters in Divinity from Vanderbilt University.

On her web site, karlenevins.com, Evins offers a few example of what’s inside her book. For example, today, the term true colors pertain to a person’s hidden characteristics that are uncovered when a person is under a lot of pressure. However, the origin and real meaning is from the time pirates sailed the seas.

“Pirate legend has it that many a good ship was conned into believing it was approaching the ship of a friendly nation because the flag it flew. However, once the ships were within cannon shot of each other, the pirate vessel quickly changed its flag, showing its true colors...” explains Evins on her website.

Karlen has more excerpts from her books on her web site. People interested in finding the meaning and origin behind more words can access these excerpts by clicking on the radio link at karlenevins.com. <http://karlenevins.com>

Alongside her career interests, Karlen devotes her time to Nashville’s homeless and volunteers as a reading mentor in Nashville public schools. She lives with her two pups, Ike and Minsky, and enjoys writing, meditation and yoga.

‘I Didn’t Know That’ is currently on sale at UT Martin’s Barnes and Noble Bookstore for $11.
County residents are WestStar graduates

Bobby Goode, Steve Holt, Tommy Cates and Sam Lewallen, of Weakley County, recently were honored in Martin for completing the WestStar Leadership Program sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

In its 18th 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. David Belote, University of Tennessee at Martin assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, is executive director of the program.

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

Holt is a graduate of Leadership Weakley County.

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

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

Weakley County students receive scholarships to attend UTM

Four Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

• Mercy Ford, daughter of Melia Mannberger of Dresden and Craig Ford, will be a freshman. She received the Harold Connor African-American Scholarship.

• Nicole Jones, daughter of Troy and Belinda Jones of Greenfield, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.

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Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. In-state residents telephone (800) 829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
Lego® camps give students 'leg up' in science, math, other skills

Hands-on science and math. Teamwork skills. All this sounds serious, and it is. But participants in two summer camps may be surprised to learn that it can be fun — when Lego® kits are involved.

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering Lego® Engineering Camp and Lego® Jr. Engineering Camp, July 9-13, for ages 5-7 from 9 a.m.-noon and ages 8-12 from 1-4 p.m. Camp instructor is Mary Margaret Ulderich, Martin Middle School science teacher, and the cost is $140.

The older participants will have lessons about simple machines, structures and forces, levers, wheels and axles, gears and gear math, ratchets and drive trains, motorized systems and challenges for points. The younger students will build and work with models to investigate fixed and movable pulleys, gears and belt drives.

The students will work in a lab setting with one Lego® Technic kit for each two students. Objectives of the courses are to encourage hands-on (tactile) learning, promote team building, allow creativity in construction and to have fun with basic science and mathematics.

To register, call ECCE, at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082, or register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.

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THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE — Joe Croom, University of Tennessee at Martin assistant vice chancellor for finance and administration and director of business affairs, recently was honored with a reception prior to his retirement, June 30, after 34 years of service to the university. Pictured with him is his wife, Deica.
HUMBOLDT HONORED AT UT MARTIN ROTC AWARDS - Cadet Casey Long, of Humboldt, recently received the ROTC Alumni Scholarship Fund Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC Awards Ceremony. Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, professor of military science, presented the award.

WHO'S WHO HONOR AT UT MARTIN - Miriam Gillespie, center, of Humboldt, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Gillespie is a resident assistant in the dorms, a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Chi Theta Business and Economics Honor Society and is involved in the Honors Program. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Jerald Ogg, left, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, presented the award. Pictured with them is Lauren Witty, right, Lead Academy facilitator.
Cadet Jeremy Robertson, of Dukedom, recently received the American Veterans of World War II Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC Awards Ceremony. Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, professor of military science, presented the award.

Horner, Smith complete WestStar Leadership

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Horner is financial manager for the Gibson County Utility District in Trenton. She serves as vice chairman of the customer service committee for the Tennessee Gas Association. She has served as secretary/treasurer for the Peabody High School Alumni Association and vice president and president of the Spring Hill School's Parent Teacher Organization.

Smith is manager of engineering and operations at Humboldt Utilities. He serves as an advisor to the Humboldt Planning Commission and the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the Gibson County School-to-Career Committee, Humboldt American Heart Association, March of Dimes and Relay for Life. Smith has served on the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce board of directors, as community committee chairman for Humboldt and chairman of the Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association Engineering and Operations Section. He is a graduate of Leadership Gibson County.

Barr Honored: Cadet Chance Barr of Dyersburg recently received the Association of the United States Army History Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC Awards Ceremony. Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, professor of military science, presented the award. Barr also received the BG G.H. Weems Memorial ROTC Scholarship.
Price receives juris doctorate degree

Joseph Wayne Price II of Dyersburg has received the juris doctorate degree with high honors from the UALR William H. Bowen School of Law.
A 2003 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a bachelor of science degree in history, Price was awarded the Ernest & Wilma Newby Scholarship as the Outstanding Male History Scholar, the Ohio Valley Conference Medal of Honor for earning the highest grade point average among conference baseball players. He was also a member of Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society.
Between college and law school, Price worked as assistant baseball coach at his alma mater, Dyersburg High School. While a high school student, Price was selected as a member of the 2000 U.S. Navy/ESPN the Magazine First Team Academic All-American Baseball Team.
During law school, Price was co-founder of the UALR Chapter of the American Constitution Society served as associate editor of the UALR Law Review, was awarded the Wilson & Associates Ethics Scholarship as well as seven other scholarships, and graduated sixth in his class.
Price is the son of Wayne and Joan Price of Dyersburg. He is the grandson of Faye Rogers and the late Harold Rogers. He and his wife Kate will live in central Arkansas, where he is an associate at the firm of Quattlebaum, Grooms, Tull & Burrow.
The Bowen Law School graduation ceremony was held at the Statehouse Center in Little Rock on May 19. There were 131 graduates.
Congressman Ray Thornton, who served in Washington from 1972 to 1979 and again from 1991 to 1997 and also is a former Arkansas Supreme Court Justice as well as a former Arkansas Attorney General and President of the University of Arkansas System and of Arkansas State University, delivered the commencement address.

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Alla Naifeh, the daughter of George Naifeh and Robin Naifeh, both of Dyersburg, will be a freshman. She received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship.

Croom retires after 34 years of service

Joe Croom, University of Tennessee at Martin assistant vice chancellor for finance and administration and director of business affairs, recently was honored with a reception prior to his retirement, June 30, after 34 years of service to the university. Pictured with him is his wife, Delca.

Area resident honored at UT Martin ROTC Awards Ceremony

Cadet Jeremy Robertson, of Dukedom, recently received the American Veterans of World War II Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC Awards Ceremony. Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, professor of military science, presented the award.
**Joint development efforts**

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center and Weakley County Economic Development Board recently hosted an open house for their newly renovated facility, located at 406 Lindell Street in Martin. Among those attending the event were, from left, Houston Patrick, Weakley County mayor; Sherry Brown, First Citizens National Bank, REED Advisory Board member; Tom Serrett, First Citizens National Bank, REED partner; Barbara Virgin, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce director; Bobby Goode, USDA Rural Development area director; Holly Elliott, REED Center and WCEDB assistant; Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor-elect; Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator; Ronnie Price, WCEDB president/CEO; Joe Brasher, First State Bank, REED partner; Michael Hagan, Reelfoot Bank, REED sponsor; 76th District Rep. Mark Maddox; Ron Acree, Tennessee Small Business Development Center, REED consultant; Jerry Brigance, TLM Associates, Inc., and WCEDB member; Van Wylie, USDA Rural Development area specialist; and Junior Moore, WCEDB member. The REED Center, established in August 2005 by the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking, the Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Free Enterprise and several partners in the region, serves existing and prospective entrepreneurs and supports economic development in rural Northwest Tennessee. The WCEDB was established in June 2005 by Dresden, Gleason, Greenfield, Martin and Sharon city governments and Weakley County government to spur economic development and job creation.

**Weakley County students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin**

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

* Mercy Ford, daughter of Melia Mannberger of Dresden and Craig Ford, will be a freshman. She received the Harold Conner African-American Scholarship.

* Nicole Jones, daughter of Troy and Belkynda Jones of Greenfield, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-In-Residence Award.

* Allison Paschall, daughter of Melanie and Hal Bynum of Dresden and Tillman and Nickie Paschall of Puryear, will be a freshman. She received the Salutatorian Award.

* Travis Puckett, son of Chris and Lisa Glover of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Harold Connor African-American Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. In-state residents telephone 600-829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
Weakley County residents are WestStar graduates

Bobby Goode, Steve Holt, Tommy Cates and Sam Lewallen, of Weakley County, recently were honored in Martin for completing the WestStar Leadership Program sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

In its 18th 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. David Belote, University of Tennessee at Martin assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, is executive director of the program.

Goode is the area director of USDA Rural Development in Union City. He is event co-chair of the Tennessee Iris Festival-Cemetery Walk and is active on various church committees. He has served as state vice president and president of the Tennessee Association of Credit Specialists, as president, vice president and secretary of Rotary and as a Dresden Parks and Recreation Department board member.

Goode has received a certificate of merit from various federal government departments, and in 2000 and 2001, he was named Rotarian of the Year.

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

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

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

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Thompson graduates from WestStar program

By AMANDA SMITH

P/J Staff Writer

Henry County resident Galia Thompson recently was recognized for completing the WestStar Leadership Program sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The program is designed to identify and educate leaders in economic and social development in West Tennessee. Participants attend seminars on education, healthcare, community and resource development and leadership skills.

Thompson is an administrative assistant at the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, where she also serves as administrative assistant for the Henry County Alliance and as director of the Volunteer Center.

She is a member of the TVA Consumer Connection/Retail Analysis committee and the Tennessee Association of Community Leadership.
UT Martin instate tuition increases 6 percent

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees approved a 6 percent instate tuition increase for students attending UT Martin, effective for the fall semester. The action was part of the board’s annual meeting this week in Knoxville.

In-state tuition and fees, including the new tuition rate and a $50 increase per semester in the athletic fee, will now cost undergraduate students $2,502 per semester to attend the Martin campus. Full-time undergraduate enrollment is a minimum of 12 hours. Out-of-state undergraduate tuition will increase 6.4 percent, from $7,068 to $7,522.

UT Martin students voted almost 2 to 1 in April in favor of a referendum to increase the athletics activity fee $50 per semester. As approved by the board of trustees, the increase will generate more equitable funding for operating budgets, team travel and recruiting. It will fund assistant coaches in selected sports, an assistant sports information director, a new marketing coordinator and a new intern coordinator, who will help create undergraduate internships for all academic disciplines. Finally, the increase will fund facility improvements for baseball, softball and soccer (specifically in the areas of seating, lighting, locker rooms and restroom facilities).

“The limited tuition increase of 6 percent represents a combination of support from our local legislators and also the positive case that President (John) Pattersen and the Board of Trustees made for the importance of higher education to the future of the state,” said Chancellor Nick Dunagan. “Economic development success has a direct correlation to the education level of our citizens. We must continue to be sensitive to the cost of higher education and be good stewards of both tax and tuition dollars. I believe UT Martin is doing this by providing an excellent academic program at a reasonable price.”

Tuition and fees for instate graduate students at UT Martin will increase by 7.1 percent, from $2,700 to $2,893 per semester this fall. Out-of-state graduate tuition and fees will increase 6.4 percent, from $7,435 to $7,913. Both instate and out-of-state totals include the athletic fee increase.

UT Online, the university’s online degree program, instate per credit hour will increase from $208 to $220; out-of-state undergraduate, from $224 to $237; instate graduate, from $322 to $341; and out-of-state, $350 to 371. The UT Online course fees are charged per credit hour with no maximum credit hour cap. This applies to all students, including on-campus students. Both instate and out-of-state totals include the athletic fee increase.

The board of trustees also OK’d parking fine and late fee increases, effective fall of 2008. The parking fine will increase from $15 to $20 per violation, to revise the handicap parking fine to remain in compliance with state law, and an increase in the 14-day late fee from $10 per ticket to $15, to encourage compliance with campus parking rules.

Pictured above is J.D. Sammons after completion of project setup for the science fair.

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CADET HONORED — Cadet Mark Potter of Union City recently received the Col. Tom Elam Alumni Scholarship Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC Awards Ceremony. Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, professor of military science, presented the award. Potter also received the Sons of the American Revolution Award.
Local first responders prepare for the worst with disaster drill

By SABRINA BATES
Chief Staff Writer

If a 7.7 magnitude earthquake strikes Northwest Tennessee, emergency responders have an opportunity to put their practice to use after a simulation exercise last week on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Emergency personnel from several Northwest Tennessee counties gathered last Wednesday to test their abilities and equipment in a state-wide disaster drill. The mock disaster focused on the importance of communications. Volunteers responded to a building collapse and hazardous material spill on the campus.

"This drill showed us the importance of communications and how necessary it between the departments to get the necessary equipment needed to everyone who needs it," Weakley County Emergency Management Director Mark Seat commented on the TNCAT exercise last week. Seat said the drill was to help determine the region's strengths and weaknesses in the event of a natural disaster such as a large scale earthquake.

If communications go down between the departments, the county can utilize a VIPER unit and HAM radios to get first responders where they need to be.

"Of course, this was only a drill. During a real earthquake, we don't know what's going to happen, but we do know we can use equipment from other counties and we can help out in other areas that need it. We now know what equipment the surrounding counties have that we don't have. Of course, each county would take care of its own first," Seat said.

"I think the drill went pretty well. All of the personnel did an excellent job and they seemed pretty happy with how it went," Seat added.

Northwest Tennessee lies near the New Madrid Seismic Zone which resulted in a catastrophic earthquake in 1811-1812, eventually forming Reelfoot Lake. During the event, the Mississippi River reportedly flowed backward. Over the last two years, approximately 400 small earthquakes occurred in the region with a magnitude of 4.0 or smaller, according to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

With the reality of frequent seismic activity in this region, the key is preparedness and Seat said although families and households should have at least three days of drinking water and non-perishables, rural areas should prepare for at least three weeks after an earthquake.

"We have a good idea of what we have and how important communications are. I appreciate everyone's hard work that helped make this happen and the people that participated," Seat added.
10-4 — Palmersville Fire Chief Joe David Laws (left) and Martin Fire Department Lt. Charles Freeman confirms their location during the mock earthquake disaster drill last Wednesday on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus.

STUDENTS VISIT CAPITOL — Dr. Richard Chessteen and a group of students from his government and political science classes at the University of Tennessee at Martin are shown with Congressman John Tanner on the steps of the U.S. Capitol building. For several years, Dr. Chessteen has brought a group of his students to the nation's Capitol and arranged for them to meet with Congressman Tanner while there.
Guard unit commander speaks at UTM

Capt. Tim Roberts, of Nashville, commander of the 913th Engineer Company of the Tennessee Army National Guard, Union City, was the guest speaker at the Memorial Day Commemoration at the University of Tennessee Martin. Roberts and his company returned from Iraq in October 2006. honored for his military service was Dr. Nick Dunagan, retiring UT Martin chancellor and a retired colonel in the Tennessee National Guard. The UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department honored area veterans with a gun salute.

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