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UTM hosts United Way in Weakley County Appreciation Day; MTD lawn tractor winner announced

Two of the leading organizations in Weakley County came together on Saturday, February 11, 2006, when UTM Skyhawk Athletics hosted United Way in Weakley County Appreciation Day.

Throughout the basketball game against Eastern Illinois, Skyhawks fans were given a chance to learn more about United Way. UTM public relations students interviewed business representatives that support United Way and local agencies who benefit from the local investments. Among those interviewed were Mark Maloney, Fechheimer/Martin Manufacturing; Steve Westenhofer, Volunteer Community Hospital; Bobby German, First State Bank; and Bettye Giles, CDS.

Between the men's and women's games, Steve Vantress, United Way's board member, announced the winner of the lawn tractor donated by MTD. Scott Gaylord, a Parker Hannifin employee, was selected in a random drawing of all people who pledge one hour's pay per month in their company's United Way campaign or made a one-time gift of $120 or more. Margaret Taylor, a Parker Hannifin employee, also won an electric grill donated by WCMES, and Michael Reynolds, an MTD employee, won a Ryobi blower donated by MTD.

"We're proud to present United Way Appreciation Night," said Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor of UT Martin. "It is always a fun and exciting opportunity for people to learn about how United Way changes lives in this community. I encourage more businesses and organizations to join us in supporting and saluting United Way in Weakley County."

"We started donating the lawn tractor several years ago to spotlight United Way and its importance to the community," said Steve Baker, MTD. "It has also been a way for us to recognize those who give so generously to our United Way. When each of us gives a little, our whole community benefits with United Way, and that makes our community a better place to live and work."

"This is a great way to start the year," said Scott Gaylord, Parker Hannifin. "Of course, I didn't expect to win the mower. I give to United Way because it's the right thing to do. Right now, I'm helping my friends and neighbors, but tomorrow it could be me and my family. You just never know what the future holds, and knowing help is there makes all the difference in the world. I'd like to thank MTD for supporting our local United Way and making this giveaway possible."

Weakley County companies that have given to United Way this year include Advance Specialties Company, BellSouth, City of Martin, CDS, EW James & Sons, Fechheimer/Martin Manufacturing, First State Bank, Frontier, Greenball Corp., Greenfield Banking Company, HealthSouth/Cane Creek, Heartland Fasteners, IFCO Systems North America, Martin Housing Authority, Martin Realty Group, MTD Products, Parker Hannifin, Regions Bank, Spain Brothers Milling Company, UT Martin, Vaughan Brothers Hardware, Volunteer Community Hospital, Volunteer Distributing, Walmart, We Care Ministries, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, Weakley County Employees, Weakley County Farm Bureau, Weakley County Municipal Electric Systems, and Weakley County Board of Education.

Local United Way volunteers work hard every spring deciding how to invest the money raised in Weakley County's fall campaign. They research the needs in the community and evaluate available programs. After hundreds of hours, they decide how to invest local gifts in seven impact areas that address the needs of this community. The impact areas include believing in youth, building stronger communities, caring for senior adults, empowering people with disabilities, encouraging self-sufficiency, ensuring good health and strengthening families.
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UT Martin faculty, students attend conference

Two faculty members and three students from the Communications Department at the University of Tennessee at Martin recently attended the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters annual conference in Nashville. The group participated in sessions on sales and marketing, Federal Communications Commission regulations and programming. Pictured, from left, are Bud Walters, chairman of the association; Richard Robinson and Rodney Freed, UT Martin communications broadcast faculty; Tori Shaw, UT Martin communications student; Deborah Tate, newly appointed Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C.; and Jennifer Horbelt and Grant Pugh, UT Martin communications students.
University of Tennessee at Martin finance students won first prize in the 2005 TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) Investment Challenge, in competition with 24 other schools. The TVA provides cash awards to the top three universities in the Investment Challenge that earn the highest return for each calendar year. UT Martin had the highest returns, managing a stock portfolio valued at $690,000 at the end of 2005.

For the year of 2005, UT Martin students earned a 20.22 percent return on their investments. The finance program will receive a first-prize award of $15,000 for the student efforts. The University of Alabama at Huntsville placed second with an annual return of 16.55 percent and the University of Kentucky earned third place with a return of 16.49 percent. The Investment Challenge program as a whole returned 6.9 percent versus 4.9 percent for the S&P 500 for 2005. This makes six out of seven years that the Investment Challenge program has beaten the S&P 500.

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 were 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 last year obviously did a superior job in managing our portfolio, with a current value around $725,000,” said Redman.

Dr. Thomas Payne, UT Martin Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking, added, “The challenge in itself provides excellent hands-on, real-world experience for the students.”

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 $10 million.

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Ballroom dancing classes at UTM

The University of Tennessee Martin will offer a five-week ballroom dance class from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays through April 7 at the Obion County Senior Citizens Center, 622 S. Depot St., Union City.

There will be no class on March 24. The fee is $60 per person or $110 per couple. Dances covered include the swing, waltz, fox trot, rumba and the cha-cha-cha.

A partner is not required.

Space is limited, and advance registration is required.

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UT Martin Concert Band to perform March 2

The University of Tennessee at Martin concert band and wind ensemble will perform at 8:00 p.m., March 2, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus.


The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact David Daussat at 731-881-7401.
Silver Anniversary of Big Spring Sing is March 19

The silver anniversary of the Big Spring Sing is set for March 19 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Founded in 1981, this annual three-hour variety show, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE). The show opens at 1:30 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

At 1:35 p.m., Milan’s Appletons will open with several vocalists, instruments and styles of music ranging from the classics to blues, setting the tone for the afternoon’s diversity of music and featuring 13-year-old singer-violinist, Ellen Appleton.

Weakley County’s Melody Makers Quartet will make its 24th appearance on the Big Spring Sing at 2:05 p.m. Wayne and Linda Perkins, Billy and Wendell Verdell present gospel songs, old and new, accompanied by Virginia Verdell, pianist.

At 2:35 p.m., Tennessee River blues singer-yodeler, McDonald Craig, with his acoustic guitar and harmonica, will specialize in Jimmie Rodgers hits from the late 1920s and early 1930s. Craig appeared for the first time last year.

Henry County’s Harmony Quartet will sing in the Menomonie a cappella tradition at 3:05 p.m. This will be the Yoder Family’s third appearance at the Big Spring Sing.

Rutherford’s Joe Bone and Friends will entertain at 3:35 p.m. with rare early country and poplar tunes. Featured from the Jackson Plectoral Society are the hammered dulcimer and accordion of Marilyn Graves and her husband, Coley’s, folk singing, guitar and claw-hammer banjo-picking. This Bartlett couple join with Bone, his harmonica and penny-whistle to sing old-time songs accompanied by the fiddle playing and harmony singing of Bradford’s Donald and Monda Horne.

Dr. David Gibson, professor emeritus and former chair of UT Martin’s Department of Psychology, Philosophy and Religious Studies, will share the program’s closing half-hour with Dr. Robert Peckham, UT Martin professor of French. “Tennessee Bob,” accompanying himself on the autoharp, will sing folksongs from distant parts of the world.

Coordinating this program is Walter Darrell Haden, UT Martin professor emeritus of English. He came to UT Martin in 1967 and 14 years later founded the Big Spring Sing. For more information, contact Haden at whaden@utm.edu before March 19.

SAACS officer recounts experiences as exchange student in Germany

The University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) sponsored a presentation by a former officer, Emily C. Bethart, about her experiences as an exchange student in Germany. The presentation was held February 9.

Bethart, a senior chemistry major, left in July 2005 as the first exchange student from the chemistry department to Technische Universität in Braunschweig, Germany, for a five-month exchange. She worked her “praktikum” with Dr. Ulrich Engelhardt, the food chemist in the Lebensmittelchemie Institute, creating a standard definition for tea typing. She also enjoyed her German classes. After graduation in May 2006 at UT Martin, Bethart plans to return to Germany to work on her master’s degree in preparation for teaching chemistry and English at the Hochschule level in Germany.
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Business consultant returns

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

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

Acree will be available the second Thursday of each month from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., but the REED Center offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at 731-587-REED (7333). The REED Center is located at 920 University St., Martin, Tenn. 38237.

For additional services offered by the REED Center go to www.utm.edu/reed.

BEGINNING YOGA

Zimmerman is the instructor. Level II, 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, March 21-April 25 at Extended Campus and Continuing Education at UT Martin. This six-week course will continue the basic principles introduced in Yoga and You. Cost: $55.

BEGINNER'S ONE-STROKE PAINTING

With Charlie Boyd as the instructor. 9 a.m. March 11 at the Extended Campus and Continuing Education at UT Martin. Course fee: $55, plus a $25 supply fee. Participants will take home a colorful Birdhouse Row floorcloth. The $25 supply charge includes brushes, a vinyl floorcloth and palette fee. Call (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.
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Center offers free e-commerce seminar in Trenton, March 2

The Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center are offering a seminar, “E-Commerce and Your Business,” from 8:30-11:30 a.m., March 2, at the Greater Gibson County Area Chamber of Commerce office, 103 S. Court Square, Trenton.

Steve Holt, director of the UT Martin Instructional Technology Center and independent Web consultant, will instruct the seminar.

Electronic commerce is conducted on a daily basis on the Internet. This session will detail the different e-commerce options available to businesses and highlight the importance of developing plans to address the e-commerce needs of a business.

ECCE is offering ACT help

High school juniors and seniors can register now to take the ACT Help! course offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) on Saturdays, March 3-25. The course, with a limit of 15 students, will be from 9 a.m.-noon at the Obion County Public Library in Union City. The instructor is Ron Ramage, and the fee is $45. To register, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.

In this class, participants will learn test-taking skills, practice the ACT and review the mathematics section completely. Higher scores may mean going to the college of choice, and possibly, scholarship money.

Students will use “The Real ACT Prep Guide.” Cost of the text is not included in the fees, and participants are responsible for having the book at the first class meeting. The book may be purchased on the UT Martin campus at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Call the bookstore at 731-881-7760.
GOOD FOR YOU

SUTTON PART OF UTM FUNDRAISER: Cori Sutton of Newbern, standing on the front row, second from the left, was part of a successful fundraising effort for charity by the Psychology Club at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The organization raised more than $1,700 for the UTM Relay for Life chapter by selling cancer-awareness bracelets they had made. Pictured with Sutton are, from left, front row, Kristyn Roberts of Gleason, faculty sponsor Dr. Michele Merwin of Martin, Jennifer Mitchell of Martin; back row, Nathan Johnston of South Fulton, Heather Shockley of Spencer and Carey McFarland of Lexington. Sutton, Mitchell and Shockley are executive council members of the club.

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Junior and Miss UTM Rodeo Pageant planned
The Junior and Miss UTM Rodeo Pageant 2006 will be held Saturday, April, 1 at Boling University Center, Watkins Auditorium on the campus of UTM. Doors will open at 4 p.m., and the pageant will begin at 4:30 p.m. The pageant is sponsored by the UTM Rodeo Team and the UTM Rodeo Booster Club. Entry fees are $20, and admission is $3; children younger than five years will be admitted free. There will be three age divisions: 10-12 years, 13-15 years, and 16-20 years. There will be a queen and three alternates in each division. Winner of the 16-20 division will be eligible to compete in the events pertaining to the UTM Rodeo, April 5-8. For more information, call Alicia Martin at (731) 414-7531 or 587-6299.

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

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WHS HOSA PLACES AT REGIONALS — The Westview High School HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) recently competed in regional competitions held at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The following students placed in the competition: Valerie Huery, first place in Extemporaneous Speaking; Ashley Byrd, first place in Nursing Assisting; Kristin Pruitt, first place in Personal Care; Beth Dane and Amber Laney, second place in Health Career Display; James Kempton, second place in National Health Care Issue Exam; Hillary Watson, third place in Dental Terminology; Jane Gullett, third place in Extemporaneous Writing;Rolanda Hamilton, third place in Job Seeking Skills. The following students were recognized for the National Recognition Portfolio: Katlyn Black, Brittany Gilbert, Ashley Byrd, Amber Laney, Beth Dane, Amber Thomas, Tori Scott, Natalie Fuqua, Amy Gardner, Amanda Heisler, Kristy Johnson, Erin Miles and Sara Patterson.
Smith to give keynote address at WestStar

Dr. Robert M. Smith, president of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, and one of the founders of WestStar Leadership Program, is the luncheon keynote speaker for the 5th Annual West Tennessee Economic Development Conference.

Slated for March 14, at the University of Tennessee at Martin Boling University Center, registration begins at 8:30 a.m., the program starts at 9 a.m. and the conference will end at 1:30 p.m. The cost is $35 per person.

Also on the program is William Hearn, director of Global Location Strategies for C H 2 M Hill (formerly Lockwood Greene). He will speak at 9:15.

Elected officials, community leaders, chamber executives, industrial development board members and individuals interested in learning how to develop their rural communities are invited to attend. The program is sponsored in part by UT Martin's WestStar Leadership Program.

"WestStar is very pleased to again join forces with the West Tennessee Industrial Association and USDA-Rural Development to bring this conference to West Tennessee," said UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan, who also serves as executive director of WestStar.

"Economic development is a topic that all community leaders think about daily. We are especially excited to have Bob Smith back in West Tennessee for this event," added Dunagan.

"Bob is a great speaker and knows the importance of leadership.

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ship in helping build communities."

The conference will include a panel discussion at 10:45 featuring Bill Shuff, Middle Tennessee Industrial Association; Heidi Smith, Tennessee Valley Authority general manager/marketing development and field operations; Charlie Griffin, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development director of project management and Robert Barnes, Giles County economic development coordinator. The topic will be "How to Work With a Prospect."

Smith, became the 15th president of Slippery Rock University in May 2004. From 1987-99, he was UT Martin dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. He is a nationally recognized specialist in executive leadership development.

He is the only Kansan to have been selected as a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Fellow. In 1999, the Community Leadership Association awarded him its Preceptor Award and the governor of Tennessee presented him the Tennessee Outstanding Achievement Award for his work in community revitalization.

That same year, he was honored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for his commitment to rural economic development. Hearn has conducted site selection service for a broad cross section of manufacturing, distribution, headquarters, technology and call center operations.

Past clients have include FedEx, Prudential, Bell Labs, Infineon Technologies, Corning, AT&T Solutions and others. Also, he has worked in the area of research park development and recently completed a statewide Strategic Industry Study for Georgia.

He began his career as an industrial trainee at IBM-Germany. He joined GLS in 2005, and formerly was with a national real estate firm, where he managed a similar practice.

Registration checks should be made payable to the West Tennessee Economic Summit and sent to the West Tennessee Industrial Association, 26 Conrad Dr., Jackson, TN 38305. For more information, call the association at (731) 668-4300 or WestStar at (731) 881-7298.

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Sponsored by the UTM Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, the show will feature each act performing for 30 minutes. Music will range from traditional and new gospel songs to blues to classics and early country. Dr. David Gibson, professor emeritus and former chair of the UTM Department of Psychology, Philosophy and Religious Studies, will share the closing half-hour with Dr. Robert Pecham, UTM professor of French. Known as “Tennessee Bob,” Pecham will accompany himself on the autoharp, while singing folksongs from distant parts of the world.

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The University of Tennessee at Martin has announced plans to use biodiesel in its new on-campus power plant. Though biodiesel costs more than conventional diesel, campus officials say the benefits of reduced dependence on petroleum and lower pollution outweigh the costs.
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YOGA AND YOU
5:30 p.m. Mondays, March 20-April 24 at Extended Campus and Continuing Education at UT Martin.
Ken Zimmerman, UT Martin instructor of theatre, will lead the class. The six-week course will introduce beginners to the basics of this ancient art, which promotes physical well being and mental and emotional clarity. Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights). Fee: $55. Call (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.

TERRY GROSZ
Author of "Wildlife Wars" will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center at UT Martin. A reception will precede at 6 p.m. in the lobby of Watkins. Grosz will be available to sign books after the speech. The event is free and open to the public.

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INTRODUCTION TO ACTING
5 p.m. on Tuesdays through April 4 for adults and 5 p.m. Thursdays, through April 6 for students, ages seven and older at The Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) at the UT Martin. There will be no classes on March 14 or 16. The fee is $45. To register, call ECCE at (731) 881-7082 or (800) 482-5199.
Technology to be featured

The Instructional Technology Center (ITC) and the computer store at the University of Tennessee at Martin will present the fifth annual Technology Showcase 1-6 p.m. March 21 in Boling University Center.

The event is free of charge and open to the public.

UT Martin faculty will be on hand to demonstrate how to use technology in and out of the classroom. There also will be representatives from several industry leading vendors.

Students can sign up early for the door prizes in the UT Martin computer center, located in Room 108 in Boling University Center. A sign-up sheet will be available for students who are required to attend the event.

Returning to the event this year is the X-Box 360 Gaming Tournament. Students can sign up for the tournament the morning of the showcase in the Boling University Center game room.

For more information, contact UT Martin ITC manager Steve Holt by telephone at (731) 881-7609 or by e-mail at sholt@utm.edu.

REED Center receives grant to renovate downtown location

The University of Tennessee at Martin representatives recently joined local, state and federal officials at a funding announcement for the City of Martin — which received $60,000 in Rural Development assistance to help relocate the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center.

"Rural Development understands the importance of rural business entrepreneurship," said James Sanders, USDA Rural Development area director. "By serving as a resource to new entrepreneurs, this center will also help stimulate job growth in the region. I would like to acknowledge the participation of the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) in making this grant possible through set aside funds received from Rural Development. This application was selected for funding from among the many requests that were received by DRA."

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The center was established by UT Martin and several partners in the region to serve existing and prospective entrepreneurs and support economic development in rural Northwest Tennessee. In particular, it will assist entrepreneurs with one-on-one consultations, interactive training programs and technical resources, as well as encourage and support new small-business ventures and promote existing businesses.

Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, called the announcement of the grant "a positive step" aligned with state initiatives in economic development. He noted that the center is an example of the type of partnerships Gov. Phil Bredesen promoted and will be an asset to regional economic development. He also cited the growth potential of local entrepreneurs who can get assistance from the REED Center.

"It's all about partnerships," said Dr. Tom Payne, UT Martin Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking.

Payne said the center is "a catalyst to get new businesses off the ground."

"Small business — that's where much of the action in job growth and economic development is going to be," he added.

"This is an exciting time for the REED Center," center coordinator Hollie Holt said. "Since our opening six months ago, we have assisted more than 60 aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners throughout the West Tennessee area. That wouldn't have happened without the support and partnership of our local banks, USDA Rural Development and our university that have allowed this center to get established.

We look forward to making our communities a better place to live by helping to create jobs and new opportunities."

The grant is funded through Rural Development's business program, which provides assistance to public bodies or not-for-profit entities to finance and facilitate development of private business enterprises and improve community infrastructure such as roads, streets and utilities.

Participants in the check presentation ceremony included Brad Thompson, field representative for U.S. Rep. John Tanner; Martin Mayor Larry Brundige; Dunagan; Holt; Payne; Dr. Phillip Young, Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise; Sam Lewallen, First State Bank community bank president; Paul Lovett, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development/grants program management; and Van Wylie, area specialist, and Sanders, area director, both of USDA Rural Development.

REED Center partners include First Citizens National Bank and First State Bank. Supporting sponsors include First Choice Office Equipment, Office Products, Regions Bank, Tennessee Small Business Development Centers and USDA Rural Development.
ATTEND CONFERENCE — Among those from Union City attending the recent eighth annual Conference for Working Women at the University of Tennessee at Martin were (from left) Tonja Anderson of the Obion County Joint Economic Development Council; Mimi DuBois of Hamilton Ryker; and Kathy Bacon of Union City Insurance. “The Balancing Act of Juggling Life's Many Roles” was the theme of the conference, sponsored by the WestStar Leadership Program in partnership with the UT Martin College of Business and Public Affairs and the Clayton McWhorter Foundation. The conference is designed each year to appeal to all working women in West Tennessee. Speakers discussed topics such as building a successful business, getting and staying prepared for the future and building winning relationships.

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Pre-college piano competition set
The University of Tennessee at Martin, Department of Music will host the fifth annual Pre-College Piano Competition March 11. More than 45 students from several states will compete in four categories: high school piano solo, junior high piano solo, elementary piano solo and piano ensemble. First- and second-place winners will receive cash awards of up to $250. Performances are open to the public and will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building. For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music, at 881-7411.

Author speaks at UTM Wednesday
Author and conservationist Terry Grosz will speak at 7 p.m., March 8, in Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. A reception will precede from 6-7 p.m. in the lobby of Watkins. Grosz will be available to sign books after the speech. The presentation is sponsored by the UT Martin Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

Grosz has written eight books including "Wildlife Wars, the Life and Times of a State Fish and Game Warden," which is a compilation of true short stories detailing events that occurred during his career as a fish and game warden in California. Other non-fiction books include "For Love of Wildness, Journal of a United States Game Management Agent," "Defending Our Wildlife Heritage, the Life and Times of a Special Agent," "A Sword for Mother Nature," "No Safe Refuge - Man As a Predator In the World of Wildlife," "The Thin Green Line" and "Genesis of a Duck Cop." Each book details his adventures working with wildlife. His first three books are under contract with Discovery Channel's "The Animal Planet."


Grosz grew up in northern California in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. He has a master's degree in wildlife management from Humboldt State College and an honorary doctorate in environmental stewardship from Unity College. He has received many awards for his work as a conservationist including the Guy Bradley Award, named after the first conservation officer killed in the line of duty, the National Wildlife Federation Conservation Achievement Award and the National Wildlife Societies Conservationist of the Year Award.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Eric Pelren, associate professor of wildlife biology, at 881-7263.

Student receives scholarship
A Weakley County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2006 spring semester to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Christopher Rea, husband of Tabitha Rea and son of Lori Rea, all of Martin, is a sophomore agriculture major. He received the Tosh Farms Scholarship.

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

UTM hosts Showcase
The Instructional Technology Center (ITC) and the computer store at the University of Tennessee at Martin will present the fifth annual Technology Showcase, from 1-6 p.m., March 21, in Boling University Center. The event is free and open to the public.

UT Martin faculty will be on hand to demonstrate how to use technology in and out of the classroom. There also will be representatives from industry leading vendors such as Apple, Gateway, Dell, Howard Computers, Riso and more.

Students can sign up early for the door prizes in the UT Martin computer center, located in Room 108, in the Boling University Center. A sign-up sheet will be available for students who are required to attend the event.

For more information, contact Holt at 881-7609 or sholt@utm.edu.
Civil Rights Conference held at UTM

CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS HONOREES — Eleven people were honored during the sixth annual Conference on Civil Rights at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Feb. 20-25. The conference examined the impact of African-American leadership that shaped the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s in West Tennessee and the nation. Pictured are (seated, from left) Jocelyn Dan Wurzburg, Dr. Cynthia Bond Hopson, Betty R. Douglas, Carrie Darnell Powell, Dr. Nick Dunagan, Guy Carawan, Candie Carawan; (standing, from left) Ray Stevenson, representing Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., a conference sponsor; Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, conference coordinator, Minnie Bommer, Theotis Robinson Jr. and Ed Graves, publisher, Jackson Sun, a conference sponsor. Not pictured are Dr. Michael S. Harper, the Rev. Freddie J. Powell (his daughter, Carrie Powell, accepted the award on his behalf) and Hattye Yarbrough (Minnie Bommer accepted the award on her behalf).

CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE AWARDS — Several student awards were presented as part of the sixth annual Civil Rights Conference, Feb. 20-25, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Maggy Williams, left, of Memphis, Rhodes College student, was the winner of the Jo Helen Imani Beard Civil Rights Paper Competition, research category; and Melissa Kimble, of Memphis, UT Martin student, was the winner of the Jo Helen Imani Beard Civil Rights Paper Competition, personal essay category. The awards were presented at the conference luncheon. With them is Dr. David Barber, UT Martin assistant professor of history.
Big Spring Sing set for March 19

The silver anniversary of the Big Spring Sing is set for March 19 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Founded in 1981, this annual three-hour variety show, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE). The show opens at 1:30 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

At 1:35 p.m., Milan's Appletons will open with several vocalists, instruments and styles of music ranging from the classics to blues, setting the tone for the afternoon's diversity of music and featuring 13-year-old singer-violinist, Ellen Appleton.

Weakley County's Melody Makers Quartet will make its 24th appearance on the Big Spring Sing at 2:05 p.m. Wayne and Linda Perkins, Billy and Wendell Verdell present gospel songs, old and new, accompanied by Virginia Verdell, pianist.

At 2:35 p.m., Tennessee River blues singer-yodeler, McDonald Craig, with his acoustic guitar and harmonica, will specialize in Jimmie Rodgers hits from the late 1920s and early 1930s. Craig appeared for the first time last year.

Henry County's Harmony Quartet will sing in the Mennonite a cappella tradition at 3:05 p.m. This will be the Yoder Family's third appearance at the Big Spring Sing.

Rutherford's Joe Bone and Friends will entertain at 3:35 p.m. with rare early country and poplar tunes. Featured from the Jackson Plecotoral Society are the hammered dulcimer and accordion of Marilyn Graves and her husband, Coley's, folk singing, guitar and claw-hammer banjo-picking. This Bartlett couple join with Bone, his harmonica and penny-whistle to sing old-time songs accompanied by the fiddle playing and harmony singing of Bradford's Donald and Monda Horne.

Dr. David Gibson, professor emeritus and former chair of UT Martin's Department of Psychology, Philosophy and Religious Studies, will share the program's closing half-hour with Dr. Robert Peckham, UT Martin professor of French. "Tennessee Bob," accompanying himself on the autoharp, will sing folksongs from distant parts of the world.

Coordinating this program is Walter Darrell Haden, UT Martin professor emeritus of English. He came to UT Martin in 1967 and 14 years later founded the Big Spring Sing. For more information, contact Haden at whadens@utm.edu before March 19.

CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE AWARDS – Several student awards were presented as part of the sixth annual Civil Rights Conference, Feb. 20-25, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Abner Smith, left, National Panhellenic Council president and a junior from Franklin, won the Rosa Parks NPHC Unity Award. It is a monetary gift of $1,200 from the Office of Minority Affairs for the six NPHC sororities and fraternities to use for a joint program in honor of Black History Month or Women's History Month. This is to foster a spirit of unity within the NPHC community. Many of the young volunteers and leaders in the Civil Rights movement were members of NPHC groups. Dynisha Lee, right, a freshman Harold Conner Scholar from Memphis, won the second-place $75 award for the Rosa Parks Essay Contest. With them is Teresa Woody, director, UT Martin Office of Minority Affairs. Not pictured is first-place winner LaKenna Chitman, a senior Harold Conner scholar from Memphis, who won $100. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and the Collegiate Choir. Also not pictured are the students who tied for third place and the $50 award, Marqueta Abraham, a senior from Memphis, and Alexandria Boyce, a junior from Memphis.
The Department of Engineering in the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Martin has achieved reaccreditation for its bachelor of science in engineering degree program by the recent actions of the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (EAC of ABET), Baltimore. The official notification of full accreditation was made in the fall.

"The continuing ABET accreditation is a testimony to the great faculty and leadership in the Department of Engineering," said UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan. "This is obviously important to UT Martin, but equally important to the region. Our engineering graduates are highly sought after by area engineering-related businesses and corporations."

To achieve accreditation, engineering programs must satisfy the expectations of a wide range of quality standards relating to educational quality, interactions of faculty and students in the educational process and achievement of program outcomes in the degree program.

During the accreditation process, UT Martin was visited and evaluated by an expert evaluation team with members from both academia and industry.

The McKenzie Banner, McKenzie, Tennessee, Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Students Attend Athletic Training Symposium

MARTIN, Tenn., Feb. 28, 2006 - Recently 11 students from the University of Tennessee at Martin athletic training education program traveled to Atlanta to attend the Southeast Athletic Trainers Association Student Symposium. The students pictured, left to right, attended the symposium and are the current officers of the UT Martin Athletic Training Society: Amelia Hollenberg, Mendon, Ill., secretary; Carrie Joyner, Gleason, president; Travis Livingston, Murfreesboro, vice president; and Dawn Schwartz, Arlington, treasurer/historian. The other students who attended, and are not pictured, are Jared Vowell, Brighton; Robert Eldredge, Bruceton; Blong Vang, Jackson; Marquis Tyus, Brownsville; Robert Bethel, Memphis; Justin Martin, Memphis; and CJ Chapman, Denton, N.C. The students spent two days in seminars that were specifically developed for three levels of students; students who are practicing their injury evaluation skills; students who are practicing their injury rehabilitation skills; and those who are preparing to take the national certification examination. UT Martin had students participating at all three levels.

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Dance ensemble performing at UTM

The University of Tennessee Martin dance ensemble will present its annual concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for adults.

The performance will feature Allison Greene of Pittsburgh, Pa., who will present an original ballet piece and will dance a solo.

The Wednesday program also will feature a special appearance by 12 dance students from Hillcrest High School in Memphis under the direction of Taurus Hines.

Greene will teach a multi-level open master class in ballet and contemporary techniques from 4 to 5:45 p.m. Wednesday. The class, in the Elam Center dance studio, is open to anyone over age 12. The cost is $5.

For more information, contact Morris at (731) 881-7335 or cmorris@utm.edu.
Professor urges people to re-connect to the land

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Dr. Jim Byford grew up at a time when people owned their own food, sheared sheep to make their clothes and relished nature.

He regrets that many people today don't have the same opportunities.

"It's a sobering thought to realise I'm about the last generation growing up on the land," he said.

A small crowd gathered for the Dyersburg State Community College book festival on Thursday.

Byford, dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Martin, wrote "Close to the Land: Reflections on Re-Connecting" in 1999.

Progress has enabled people to focus their energies on other things. Instead of spending all their time planting vegetables or hunting meat, people pursue other occupations.

"But, like anything in human endeavor," Byford said, "there is a downside. Our young folks are growing up without understanding our connection to the earth. Some children have no idea where their food comes from.

"The more complex our society becomes, the less we understand about the land," he said.

For example, he said, people understand that trees are important and they want to "save" the trees. Some even suggest that trees should never be cut down. But, he said, trees can be overprotected to the point that we no longer have the wood we need to build houses or the paper we need to record history.

"The key is to use (our natural resources) wisely. Conservation is not preservation," he said.

Instead of preserving things for all time, conservation calls for judicious use. "Renewable natural resources are precious, too, but you can use them at the same time."

Byford said he grew up as a conservationist.

"We came out with a different perspective of life. ... Wildlife was something we appreciated just as people do today, but we took what we needed."

Today, he said, people generally watch wildlife from behind the bubble of a TV screen. They can't smell it or touch it. Even the "outdoors" shows on television take a warped view of wildlife; they're all about killing the largest specimen or using the latest hunting gadgets. They're about hunting for subsistence or truly appreciating wildlife.

"I know what it's like to squish the freshly plowed soil between my toes," he said. Byford admitted that he used to go barefoot all summer and that he listened for cardinals singing on cold spring mornings.

Byford wants everyone to know the pleasures nature provides and he's tried to share that during his 36 years in higher education. "I want you to understand the land ... (and) to use certain things, but to do it wisely," he said.

The outdoorsman recalled the time he took a group of 8- to 10-year-old children on a snake hunt one night. They didn't use a flashlight; the moon, stars and fireflies flitting through the forest illuminated their path. Byford said the children clung to him at first. As their eyes adjusted to the dark, they began to explore their surroundings. By the end of the hike, they were running through the woods, trying to catch lightning bugs. Byford said his daughter, now in her 30s, says that hike ranks as one of her most vivid memories.

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Final reflections on Black History Month — February

By EARNEST DANIELS
Special to The Messenger
Other businesses and business personnel

From the old to the new, Mrs. Sara Chambers has been the core of this community for 67 years, since she opened Chamber Refreshment Bar & Beauty Shop. She went to beauty school in Humboldt and decided to open a beauty shop after receiving her license. One of the first to work in her shop was Mrs. Irene Brown. Then she had a vision for a “refreshment bar,” which she opened along with the beauty shop. Her past beauticians were Mrs. Mary White, Mrs. Shirley Coleman, Mrs. Minola Mackins and Mrs. Beverly Alston, who worked until she decided to close the beauty shop and just have the refreshment bar, which is still going strong. She has served three or four generations, if not more. She has been located at her present location for years, putting a smile on all the small children’s faces. You can still hear children say, “I’m going to Mrs. Sara’s.”

She serves our community well and with a smile you are always greeted. One of her patrons, Harold Milligan, wrote a statement of praise about her: “Because of your true loyalty and being still open for so long, rain or sunshine, a store like yours is hard to find. Those of us who left this community and after so many years choose to live here again, we have come to notice this small store still open and still serving the kids of this community as a true friend.”

Plumber Mr. Harold Hensley has worked diligently all his life. He is the proud owner of Hensley’s Plumbing Service, located at 1220 East Main St. He also runs the VIP Social Club in Union City. Over the years he has worked numerous jobs in St. Louis and owned businesses there. Mr. Hensley chose plumbing as his successful occupation, working over 38 years. His incentive and motivational words to young people: “There is no order to small to accomplish. It takes family, education and hard work to achieve goals.”

We also have Johnson & Larcom Heating & Air, located at 100 South First St. Donnie Johnson is the owner.

Earnest Daniels is the owner of Daniel’s Rental, serving Union City since 1985 with residential and commercial services.

Jerry Ward has been working at Terry Petty Chevrolet since 1984. He started out as a salesperson and was promoted to sales manager five years later. He became general manager in 1992, a position he holds to this day. He manages a staff of six salesmen and handles the daily activities of running the dealership.

In 1996, Jerry began a business of his own — investment property. He is the sole owner and manager of 12 pieces of property, including single family dwellings, duplexes and land development. His efforts are an example of what a young black man with goals and plans for himself and others can achieve.

First Street Sandwich Shop is located on South First Street and is owned by Beverly and the late Bobby Alston. The business has been closed temporarily due to the death of Mr. Alston and the illness of their son, John Alston.

Henry Moses not only was one of the first black policemen, he was the first black constable (1992-present), was Post Commander of Charles McAllen American Legion Post and was one of three organizers of the Union City Chapter of the NAACP.

David Cox is owner and operator of DC’s Photo Works, located at 900 East Main St. in Union City. He specializes in digital portraits for weddings and graduation portraits and family portraits.

Elder Curtis McLendon was elected to represent Ward 3 on the Union City Board of Education. He is the chaplain at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City and has served as a mentor with Union City schools.

Rawls Funeral Home is located at 1325 East Main St. and has operated continuously since April 1982. It is a part of the Rawls Funeral System of Brownsville, which also operates funeral homes in Brownsville, Paris and South Fulton. The Rawls Funeral System was founded in 1933 by Charles Allen Rawls and is a third-generation funeral establishment. The funeral home in Union City was managed by James F. Johnson from 1982 until his death in May of 2002. Since then the funeral home has been managed by Chris McPherson.

Rawls Funeral Home offers both at-need and pre-need funeral arrangements and their staff of funeral directors is available 24 hours a day.

Citizens who are making a difference

Our present firefighters are Ricky “Chip” King and Tony Brown.

Our present policemen are Lt. Melvin Dowell, Darrell Milligan and Stephanie Marshall.

Employees of the Obion County Sheriff’s Department are Darrell Davis and Kennie Craig.

Trying to make a difference in our community, and continuing the legacy of black business ownership, Kathryn Harmon made an effort to start her own business March 2, 2004. Kati’s Beauty Zone was a beauty supply store. Later the owner added sports wear and changed the name to Curb Side Styles, named after the UC Boys Basketball Team’s theme. You could get all kinds of hair care products and sports clothes to make your appearance look good at 1108 East Main St. Union City. The business was closed when the owner had to take care of her mother.

Shanny’s was opened in 1994 by Mrs. Chantella Jackson, who is also the owner. Mrs. Jackson is a cosmetologist and does all types of hair designs. She will be adding the selling of hair care products, which was her original plan. Shanny’s is located at 114 South Fourth St. in Union City. “Make an appointment and get beautiful” is her invitation.

Rod McLendon is the son of Curtis and Gloria McLendon of Union City. He is a church musician and youth Sunday school teacher. A 1997 graduate of Union City High School, he graduated from Volunteer Beauty Academy in 1999 and opened the Royal Palace in 2000. It was a hard struggle for a 20-year-old. Having dreams can be a hard job. In this case, it meant having to work three jobs in order to fulfill the dream, but we cannot let failure be an option. He also started McLendon’s Urban Apparel in 2002 with the help of God, hard work and determination, family and friends. “Thanks to them, we are still here,” McLendon says.

Precision Tint was started in June 1997 by owner Anthony Dysart. It started as a one-room shop at 1220 East Main St. and after the first year the business was moved to 204 North First St. with Audio Ect. The growth of the business was tremendous and in another year the business was moved to the other suite at that location. After the move, the owner married the former Amy Boyd and they continued to watch the business grow.

Soon after, they began to branch out into other areas such as wheels and tires, car audio and electronics and vehicle accessories. Precision Tint now employs three hourly employees — two with electronics degrees from Tennessee Technology Center and one with 12 accreditations in different areas of car audio. The owners is also an accredited solar control window film specialist and is an accredited automotive window film specialist.

Dysart comes from a family with a long history as business and business women. He may be contacted at 884-0310.

We will look now at some of our citizens who have tried to make a difference. If you put your “all” into it, it can be done. We hope that our young people who read this will know that their legacy already has been started. The rest is up to you, if you want to be remembered as a positive influence in the life of this community.

Other businesses include David Smith’s Top Tint, Willie Alexander’s Alexander Detailing, Tracy Jenkins Photography and James Warford’s Rentals and Masonry.
Elder Harry Barnes was the first black elected to the school board. Beginning in 1994, he served two terms and was the first black officer assigned to the 931st Army National Guard, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1978. His wife, Annette, was a teacher in the Union City School System and received her bachelor of arts degree from Lane College in Jackson and her master of science degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She was the first teacher hired at Miles High School before it was retired in the school system. She was the 2006 Rosa Parks Education Award recipient in Humboldt.

Mrs. Edith Stricklin started working at Miles Head Start on March 1, 1973, as a teacher in the classroom. She taught for 19 years before becoming the Miles Head Start-Early Head Start Center Coordinator. Mrs. Stricklin was the center coordinator for 10 years until her retirement in May 1992. During her tenure, Miles received NYC accreditation and earned a three-star rating through the State of Tennessee Child Care Licensing Program.

Mrs. Ramona (Caldwell) McCorkle is a 1958 graduate of Lane College. She accepted a position as a teacher of third grade at Miles School of Union City. She also did advanced study at UTM. She is now retired from the Union City School system after 35 years and devotes her time to caring for her family. She is also an active community worker, volunteer, and club member and is a Worthy Matron of Bithsbeha Chapter No. 16 Order of the Eastern Star of Union City.

Ethel Faye (Wright) Cross attended Tennessee State University in Nashville and completed her last two years at UTM, where she received her bachelor of science degree in curriculum and instruction. She worked for the State of Tennessee and the Union City School System for 30 years. Thirteen years were spent at the former Central Elementary School, where she worked with first, second, and third graders. Fifteen years were spent at Union City High School, where she worked in grades nine and 12. She retired from Union City High School in 2002.

Some of our present day teachers are Laura Yander-Shepherd, who has taught in Union City schools for 27 years and says she feels so fortunate to work with such amazing people. She received her elementary education degree from Tennessee State University and a master's degree from Trevecca University, both in Nashville. She has 45 hours above the requirements for a master's degree from UT and she enjoys sports and loves to travel and spend time with her husband, family and friends.

Mrs. Beverly Dones loves science. She is originally from Paris and graduated from Henry County High School in 1975. She attended UTM for three years and then moved to St. Louis. After graduating from St. Louis University and receiving a B.A. in biology, she worked as a research technologist and a clinical instructor in a medical technology laboratory at St. Louis University Hospital for 15 years. In 1993, she received her master's degree in education. She and her family moved to Hickman, Ky., in 1995. After substituting teaching in various school districts, she has been blessed to become a staff member of the Union City School System.

Mrs. Carmen Brent is a high school graduate of Haywood High in Brownsville. She attended college at UTM. This is her 27th year of teaching with the Union City School System. She recently received the nomination from the Boys & Girls Club for the Feature Teacher Award.

Kathy B. Johnson is a graduate of Union City High School, class of 1969. She graduated from Murrey State University in 1973, acquiring a bachelor of science degree in vocational home economics. She taught in Louisville, Ky., and Jeffersonville, Ind., before returning to the Union City area. She is currently an educator in Lake County School System, teaching family and consumer sciences at Lake County High School in Tiptonville. She has approximately 30 years of experience in the field of education.

John Griggs, a native of Brownsville, teaches wellness and coaches basketball and football at Union City Middle School. He attended Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro for two years and received his bachelor of science degree from UTM. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi and is a member of Jacksonville Masonic Lodge No. 30 and Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. He has taught in the Union City School System for the past eight years.

Dan Boykin, better known as "Coach," grew up in Humboldt and graduated from the former Stigall High School there in 1967. As a Lane College graduate, he boasts a bachelor of arts degree in education, with emphasis in his major of history, and a minor in sociology. In 1971 Coach Boykin moved to Union City and began his career in education as a teacher and football and basketball coach in the school system. He earned a master's degree from UTM and has an additional 45 hours of credit on his resume. He was named founder of the principal of the former East Side Elementary School in Union City in 1997 and in 2001 assumed that same role at Union City Middle School. He was the first president of Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Tennessee-Union City and continues to serve on the board, now as vice president.

He is married to the former Marquette Wright, who works beside him on the board and is also one of the founders of the club.

Other educators include Michelle Mosley, who is the director of the local Head Start program; Mack Moore, who has been a teacher and coach in the Union City School System for many years; Willie Campbell, who is a teacher and football coach at UCHS; Linda Harlan and Regina Turner, who are teachers at Union City Elementary School; Pam Barber and Teena Lair, who are educational assistants in Union City schools; and Vikki Stevenson, who is an attendance supervisor and a former teacher in the Orange County School System. She and her husband, Ray Stevenson, who is employed at Goodyear, moved to this area several years ago from Alabama.

While they now operate their home in Martin, they are former residents of Union City and at one time owned a popular Christian bookstore in downtown Union City. He is actively involved on the board of Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Tennessee-Union City.

Elaine Moses serves as an at-large member of the Union City Board of Education. She and her husband, Henry, are the parents of four children and the grandparents of four. Their children are all graduates of the Union City School System.

Mrs. Moses was educated in the Jackson city schools and attended Dyersburg State College. She was a pharmacy technician at Super D Drugs for 25 years and was chairman of the board of directors of Northwest Tennessee Community Service Agency and a board member of the Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation Center. She has been a member of Union City Band Parents, Habitat for Humanity, UCHS parent advisory board, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, Citizens Review Panel for Children's Protective Services, Obion County Health Council, Obion County Leadership Alumni, Reading Railroad board of directors and Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Tennessee-Union City.

James and Valeria Hyde moved to this area from Madisonville, Ky., 20 years ago and he has been employed at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. He works diligently with Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Tennessee-Union City, Cub Scout Pack 731 and the youth Bible study group for 9-12-year-olds at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. Hyde says his love of children is what keeps him going. He was named Volunteer of the Year by the local Boys & Girls Club and Mentor of the Year for Obion County and has also been recognized for his work with the Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Hyde has a passion for helping the elderly and disabled and was the catalyst for God's Storehouse Food Pantry at Pilgrim Rest Church. It has been in operation almost seven years under her direction and has prospered because of God's direction and her desire to help. The storehouse originally started at the church as a service to the members under the direction of the late Vickie Eaton. Mrs. Hyde later assumed that leadership role and oversaw many changes. In addition to moving the food pantry to a more public location, she has applied for and received grants to purchase additional shelving and storage equipment as well as technology accessories to help carry out the service more effectively.

Dwayne Hensley represents citizens as an Obion County Commissioner.

Thomas Harmon owns and operates a car dealership and has other business interests in the community.
Mr. and Mrs. Cass Mobley came to this area when he worked for Goodyear. Mrs. Mobley opened the popular Caribbean Cone refreshment stand in 1992 and operated it for 12 years during the warmer seasons, introducing the "tropical snow" treat to many customers. The Mobleys have five daughters who have pursued higher education and are doctors and nurses.

Vonetta (Mrs. Thomas) Turner and her sister, Hiawatha Taylor, began the community feeding program out of a spiritual desire to feed the hungry and minister to the lonely and those in need many years ago.

The program originally started with prayer and the produce from the family's gardens, cooked in the small kitchen at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. As word of the program spread, other individuals, churches and church-affiliated groups began to make donations of food and money and equipment to help in the ministry, which delivers hot meals free of charge to anyone who requests them in the community each weekday. Mrs. Turner and a small crew of volunteers continue the ministry today.

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**A final word**

We would like to thank The Messenger and its staff for their support in printing our articles, and to the readers — we are truly grateful and hope that you have enjoyed going down "Memory Lane" with us. It has truly been a blessing and an honor remembering our historical leaders — the ones who worked hard and paved the way for us so that we might have a future. Let these memories linger forever in your minds and try to make your own mark in history.

Some of those who made the way for us were our loved ones. We must not, and will not, forget them.

As we circled the table at our sessions for writing these articles, we, too, had joy and wonderful memories.

Last, but not least, get to know Him, Romans 10:9-10 says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved, for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

If you do this, God will bless you and your mark will be made forever with the One who truly matters.

"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven." Matt. 18-19

This was not a personal endeavor or a political tactic but one of love and a desire to let everyone know that the black community was, and is, a very integral part of the community.

This series was completed with assistance from Paul and Martha Sanders, Melba Mackins, Felon Cross, Blossie Clark, Kathryn Harmon, Doris Robinson and Paulette Dysart.

**Boy Scouts**

Boy Scout Troop 731 was started through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Tennessee-Union City when it was recognized that there was no troop active in the African-American community. A private foundation offered to financially support the pack and made sure it had everything it needed to be a top-notch pack. The pack currently has 23 members under the leadership of Cub Master James Hyde.

**Involvement in the arts**

The Verbs were not a part of speech but a part of what was spoken about in the area of entertainment in the late 1960s and 1970s. The Verbs were a local band made up of a group of young musicians from Union City. The band entertained at many parties and some of the local night spots, introducing the "Memphis Sound" to Union City.

Some of the band members were Kenny Wiggins, Larry King, Larry Johnson, L.B. Mosley, Ronnie Turner, John Johnson, Billy Johnson and James Quinn, who was the manager.
25th annual Big Spring Sing set for March 19 at UT Martin

The silver anniversary of the Big Spring Sing is set for March 19 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Founded in 1981, a traditional three-hour variety show is sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE).

The show opens at 1:30 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

The show is free of charge and open to the public.

At 1:35 p.m., Milan's Appletons will open with several vocalists, instruments, and styles of music ranging from the classics to blues, setting the tone for the afternoon's diversity of music and featuring 13-year-old singer-violinist Ellen Appleton.

Weakley County's Melody Makers Quartet will make its 24th appearance on the Big Spring Sing at 2:05 p.m. Wayne and Linda Perkins and Billy and Wendell Verdell present gospel songs, both old and new, accompanied by pianist Virginia Verdell.

At 2:35 p.m., Tennessee River blues singer-yodeler McDonald Craig, with his acoustic guitar and harmonica, will specialize in Jimmie Rodgers hits from the late 1920s and early 1930s. Craig appeared for the first time last year.

Henry County's Harmony Quartet will sing in the Menno-ha cappella tradition at 3:05 p.m. This will be the Yoder Family's third appearance at the Big Spring Sing.

Rutherford's Joe Bone and Friends will entertain at 3:35 p.m. with rare early country and poplar tunes.

Featured from the Jackson Plectral Society are the harmonized dulcimer and accordion of Marilyn Graves and her husband Coley's folk singing, guitar and claw-hammer banjo-picking. This Bartlett couple join with Bone, his harmonica and penny-whistle to sing old-time songs accompanied by the fiddle playing and harmony singing of Bradford's Donald and Monda Horne.

Dr. David Gibson, professor emeritus of UT Martin's Department of Psychology, Philosophy and Religious Studies, will share the program's closing half hour with Dr. Robert Peckham, UT Martin professor of French. "Tennessee Bob," accompanying himself on the autoharp, will sing folk songs from distant parts of the world.

Coordinating this program is Walter Darrell Haden, UT Martin professor emeritus of English. He came to UT Martin in 1967 and 14 years later founded the Big Spring Sing.

For more information about the event, contact Haden by e-mail at whaden@utm.edu before March 19.

Ten students from Obion County and one from Fulton County, Ky., have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The recipients include:

- Jonathan Byrd, son of David and Sarah Kay of Union City, an incoming freshman who received the Dean's Scholarship;
- Laurel Childs, daughter of Gaylon and Renee Childs of Kenton, an incoming freshman who received the Dean's Scholarship and the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship;
- Brittany Cox, daughter of the Rev. Ron and Janette Cox of South Fulton, an incoming freshman who received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship;
- Jacob Eddlemon, son of Joe and Deborah Eddlemon of Kenton, an incoming freshman who received the Dean's Scholarship;
- Heather Grossner, daughter of Rick and Linda Bradberry of Troy, an incoming freshman who received the Chancellor's Award;
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- Joshua Hart, son of David and Jennifer Hart of Troy, an incoming freshman who received the Dean's Scholarship;
- Bradley Henderson, son of Mackie and Betsy Henderson of Union City, an incoming freshman who received the Dean's Scholarship;
- Julianne Lawson, daughter of Homer and Julia Lawson of Union City, an incoming freshman who received the Dean's Scholarship;
- Lydia Mudd, daughter of Bryan and Pamela Key of Union City, an incoming freshman who received the Dean's Scholarship;
- Casey Curlin, daughter of Greg and Melanie Curlin of Fulton, an incoming freshman who received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship/Workshop.

PAIR OF WINNERS - As part of an assignment in Michelle Greer's seventh-grade language arts class at Union City Middle School, some students entered the Recorded Interview category of the University of Tennessee at Martin/Jackson Sun Essay Contest. Two of these students, Allison Bruff (left) and Kayla Eason (right), won the contest and were recently honored at an awards luncheon at UTM. They were accompanied to the festivities by their teacher, Miss Bruff is the daughter of Tracy and Jennifer Bruff and Miss Eason is the daughter of Tammy Eason and Rhodney Eason, all of Union City.
Smith named keynote speaker of conference

Dr. Robert M. Smith, president of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, and one of the founders of WestStar Leadership Program, is the luncheon keynote speaker for the 5th Annual West Tennessee Economic Development Conference. Slated for March 14, at the University of Tennessee at Martin Boling University Center, registration begins at 8:30 a.m., the program starts at 9 a.m., and the conference will end at 1:30 p.m. The cost is $35 per person.

Also on the program is William Hearn, director of Global Location Strategies for CH2M Hill (formerly Lockwood Greene). He will speak at 9:15 a.m.

Elected officials, community leaders, chamber executives, industrial development board members and individuals interested in learning how to develop their rural communities are invited to attend. The program is sponsored in part by UT Martin's WestStar Leadership Program.

"WestStar is very pleased to again join forces with the West Tennessee Industrial Association and USDA-Rural Development to bring this conference to West Tennessee," said UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan, who also serves as executive director of WestStar. "Economic development is a topic that all community leaders think about daily. We are especially excited to have Bob Smith back in West Tennessee for this event," added Dunagan. "Bob is a great speaker and knows the importance of leadership in helping build communities."

The conference will include a panel discussion at 10:45 a.m. featuring Bill Shuff, Middle Tennessee Industrial Association; Heidi Smith, Tennessee Valley Authority general manager/marketing development and field operations; Charlie Griffen, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development director of project management; and Robert Barnes, Giles County economic development coordinator. The topic will be "How to Work With a Prospect."

Smith, became the 15th president of Slippery Rock University in May 2004. From 1987-1999, he was UT Martin dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. He is a nationally recognized specialist in executive leadership development. He is the only Kansan to have been selected as a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Fellow. In 1999, the Community Leadership Association awarded him its Preceptor Award and the governor of Tennessee presented him the Tennessee Outstanding Achievement Award for his work in community revitalization. That same year, he was honored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for his commitment to rural economic development.

Hearn has conducted site selection service for a broad cross section of manufacturing, distribution, headquarters, technology and call center operations. Past clients have included FedEx, Prudential, Bell Labs, Infineon Technologies, Corning, AT&T Solutions and others. Also, he has worked in the area of research park development and recently completed a statewide Strategic Industry Study for Georgia. He began his career as an industrial trainee at IBM-Germany. He joined GLS in 2005, and formerly was with a national real estate firm, where he managed a similar practice.

Registration checks should be made payable to the West Tennessee Economic Summit and sent to the Western Tennessee Industrial Association, 26 Conrard Dr., Jackson, Tenn. 38305. For more information, call the association at 731-668-4300 or WestStar at 731-881-7298.

Customer-service seminar slated

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) has scheduled Fred Landiss to present a customer-service seminar from 9-11 a.m., March 22, on the UT Martin campus.

Landiss's presentation is "Winning Customers Through Service ... Does your business need an "Extreme Makeover?" The veteran banker, humorist and customer service advocate will share the story of his bank's transformation from a $24 million "fixer-upper" into a half billion dollar "showplace" and the role customer service played in the remodel. Does service count? You bet your tool belt it does.

Landiss is senior vice president and director of marketing and public relations at Farmers and Merchants Bank, Clarksville.

The registration fee is $45 per person; $35 per person for six or more from the same company. Advance registration is required. Contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.
Students awarded scholarships to UT Martin

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

UT MARTIN ALUM

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Sunday, March 19

The Big Spring Sing will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event, sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, is marking its silver anniversary. There is no admission charge. The public is invited. For more information, contact Walter Darrell Haden at whaden@utm.edu.
UTM hosts United Way Appreciation Day; MTD lawn tractor winner announced

United Way representatives proudly present the lawn tractor donated by MTD to Scott Gaylord, Parker Hannifin. Pictured are (left to right) Hope Cooper, Weakley County's United Way representative; Richard Guthrie, Mark Maloney, Lynn Maloney, Bobby German, Suzie German and Gaylord. Photo courtesy of UT Martin.

“We’re proud to present United Way Appreciation Night,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor of UT Martin. “It is always a fun and exciting opportunity for people to learn about how United Way changes lives in this community. I encourage more businesses and organizations to join us in supporting and saluting United Way in Weakley County.”

“We started donating the lawn tractor several years ago to spotlight United Way and its importance to this community,” said Steve Baker, MTD. “It has also been a way for us to recognize those who give so generously to our United Way. When each of us gives a little, our whole community benefits with United Way, and that makes our community a better place to live and work.”

“This is a great way to start the year,” said Scott Gaylord, Parker Hannifin. “Of course, I didn’t expect to win the mower. I give to United Way because it’s the right thing to do. Right now, I’m helping my friends and neighbors, but tomorrow it could be me and my family. You just never know what the future holds, and knowing help is there makes all the difference in the world. I’d like to thank MTD for supporting our local United Way and making this giveaway possible.”

Weakley County companies that have given to United Way this year include: Advance Specialties Company, BellSouth, City of Martin, CDS, EW James & Sons, Fechheimer/Martin Manufacturing, First State Bank, Frontier, Greenball Corp., Greenfield Banking Company, HealthSouth/Cane Creek, Heartland Fasteners, IFICO Systems North America, Martin Housing Authority, Martin Realty Group, MTD Products, Parker Hannifin, Regions Bank, Spain Brothers Milling Company, UT Martin, Vaughan Brothers Hardware, Volunteer Community Hospital, Volunteer Distributing, Walmart, We Care Ministries, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, Weakley County Employees, Weakley County Farm Bureau, Weakley County Municipal Electric Systems, and Weakley County Board of Education.

Local United Way volunteers work hard every spring deciding how to invest the money raised in Weakley County’s fall campaign. They research the needs in the community and evaluate available programs. After hundreds of hours, they decide how to invest local gifts in seven impact areas that address the needs of this community. The impact areas include believing in youth, building stronger communities, caring for senior adults, empowering people with disabilities, encouraging self-sufficiency, ensuring good health and strengthening families.

Weakley County student receives scholarship to attend UT Martin

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

* Christopher Rea, husband of Tabitha Rea and son of Lorin Rea, all of Martin, is a sophomore agriculture major. He received the Tosh Farms Scholarship.

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Scott to speak about "Scientist's View of the Creation/Evolution Controversy" on March 27

Dr. Eugenie Scott

Dr. Eugenie Scott, executive director of the National Center for Science Education in Oakland, California, will speak at 7:30 p.m., March 27, in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Scott's topic is "A Scientist's View of the Creation/Evolution Controversy." Her appearance is sponsored by the Honors Programs and American Democracy Project. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will end with a brief question-and-answer period.

In addition to the evening presentation, Scott will participate in a panel discussion with UT Martin faculty and community residents from 4-5:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium. Among participants will be Dr. Lionel Crews, assistant professor of physics; Dr. Michael Gibson, professor of geology; Dr. Norman Lilegard, professor of philosophy and religious studies; Dr. John Schommer, associate professor of mathematics; Dr. Chris Brown, assistant professor of philosophy; Dr. Roy Whaley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Greenfield; and Patricia Royle, Camden Junior High School science teacher. Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director, will moderate.

Each panelist will have several minutes to state his or her viewpoint prior to the question-and-answer discussion. Questions for the panel may be submitted in advance to Crews at kerecsa@utm.edu or at the time of the discussion.

"This is an issue that is being debated nationally," said Crews, "but it is being debated rather than discussed, which tends to polarize proponents of both sides." He added, "We want to foster an atmosphere that gets all points of view on the table to be discussed so everyone has a better understanding of the issues."

Also as part of Scott's visit to campus, area teachers will be invited to meet with her for a question-and-answer session at 10 a.m., March 27, in Holland McComb's Center. Those interested in attending the teachers' session, should contact Crews.

"Dr. Eugenie Scott is one of the most prominent voices in the ongoing national debate over the teaching of evolution versus creationism in our public schools," said McDonough. "As this issue assumes an increasingly prominent role in local and national affairs, it is important that we understand the issues as clearly as possible. Thus, I encourage students, faculty and community members to attend Dr. Scott's lecture, as well as the panel discussion on Monday afternoon."

Scott holds a doctorate in biological anthropology from the University of Missouri and has taught at the universities of Kentucky and Colorado. The recipient of numerous honors and awards, Scott is the author of "Evolution vs. Creationism: An Introduction.

The Academic Speaker Series annually brings distinguished scholars, writers, and performers to the UT Martin campus. All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, contact McDonough at dmcnag@utm.edu or 731-881-7436.

---Staff photo by Heather Bryant

Talking e-commerce

Steve Holt, director of the Instructional Technology Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin, gives a free educational seminar about e-commerce Tuesday at the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce. The session detailed different e-commerce options available to businesses, and was co-sponsored by the chamber and UT Martin's Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center.

Animal emergency aid workshop is at UTM

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture will offer a workshop concerning animal care during disasters on March 21 at University of Tennessee Martin's Boling University Center. Register starting at 8:30 a.m. The workshop is open to veterinarians, veterinary technicians, Extension personnel, animal control officers, animal owners, livestock producers and others with experience or interest in assisting in animal care during an emergency.

Called "pre-incident" credentialing, the workshop will identify individuals having standardized training in emergency management and who are competent to work with specific species of animals. The six-hour workshop is free. Individuals must have completed Incident Command Systems Courses 100 and 200, and the National Incident Management Course, IS-700. These courses are offered free online at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine's Web site at www.vet.utk.edu. Courses are also available through local and state emergency management agencies, and a course CD is available by calling (865) 974-5701. A copy of a certificate of completion must be presented at the workshop.

Spanish classes have medical theme

Spanish for Professional is being offered by the University of Tennessee Martin. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m., March 21-April 25, at UT Martin. The fee is $65, including the cost of the textbook.

Persons successfully completing the course will receive 1.2 Continuing Education Units. To register for the course, contact ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.
Cattlemen's group speaker

Dr. Jerry Gresham (left), professor at the University of Tennessee at Martin, spoke to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Gibson County Cattlemen's Association held at the Ed Jones Agri-plex in Trenton, Monday evening. Dr. Gresham spoke on Expected Progeny Differences (EPD's) and various services the Ag Dept. at UTM offers to benefit cattlemen. His talk entitled “Why Are You Afraid of the Number 3?” centered around beef producers’ willingness to pay $1,000 or $2,000 for a bull, yet are reluctant to pay $3,000 or more when in actuality, the producer would make that money back and then some by calves weaning weights. The meeting was sponsored by Gibson Farmers Co-op and co-op representative Barry Maupin talked about spring medications available. A delicious chili meal with all the trimmings was prepared by Shannon Allen. Welcoming Dr. Gresham is outgoing president Mack Zarecor (center) and in-coming president Charles Tyner. Re-elected to three-year terms were board members Walter Hazlewood and Richard McMinn and secretary-treasurer Brenda Martin.

Computer courses offered by ECCE March 15

Personal computer and Internet basics are part of the March offerings of the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE). To register, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.

Personal Computer Basics is planned from 9 a.m.-noon, March 15. The instructor will be Larry Holder, database administrator/IT administrator III, and the cost will be $55. Students will learn the essentials about how a PC works and some helpful skills for using Windows. If you're just starting out and want to build your confidence, this one's for you! All ages welcome. Hands-on practice.

Internet Basics will be offered from 1-4 p.m., March 15 with Holder as instructor. The cost is $55.

The Web can be both wonderful and confusing. Learn some helpful tips that will make the use of the Internet for surfing and e-mail a more enjoyable experience.

All ages are welcome. There will be time for hands-on practice.
Scholarship recipient

Ryan Pope, a freshman at the University of Tennessee at Martin majoring in Agriculture Education and a member of the rodeo team, is the recipient of a $500 scholarship presented by the Gibson County Cattlemen's Association. Making the presentation is Mack Zarecor, the association's president, at Monday night’s meeting held at the Ed Jones Agri-plex in Trenton. Ryan, the son of Mr. and Franklin Pope and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pope, all of Yorkville, thanked the cattlemen’s association for the scholarship. “A lot of kids would not be going to college without the help of people like you,” he said.

STUDENTS ATTEND ATHLETIC TRAINING SYMPOSIUM

Recently 11 students from the University of Tennessee at Martin athletic training education program traveled to Atlanta to attend the Southeast Athletic Trainers Association Student Symposium. The students pictured (from left) attended the symposium and are the current officers of the UT Martin Athletic Training Society: Amelia Hollenberg, Mendon, Ill., secretary; Carrie Joyner, Gleason, president; Travis Livingston, Murfreesboro, vice president; and Dawn Schwartz, Arlington, treasurer/historian. The other students who attended, and are not pictured, are Jared Vowell, Brighton; Robert Eldredge, Bruceton; Blong Vang, Jackson; Marquis Tyus, Brownsville; Robert Bethel, Memphis; Justin Martin, Memphis; and CJ Chapman, Denton, N.C. The students spent two days in seminars that were specifically developed for three levels of students: students who are practicing their injury evaluation skills; students who are practicing their injury rehabilitation skills; and those who are preparing to take the national certification examination. UT Martin had students participating at all three levels.

ECCE to offer private lessons

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and the Women’s Equestrian Team will offer Beginning Horsemanship English/Western Riding Lessons.

Individual lessons will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship to include handling, grooming, equipment, riding Western/English and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being.

The instructors for the class are the UT Martin equestrian team coaches, Meghan Cunningham (Hunt), and Kristen McDonald (Western).

To schedule a lesson, contact Cunningham at 881-7273 or McDonald at 881-7261.

No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least 7 years of age to participate. Requirements for the class: long pants, boots with heel and a waiver form. Riding helmets will be provided. The cost is $35 per hour lesson. The lesson will include a half hour riding time.

To register, call ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.
GED AWARDS — The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Success Center recently hosted its fifth annual GED Adult Education Center awards luncheon. The GED testing center administered 943 tests last year for the 13 Tennessee counties and two Kentucky counties it serves. Weakley County Adult Education Center received the award for having the highest number of clients who scored more than 600 for the second consecutive year. The highest score award went to the Trenton-Gibson County Adult Education Center that had one client score 728 out of a possible 800. "It is with great pleasure that the Student Success Center can work with these adult education centers to meet the needs of their clients. They are an asset to West Tennessee and West Kentucky," said Dr. George Daniel, SSC director. Pictured are (from left) Evy Goddard, test administrator; Carolyn Davis, administrative assistant; Daniel; Julie Rich, adult education director; Shirley Callis, instructor; Pam Sallee, instructor; Sharon Robertson, assistant director; and Gail Warren, instructor.

UTM students win first place in TVA Investment Challenge Award

University of Tennessee at Martin finance students won first prize in the 2005 TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) Investment Challenge, in competition with 24 other schools. The TVA provides cash awards to the top three universities in the Investment Challenge that earn the highest return for each calendar year. UT Martin had the highest return, managing a stock portfolio valued at $690,000 at the end of 2005.

For the year of 2005, UT Martin students earned a 20.22 percent return on their investments. The finance program will receive a first-prize award of $15,000 for the students efforts. The University of Alabama at Huntsville placed second with an annual return of 16.55 percent and the University of Kentucky earned third place with a return of 16.49 percent. The Investment Challenge program as a whole returned 6.5 percent versus 4.9 percent for the S&P 500 for 2005. This makes six out of seven years that the Investment Challenge program had beaten the S&P 500.

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 on portfolio management. The Challenge gives teams of students hands-on experience managing TVA stock portfolios.

Students actively manage TVA funds by designing long-term investments strategies, placing trades and providing performance reports to TVA. UT Martin students were 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 last year obviously did a superior job in managing our portfolio, with a current value around $725,000," said Redman.

Dr. Thomas Payne, UT Martin Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in banking, added, "The challenge in itself provides excellent hands-on, real-world experience for the students."

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 $10 million.

Carver named assistant vice chancellor

Keith Carver of Knoxville has joined the Office of University Advancement at the University of Tennessee at Martin as assistant vice chancellor for development. He begins his new duties March 6.

Carver served as the UT Knoxville College of Law director of development from 2001-06. In his new position at UT Martin, he will assist with campaign administration, major gift solicitations and constituency-based fund-raising.

Carver has a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from University of Memphis, a master's degree in college student personnel and educational leadership from UTK and is working on his dissertation for a doctorate in educational administration and cultural studies from UTK.

Carver and his wife, Hollianne, are originally from West Tennessee and have three children: Carson, age 7; Jack Thomas, age 3 1/2; and Britton, 6 months.
The Pacer wins ‘Best of the South’

By Erin Young  
Student Writer

“The Pacer” has been ranked the No. 1 newspaper by the Southeast Journalism Conference in its annual “Best of the South” competition, while WUTM 90.3 FM ranked third in the “Best College Radio Station” category of the competition.

Emory University in Atlanta hosted this year’s conference, which featured students, faculty, and advisers from 22 public and private schools in the Southeast. The SEJC membership roster typically includes 35 or more schools that pay $50 annual dues.

The Pacer finished ahead of such large schools as Vanderbilt, Ole Miss, the University of Alabama, Emory and Mississippi State.

Contest entries may be submitted in 24 individual and school categories, and all schools, regardless of size, are judged together.

“This award was not earned overnight,” said Pacer Executive Editor Stephen Yeargin. “Three years ago in Pensacola, Fla. (2003), we took home a first-place award for the Web site (Pacer Online) and placed for Ad Design. Since that time, we have steadily increased our take in Troy, Ala. (2004), and Ruston, La. (2005), with multiple writing and design awards.”

“I am incredibly proud of The Pacer staff,” said Tomi Parrish, Pacer faculty adviser and instructor of communications.

• Arts & Entertainment Editor Rachel Rogers, Centerville, ranked fourth in Best Arts & Entertainment Writer.
• Senior Reporter Kevin Teets, Woodlawn, ranked third in Best Feature Writer.
• News Editor Will York, Milan, ranked sixth in Best Special Event Reporter/Editor and also ranked fifth in Best News Reporter/Editor.
• Sports Editor Amy Eddings, Boaz, Ky., ranked seventh in Best Sports Writer.
• Viewpoints Editor Elizabeth Watts, South Fulton, ranked eighth in Best Opinion-Editorial Writer.

Representatives from the Associated Press judged the entries for Best College Newspaper, saying that The Pacer has “some of the best designed pages [one judge has] ever seen in either college or professional [newspapers].” Another said that the “editorials are well written and timely.”

In addition to the overall staff award, the newspaper brought home seven individual awards.
• Staff Photographer Matthew Maxey, Ashland City, ranked third in Best Press Photographer.

Another aspect of the SEJC’s annual event is the on-site competition, planned by the SEJC president-elect and judged by faculty and professionals from SEJC and the host school. Pacer staff members also brought home three on-site contest awards.
• Senior Reporter Kevin Teets and Entertainment Writer James Baker, Middleton, placed first in Public Relations Campaign.
• Executive Editor Stephen Yeargin, Nashville, placed third in Page Design.
• Sports Editor Amy Eddings, Boaz, placed third in Information Graphics.

WUTM 90.3 FM’s third-place finish came on its first entry in recent history to the SEJC competition.

“I thought it was a great testament to not only the radio station and the staff members, but also all the students who work there and to [faculty adviser Richard] Robinson and [technician] Harold Cochran, who take care of us behind the scenes,” WUTM Programming Director Jordan Tinkle, Fulton, said.

“I am very pleased and gratified that we were selected as third in that competition, especially given the fact that we were going up against larger universities with more resources and larger budgets,” said Robinson, who also is an instructor of communications.

“It is a testament to the staff that wants this station to be the best it can be.”

The Southeast Journalism Conference is hosted annually by a member school selected at the preceding year’s conference. Next year’s event will be held in Birmingham, Ala., and will be co-hosted by the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Samford University.

For more information about the SEJC, visit http://www.sejc.org/.

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INTRODUCTION TO ACTING  
5 p.m. on Tuesdays through April 4 for adults and 5 p.m. Thursdays, through April 6 for students, ages seven and older at The Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at the UT Martin. There will be no classes on March 14 or 16. The fee is $45. To register, call ECCE at 881-7082 or (800) 482-5199.

BEGINNER’S ONE-STROKE PAINTING  
With Charlie Boyd as the instructor. 9 a.m. Saturday at the Extended Campus and Continuing Education at UT Martin. Course fee: $55, plus a $25 supply fee. Participants will take home a colorful Birdhouse Row floorcloth. The $25 supply charge includes brushes, a vinyl floorcloth and palette fee. Call (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.

PRE-COLLEGE PIANO COMPETITION  
9 a.m. Saturday in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at UT Martin.
Choose your pet wisely:
If done right, it could be with you for life

They are cute, cuddly and helpless. When they look at you with those great big eyes and nudge you with that cold little nose, your heart melts. Whether it is the kitten in the pet store window, the puppy in a newspaper ad, or the older dog at the humane society, you and your family decide you have to take it home. The fact is that acquiring a new pet on an impulse doesn’t usually work out for the owners or the pet. Family budget, lifestyle, and space should all play a role in choosing the right pet.

There is no such thing as a free pet. Even if the pet does not have to be purchased, the owners still have to purchase food, collars and toys and pay for veterinary expenses. I was always surprised in practice by clients who would purchase a very expensive dog and then not have enough money to properly provide for the upkeep and medical needs of that animal. They just did not realize that spending money on your pet doesn’t stop after acquiring the pet. Make sure before bringing a new animal home that the family’s budget allows for the added expense of a pet.

Prospective pet owners not only need to make sure that their budget will expand to meet the needs of an animal, but also their time. Some breeds do not require much time or exercise while others will chew the baseboards off the wall and make the couch look like a bomb site if not allowed enough exercise and attention. Research the amount of time and exercise different breeds and species require, then pick one that best fits into your family’s schedule.

An eight week-old, 10-pound Saint Bernard pup soon turns into a 150-pound dog. A small house with no yard is not a place for this pet, just like a large farm with plenty of pasture space may not necessarily be the best place to keep a toy poodle. Use common sense when choosing a pet that best fits your surroundings.

When deciding on a new pet, consider all of the above factors and take your time. When chosen wisely, the right pet will provide years of companionship, fun and love for you and your family.

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 Huntington Animal Clinic before moving to UT Martin in January 2005.
Swim team develops lifelong skills

There is a plethora of activities and sports from which children can choose to participate. Sports such as baseball, football and basketball are usually the most popular; however, they are generally not considered lifetime sports. Lifetime sports include activities such as swimming, cycling, golf and tennis. If children have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, they will benefit from valuable life experiences.

Participating on a swim team, for example, allows students to develop skills that can be extremely beneficial throughout their lifetime. Children who swim competitively have the opportunity to learn proper stroke technique and form. Efficient swimming is the key to swimming for fitness. Additionally, the knowledge of safety rules and swimming etiquette will be helpful in the future if your child desires to become a lifeguard or swim lesson instructor.

The age of your child, skill level, and desire will all affect the amount of hours per week that your child will participate.

As a young child, I swam on a team two days per week after school. When I was older and at the height of my competitive swimming days, I swam two days a week before school and five days per week after school, with swim meets nearly every weekend. That was a lot of time in the water, but it was something that I enjoyed. It may seem overwhelming to spend that much time participating in after school activities, but it can be beneficial.

Overloading your child's free time with activities is not the best advice I would give. But it is important for your child to be part of something they enjoy. Attending practice or meetings helps them to have a sense of belonging which is related to their self-esteem. Self-esteem is generally defined as the confidence and satisfaction that a person has for himself/herself.

Another benefit of belonging to a lifetime sport team is that your child's time management skills will develop. There will not be time to procrastinate on homework assignments, and we all know that it is better to get it done today and not put it off until tomorrow!

Swimming allows for competition as a team and as an individual. The team will have a total score for the meet as well as include relays that combine four team members as a unit. However, the beauty of this sport is that you are able to compete against yourself. By comparing current times to previous times, one is able to focus on personal best and self improvement. It is a great feeling to watch the look on your child's face after they have accomplished their goal.

Competitive swimming was the focused life long sport for this article; however the same benefits can be attained from all lifetime sports. Remember that there is nothing wrong with the popular competitive sports although it is important to add in one or two lifelong sports along the way. Teaching the importance of fitness and exercise for a lifetime is an important value that we need to instill in our children.

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.
WestStar co-founder to address economic meeting

Robert M. Smith, president of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and one of the founders of WestStar Leadership Program, will be the luncheon keynote speaker for the 5th annual West Tennessee Economic Development Conference. Slated for Wednesday at the University of Tennessee Martin Boling University Center, registration begins at 8:30 a.m., the program starts at 9 a.m., and the conference will end at 1:30 p.m. The cost is $35 per person.

Sunday, March 19

The Big Spring Sing will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event, sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, is marking its silver anniversary. There is no admission charge. The public is invited. For more information, contact Walter Darrell Haden at whaden@utm.edu.

Student recital

Linda Farmer, a senior at the University of Tennessee Martin, will present a piano recital at 8 p.m. March 23, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. Farmer, a graduate of Dresden High School, is a University Scholar and a music and math education double major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farmer of Dresden.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will include Debussy's "L'Isle Joyeuse," Liszt's "Un Sospiro," Mozart's "Sonata in D, K. 284," Benjamin Lees' "Fantasia," and three sonatas by Scarlatti.

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Lake will have vocal recital

Rosalyn Lake, of Millington, a senior vocal music education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will have a vocal recital at 8 p.m., March 20, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building. She will be singing various selections from Johannes Brahms and Aaron Copland, as well as pieces by Mozart, Faure, Hahn and Debussy. Her closing piece will be a selection from Porgy and Bess, “It Ain’t Necessarily So,” by George Gershwin. Delana Easley will accompany her on piano.

Lake has participated in various ensembles including University Singers, New Pacer Singers, Lyric Opera Theater and the Choral Society. Also, she has performed various solo performances on and off campus.

Who’s Who Among Teachers for 2005 were recently named

The following is a list of local teachers who are featured in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers 2005:

**Dresden:** Dawn Gearin, Weakley County Center for Adult, Delana Gilliam, P-5 Technical, Joyce Hale, Weakley County Alternative School, Judith Matheny, Anne Moore, Dresden High School, Patricia Phillips, Dresden High School, Kyle Rozeboom, UTM, Regina Ruis, retired instructor and coach, Stacy Williams, math teacher.

**Gleason:** Sandy Bennett, Gleason School, Julie Floyd, assistant professor, Kay Hudson, Gleason School, Betty Jackson, teacher, Misty Mansfield, Martin Primary, Gail Muzzall, Carolyn Roney, Gleason School, Teresa Ross, Martin Elementary, Mary Scarbrough, UTM, Amy Wilkes, McKenzie Elementary.

**Greenfield:** Peggy Finch, Greenfield School, Linda Gage, Greenfield School, Linda E. Gage, kindergarten teacher, Dawn Gearin, Weakley County Center for Adults, Tammy Gordon, Lee Tucker, Greenfield Elementary, Amy Vaughan, GGreenfield School.

**Martin:** Margretesh Ahlschwede, UTM, Lynn Alexander, UTM, Donna Anderson, UTM, Deborah Barner, kindergarten teacher, Donna Bell, Martin Elementary School, Cheryl Boyle, English Department chairperson, Doris Brodrick, Fulton High School, James Byford, Dean of Agriculture/Applied Science, Michael Campbell, Westview, Anna Clark, UTM, Pam Daniel, Westview, Athalia Donaldson, Martin Primary, Kimberly Elliott, Lisa Evans, educator, Emery Gathers, computer science professor, Judith Gather, mathematics instructor, Roy Graves, UTM, Brenda Gulledge, Educational Studies Department, Trisha Guy, UTM Success Center, Cathie Holmes, Westview, Jane Hudgins, assistant principal/third grade, Heidi Huse, UTM, Betty Jackson, teacher, Alma Jones, retired teacher, Stephanie Klotz, associate professor of mathematics, Misty Mansfield, Martin Primary, Jennifer Martin, Guidance Department chairperson, Anne Moore, Dresden High School, Katie Moore, Westview, John Overby, UTM, Mary Ramsey, UTM, Teresa Ross, Martin Elementary, Candra Smith, Westview, Dawood Sultani, UTM, Brittan Sutherland, Martin Elementary, Daniel Tracy, UTM, Frank Vaughan, UTM, Rodney Wade, Martin Middle, Michelle, Arant, College of Education and Behavior, Nancy Buschhaus, UTM, Kathy Dean Evans, UTM, Julie Floyd, assistant professor, Tim Hacker, UTM, Mary Lemons, UTM, Daniel Nappo, UTM, Dorothy Norton, UTM, Mary Scarbrough, UTM, Edward Wheeler, UTM.

**Sharon:** Craig Darroch, UTM.

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The events are sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Minority Affairs. For more information, contact Teresa Woody, director, at 881-7282 or twoody@utm.edu.

Students featured in art exhibition

University of Tennessee at Martin students, Kazuma Itonaga, of Martin, Jared Newson, of Belleville, Ill., Eun Sun Kim, of Martin, and Brian Walker, of Memphis, will be featured in a two-week art exhibition. The opening will be from 5-7 p.m., March 21, in the Gallery of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus. The exhibitions may be viewed at any time.

Chemical Society to meet March 23

The American Chemical Society Kentucky Lake Section will meet March 23 at the Lean-To Restaurant in South Fulton. The invited speaker for the meeting is Dr. John Turner, professor of mathematics at Bethel College in McKenzie.

The public is invited to attend. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance may order dinner from the restaurant menu.
County students receive scholarships to UTM

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

Heather Burdette, daughter of Joel and Gail Burdette of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.

Bethany Dane, daughter of Gary Dane of Martin and Cindy Cooper of Dresden, will be a freshman. She received the College Cheerleading and Training Scholarship.

Cory Davis, son of Charles and Karen Davis of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Dean's Scholarship.

Jason Evans, son of George and Lisa Evans of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Dean's Scholarship.

Adelicia Hamilton, daughter of Elton and Glennis Hamilton of Dresden, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.

Derrick Hansen, son of Rick and Rene Hansen of Dresden, will be a freshman. He received the Dean's Scholarship.

James Mobbs, son of Rocky and Donna Mobbs of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Dean's Scholarship.

Emily Moon, daughter of Dennis and Patricia Moon of Dresden, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.

Shonna Parker, daughter of Rodney and Vicki Parker of Dresden, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor's Award.

Rachel Wilkinson, daughter of Larry and Sandi Wilkinson of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.

Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Gregg and Jill Penny of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor's Award.

Lauren Wilson, daughter of Brad and Becky Wilson of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.

Megan Witherspoon, daughter of Ricky and Missie Witherspoon of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Dean's Scholarship.

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Research and Grant Writing
topic of upcoming ECCE class

Research and grant writing is the focus of a class offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., March 23-24. The cost is $225. To register, call ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.

Instructor will be Victoria Schneider Lake, director of market research and community development at West Tennessee Healthcare. Lake is responsible for grant proposal writing of all West Tennessee Healthcare affiliates, designated communities, public and not-for-profit agencies.

This hands-on workshop will teach participants how to develop and seek grant opportunities and write grant proposals. They will learn about the availability of what information to include in preparing a proposal, how to make a "pitch," and how to improve a department's probabilities of receiving an award. During the first day, participants will learn how to research and find federal, state, and foundation grant opportunities to match needs and strategies for community collaboration. They will also learn how to read requests for proposals (RFPs) with an emphasis on key words and phrases. During the second day, they will learn about the major components of a grant proposal from the problem and need statement, goals and objectives, project description to the evaluation, staffing plan, timeline and completing budget forms. The workshop closes with a review of the many common problems associated with the preparation of grant.

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GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE – Top, started in 1963 by John Vincent, Vincent Implements, Inc., now under the management of son Johnny Vincent continues to provide John Deere equipment to farmers with 2,000 acres and to homeowners with small lawns. The Home-Garden-Sporting Expo will be held in their new building, the older one having been destroyed in 2003 by a tornado. Vincent Implements, Inc. is a generous supporter of Martin Beautiful and many other community organizations and events. A little known fact is they give 14 University of Tennessee at Martin scholarships to students each year in Henry, Obion and Weakley counties where Vincent Implements, Inc. businesses exist. The Weakley County Municipal Electric System has sponsored Martin’s Home-Garden-Sporting Show for six years, as well as many other community events. Pictured bottom, General Manager Faron Collins oversees the needs and requirements of over 20,000 customers. WCMES, which was started in 1938, keeps 1,800 miles of electric lines operational for our ever demanding use. Martin Beautiful thanks WCMES for their support and community service.
WTWP workshop set for April 1 in Dyersburg

"Thinking Maps: Finding Directions To Connect Writing" will lead off a workshop of the West Tennessee Writing Project, April 1, at Dyersburg State Community College, Baptist Student Union, 1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg.

Kay Smith, retired elementary school teacher in the Union City School System and published author, will facilitate the morning session using graphic organizers to demonstrate how writing skills develop analysis for reading skills.

The afternoon session is titled "Be a Witness to Success: Using Critical Thinking Skills in Writing, Reading and Discussion to Master Objectives." Angela Redden, eighth grade literature teacher at Dickson Middle School, will facilitate the session. Participants will be invited into a reading/writing workshop where they will practice and discuss strategies used to successfully meet standards for language arts instruction.

For all K-12 teachers, the workshop starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m., with an hour for lunch.

Smith and Redden are teacher consultants of the WTWP. Both sessions are applicable to all grade levels. They demonstrate classroom practices consistent with state standards, specific performance indicators and goals of differentiated instruction. Both sessions will include samples of student writing growing from these classroom practices. Participating teachers may earn points toward highly qualified status.

Registration is $45. To register, contact the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE): ecce@utm.edu; 881-7082; or ECCE, 110 Gooch Hall, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238.

For more information, contact Betty Hicks, WTWP in-service coordinator and sixth grade reading teacher at Dyer County's Northview Middle School in Newbern, bhlkswtwp@yahoo.com, or visit the WTWP Web site at www.utm.edu/ wtwp.

Wildlife Society group claims state award

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society recently won Tennessee Wildlife Federation's Conservation Organization of the Year, and an alumnus, Jason Maxedon, was named 2006 Forest Conservationist of the Year. Awards based on achievements in 2005 will be presented March 21 in Nashville.

"This is the first time that a student group has won this award, which typically goes to statewide groups," said Dr. Eric Pelren, UT Martin associate professor of wildlife biology and adviser of the student chapter.

Maxedon, of Newbern, a TWRA Region 1 employee, graduated in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in natural resources management.

The student chapter, with approximately 50 members in 2005, hosted the Tennessee Wildlife Federation's Blue Ribbon Panel on West Tennessee waterfowl hunting; hosted a workshop for Northwest Tennessee rowcrop producers; initiated a "Hunting 101" program for members; to pair up wildlife majors who have never hunted with those who are experienced, to provide students with critical knowledge needed about wildlife hunting and culture; started a column in "West Tennessee Outdoors," as a conduit between hunters and the wildlife profession; assisted and participated in the Northwest Tennessee Wildlife Game Cook-Off as a Tennessee Hunters for the Hungry food raiser; and collected deer brains for Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency for a "Chronic Wasting Disease Analysis."

In addition to annual student honors, the chapter presents two additional awards each May—one for regional "Wildlife Professional of the Year" (2005: Jason Maxedon) and one for regional non-professional "Wildlife Conservationist of the Year" (2005: Mike Johnson, Martin - 1987 UT Martin alumnus) for the best private wildlife conservation efforts. Finally, the chapter assisted Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge with deer hunter check stations; contracted with Tyson Foods to convert 30 acres to a native prairie demonstration area; assisted with the Annual West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree; was represented at two Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission meetings; represented Tennessee at a National Wildlife Society Meeting in Madison, Wis.; and Southeastern Wildlife Conference in St. Louis; and recruited for students/future wildlife professionals at several high school senior days, leadership conferences and other events.
CHS Students Place First at U.T.M. Engineering Field Day

Egg Drop Competition Winners (l to r)-Sara Malacara, Alex Matlock, Amber White, Kristen Birdwell.

Line-Wood Crane Competition Winners (l to r)-Kaleb Collier, Derek Frazee, Howl Bean, Shannon Overall.

Bruceton (March 9)-A large group of students from Hollow Rock-Bruceton attended U.T.M. Engineering day on February 21, with two groups placing first in competition.

Capturing first place honors in Balsa Wood Crane Competition was the team of Kaleb Collier, Derek Frazee, Howl Bean, and Shannon Overall.

Also placing first in the Egg Drop Competition was the team of Sara Malacara, Alex Matlock, Amber White, and Kristen Birdwell.

Mrs. Theresa Scott instructed the group prior to competing.

CHS Group Attendees-(l to r)-Sarah Malacara, Tiffany Robertson and Amanda Barnes, A. J. Simmons, Almee Hollingsworth, Amber White, Tiffany Cathey, Courtney Grooms, Abbey Brotheron, Lauren Scott, Whitney Higdon, Kristen Birdwell, Micah Grooms, Matt Lane, Howl Bean, Brittany Hollingsworth, Derek Grooms, Shannon Overall, Sam Lane, Jacob Edwards, Katie Huff, Jennifer Hollingsworth, Kristen Brooks, Zac Clement, Jeremy King, and Alex Matlock.
Scott named guest speaker of lecture at UT Martin

Dr. Eugenie Scott, executive director of the National Center for Science Education in Oakland, Calif., will speak at 7:30 p.m., March 27, in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Scott's topic is "A Scientist's View of the Creation/Evolution Controversy." Her appearance is sponsored by the Honors Programs and American Democracy Project. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will end with a brief question-and-answer period.

In addition to the evening presentation, Scott will participate in a panel discussion with UT Martin faculty and community residents from 4:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium. Among participants will be Dr. Lionel Crews, assistant professor of physics; Dr. Michael Gibson, professor of geology; Dr. Norman Lillegard, professor of philosophy and religious studies; Dr. John Schommer, associate professor of mathematics; Dr. Chris Brown, assistant professor of philosophy; Dr. Roy Whaley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Greenfield; and Patricia Royle, Camden Junior High School science teacher. Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director, will moderate.

Each panelist will have several minutes to state his or her viewpoint prior to the question-and-answer discussion. Questions for the panel may be submitted in advance to Crews at lcrews@utm.edu or at the time of the discussion.

"This is an issue that is being debated nationally," said Crews, "but it is being debated rather than discussed, which tends to polarize proponents of both sides." He added, "We want to foster an atmosphere that gets all points of view on the table to be discussed so everyone has a better understanding of the issues."

Also as part of Scott's visit to campus, area teachers will be invited to meet with her for a question-and-answer session at 10 a.m., March 27, in Holland McCombs Center. Those interested in attending the teachers' session should contact Crews.

"Dr. Eugenie Scott is one of the most prominent voices in the ongoing national debate over the teaching of evolution versus creationism in our public schools," said McDonough. "As this issue assumes an increasingly prominent role in local and national affairs, it is important that we understand the issues as clearly as possible. Thus, I encourage students, faculty and community members to attend Dr. Scott's lecture, as well as the panel discussion on Monday afternoon."

Scott holds a doctorate in biological anthropology from the University of Missouri and has taught at the universities of Kentucky and Colorado. The recipient of numerous honors and awards, Scott is the author of "Evolution vs. Creationism: An Introduction."

All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, contact McDonough at danmc@utm.edu or 731-881-7436.

WRITING AWARD

Maggie Hickman, left, of South Fulton recently claimed first place in the personal essay category of the University of Tennessee at Martin Third Interdisciplinary Student Writing Conference. She is a freshman English major. With Hickman is Dr. Leslie LaChance, assistant professor of English. (Photo submitted)
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Musicale slated March 27

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The silver anniversary of the Big Spring Sing is set for March 19 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Founded in 1981, this annual three-hour variety show, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE). The show opens at 1:30 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

At 1:35 p.m., Milan’s Appleton will open with several vocalists, instruments and styles of music ranging from the classics to blues, setting the tone for the afternoon’s diversity of music featuring 13-year-old singer-violinist, Ellen Appleton.

Weakley County’s Melody Makers Quartet will make its 24th appearance on the Big Spring Sing at 2:05 p.m. Wayne and Linda Perkins, Billy and Wendell Verrell present gospel songs, old and new, accompanied by Virginia Verrell, pianist.

At 2:35 p.m., Tennessee River blues singer-yodeler, McDonald Craig, with his acoustic guitar and harmonica, will specialize in Jimmie Rodgers hits from the late 1920s and early 1930s. Craig appeared for the first time last year.

Henry County’s Harmony Quartet will sing in the Mennonite a cappella tradition at 3:05 p.m. This will be the Yoder Family’s third appearance at the Big Spring Sing.

Rutherford’s Joe Bone and Friends will entertain at 3:35 p.m. with rare early country and popular tunes. Featured from the Jackson Peculiar Society are the hammered dulcimer and accordion of Marilyn Graves and her husband, Coley’s, folk singing, guitar and claw-hammer banjo-picking This Bartlett couple joins with Bone, his harmonica and piano-whistle to sing old-time songs accompanied by the fiddle playing and harmony singing of Bradford’s Donald and Monda Horne.

Dr. David Gibson, professor emeritus and former chair of UT Martin’s Department of Psychology, Philosophy and Religious Studies, will share the program’s closing half-hour with Dr. Robert Peckham, UT Martin professor of French. “Tennessee Bob,” accompanying himself on the autoharp, will sing folk songs from distant parts of the world.

Coordinating this program is Walter Darrell Haden, UT Martin professor emeritus of English. He came to UT Martin in 1967 and 14 years later founded the Big Spring Sing. For more information, contact Haden at whaden@utm.edu before March 19.
Musicale is planned March 27

The Epsilon Iota chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, the music fraternity for women at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will present its spring musicale at 8 p.m., March 27, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

The program will include flute, clarinet and percussion solos, vocal solos and duets and the SAI Chorus.

Sigma Alpha Iota has 205 college chapters with more than 5,000 student members, who work together to uphold the highest standards of music and to further the development of music in America and throughout the world. Toward that end, the 27 members of Epsilon Iota invite the public to attend this free program.

ECCE to offer riding lessons

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and the Women’s Equestrian Team will offer Beginning Horsemanship English/Western Riding Lessons.

Individual lessons will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship to include handling, grooming, equipment, riding Western/English and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being.

To schedule a lesson(s), contact Cunningham at 731-881-7273 or McDonald at 731-881-7261.

Local students receive UTM scholarships

Three Dyer County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Kimberly Bevis, the daughter of Edith Bevis of Newbern, received a McWhorter Freshman Scholarship/Workshop.

Courtney Burton, the daughter of Earl and Shannon Burton of Newbern, received the Leaders-In-Residence Scholarship.

Seely Tickle, the daughter of Steve and Karen Tickle of Dyersburg, also received a McWhorter Freshman Scholarship/Workshop.

All three will be freshmen this fall.

DYER COUNTY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN UTM HONOR BAND: Feb. 2-4 were days of beautiful music for a select group of students from Dyer County High School, Northview Middle School and Three Oaks Middle School. A total of 13 individuals were selected for participation in the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Honor Band. The event kicked off the afternoon of Feb. 2 when students from multiple bands gathered for auditions to determine their chair ranking and, in some cases, the band that they would play for. The students were placed in one of five ensembles based on age and score — seventh- and eighth-grade band, ninth- and 10th-grade band, 11th- and 12th-grade concert band, 11th- and 12th-grade symphonic band and the percussion ensemble. After two days of practicing, the experience concluded with a concert Feb. 4. Local participants in the band were Cory Bozard, Charle East, Jared Enochs, Evan Hammond, Tenille Ramey and Brittany Via, all of DCHS; Brittany Sturgill, Justin Autry and Gage Stover, all of NMS; and Hunter Campbell, Caitlyn Davidson, Raelynn Brockway and Lizzie Lee, all of TOMS.
WTWP workshop to be held April 1 at Dyersburg State

"Thinking Maps: Finding Directions To Connect Writing" will lead off a workshop of the West Tennessee Writing Project April 1 at Dyersburg State Community College’s Baptist Student Union, located at 1510 Lake Road in Dyersburg.

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The instructors for the class are the UT Martin equestrian team coaches, Meghan Cunningham (hunt) and Kristen McDonald (Western). To schedule lessons, contact Ms. Cunningham at (731) 881-7273 or Ms. McDonald at (731) 881-7261.

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

Requirements for the class are long pants, boots with heels and a waiver form. Riding helmets will be provided.

The cost is $35 per hour lesson. The lesson will include a half-hour riding time.

To register, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.

Rodeo pageants scheduled at UT Martin

The Third Annual Little Mr. and Miss Rodeo pageant will be held April 8 on the parking lot of the University of Tennessee at Martin’s football complex.

Pre-registration will start at 9 a.m. and the pageant will begin at 10. Entry fee is $10, western or informal attire required.

Age divisions for boys and girls include 0-12 months, 1-3 years and 4-6 years, with the 7-9 age division will be for girls only.

The first-ever Junior and Miss UTM Rodeo Pageant 2006 will be held on April 1 at Boling University Center, Watkins Auditorium on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. and the pageant will begin at 4:30. Admission is $3, with children ages 5 years and younger free.

Entry fee is $20. Age divisions include 10-12 years, 13-15 years and 16-20 years. A queen and three alternates will be chosen in each age division.

The winner of the 16-20-year-old division will be eligible for the Territorial Revue in May at the Strawberry Festival and must be available for all events pertaining to the UTM Rodeo on April 5-8.

A photographer will be available to make pictures.

For more information on age groups or to receive a registration form, call (731) 587-6299 or (731) 414-7531.

The pageants are sponsored by UTM Rodeo Booster Club and UTM Rodeo Team.

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Farmer senior recital is March 23

Linda Farmer, a senior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will present a piano recital at 8 p.m., March 23, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. Farmer, a graduate of Dresden High School, is a University Scholar and a music and math education double major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farmer of Dresden.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will include Debussy’s “L’Isle Joyeuse,” Liszt’s “Un Sospiro,” Mozart’s “Sonata in D, K. 284,” Benjamin Lees’ “Fantasia,” and three sonatas by Scarlatti.

Farmer is the piano student of Dr. Elaine Harris, UT Martin professor of music. She is a member of the UT Martin piano ensemble and has served as an accompanist for student performances. She was a state winner in the 2003 collegiate piano duet auditions for the Tennessee Music Teachers Association and has performed in masterclasses for Dr. Maurice Hinson, Dr. Allison Nelson and Dr. Russell Reed. Farmer is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and the Martin Area Music Teachers Association.
Local women attend Conference for Working Women

Pictured with Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor and WestStar executive director, and Virginia Grimes, right, WestStar Leadership Program, were Diane Merritt, Martin; Dorothy Payne, Little Rock, Arkansas, mother of Dr. Tom Payne, UT Martin Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking; and Lyda Kay Ferree, Jackson.

"The Balancing Act of Juggling Life's Many Roles" was the theme of the recent eighth annual Conference for Working Women at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Sponsored by the WestStar Leadership Program in partnership with the UT Martin College of Business and Public Affairs and the Clayton McWhorter Foundation, the conference is designed each year to appeal to all working women in West Tennessee. Speakers discussed topics such as building a successful business, getting and staying prepared for the future and building winning relationships. Three women were recognized for attending all eight of the conferences.

UT Martin chapter of Wildlife Society first student group to claim state conservation award

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society recently won Tennessee Wildlife Federation's Conservation Organization of the Year, and an alumna, Jason Maxedon, was named 2006 Forest Conservationist of the Year, based on achievements in 2006, will be presented March 21 in Nashville.

"This is the first time that a student group has won this award, which typically goes to statewide groups," said Dr. Eric Pelten, UT Martin associate professor of wildlife biology and adviser of the student chapter.

Maxedon, of Newbern, a TWRRA Region I employee, graduated in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in natural resources management.

The student chapter, with approximately 50 members in 2005, hosted the Tennessee Wildlife Federation's Blue Ribbon Panel on West Tennessee waterfowl hunting; hosted a workshop for Northwest Tennessee rowcrop producers; initiated a "Hunting 101" program for members, to pair up wildlife majors who have never hunted with those who are experienced, to provide students with critical knowledge needed about wildlife hunting and culture; started a column in "West Tennessee Outdoors," as a conduit between hunters and the wildlife profession; assisted and participated in the Northwestern Tennessee Wild Game Cook-Off as a Tennessee Hunters for the Hungry fundraiser; and collected deer brains for Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, for a "Chronic Wasting Disease Analysis."

In addition to annual student honors, the chapter presents two additional awards each May - one for regional "Wildlife Professional of the Year" (2005: Jason Maxedon) and one for regional non-professional "Wildlife Conservationist of the Year" (2005: Mike Johnson, Martin - 1987 UT Martin alumnus) for the best private wildlife conservation efforts.

Finally, the chapter assisted Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge with deer hunter check stations; contracted with Tyson Foods to convert 30 acres to a native prairie demonstration area; assisted with the Annual West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree; was represented at two Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission meetings; represented Tennessee at a National Wildlife Society Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin and Southeastern Wildlife Conference in St. Louis; and recruited for students' future wildlife professionals at several high school senior days, leadership conferences and other events.

Women's History Month events slated

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For more information, contact Betty Hicks, WTWP in-service coordinator and sixth grade reading teacher at Dyersburg County's Northview Middle School, Newbern, at bhicks@wtwp@ymail.com, or visit the WTWP Web site at www.utm.edu/rtwp.

UT Martin hosts Fifth Annual Technology Showcase

The Instructional Technology Center (ITC) and the computer store at the University of Tennessee at Martin will present the fifth annual Technology Showcase, from 1 p.m.-6 p.m., March 21, in Boling University Center. The event is free and open to the public.

UT Martin faculty will be on hand to demonstrate how to use technology in and out of the classroom. There will also be representatives from industry leading vendors such as Apple, Gateway, Dell, Howard Computers, Riso, and more.

"There will be many new hardware and software technologies on display for visitors to see and touch. We also will be giving away some of the best technology products available today," said Steve Holt, manager of the UT Martin ITC.

Students can sign up early for the door prizes in the UT Martin computer center, located in Room 108, in Boling University Center. A sign-up sheet will be available for students who are required to attend the event.

Returning to the event this year is the X-Box 360 Gaming Tournament. Students can compete against each other for prizes by playing the game Tom Clancy's "Ghost Recon Advanced Warfighter" in the Boling University Center game room. Students can sign up for the tournament the morning of the showcase in the game room.

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

For more information, contact Holt at (731) 881-7609 or sholt@utm.edu.
Weakley County students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

Thirteen Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.
- Heather Burdette, daughter of Joel and Gayle Burdette of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Bethany Dane, daughter of Gary Dane of Martin and Cindy Cooper of Dresden, will be a freshman. She received the College Cheerleading and Training Scholarship.
- Cory Davis, son of Charles and Karen Davis of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Jason Evans, son of George and Lisa Evans of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Adelicia Hamilton, daughter of Elton and Glennis Hamilton of Dresden, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Derrick Hansen, son of Rick and Rene Hansen of Dresden, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- James Mobs, son of Ricky and Donna Mobs of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Emily Moore, daughter of Dennis and Patricia Moore of Dresden, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Shonna Parker, daughter of Rodney and Vicki Parker of Dresden, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor’s Award.
- Rachel Wilkinson, daughter of Elmer and Sandi Wilkinson of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Greg and Jill Pfenning of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor’s Award.
- Lauren Wilson, daughter of Brad and Becky Wilson of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Megan Witherspoon, daughter of Ricky and Missie Witherspoon of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.

UT Martin to host activities

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Dr. Eugene Scott, executive director of the National Center for Science Education in Oakland, Calif., will speak at 7:30 p.m. March 27 in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Scott’s topic is “A Scientist’s View of the Creation/Evolution Controversy.”

Her appearance is sponsored by the Honors Programs and American Democracy Project. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will end with a brief question-and-answer period.

In addition to the evening presentation, Scott will participate in a panel discussion with UT Martin faculty and community residents from 4-5:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium. Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director, will moderate.

INTRODUCTION TO ACTING

5 p.m. on Tuesdays through April 4 for adults and 5 p.m. Thursdays, through April 6 for students, ages seven and older at UT Martin.

There will be no classes on March 14 or 16. The fee is $45. To register, call 881-7082 or (800) 482-5199.

YOGA AND YOU

5:30 p.m. Mondays, through April 24 at Extended Campus and Continuing Education at UT Martin.

Instructor of theatre, will lead the six-week course. Fee: $35. Call (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.

HOLIDAY DECORATING:

GRAPEVINE SPRING WREATH

6 p.m. Tuesday at Extended Campus and Continuing Education at UT Martin. Fees: $25 class fee and $30 supply fee. To register, call (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.

BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

Six-week class, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Mondays, through April 10 at Oblon County Senior Citizen Center, 622 S. Depot St., Union City.

No class March 13. Fee: $60 per person, $110 per couple. Space is limited. Registration required. (901) 482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.

BEGINNING YOGA

Level II, 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, through April 25 at UT Martin. This six-week course will continue the basic principles introduced in Yoga and You. Cost: $55.
The annual Alpha Tau Omega Push for St. Jude rolled through Dyersburg on Tuesday. Among the many businesses and organizations in the city contributing to the charitable drive was Dyersburg State Community College. The fraternity stopped to collect $170 in donations by faculty and staff members from DSCC president Dr. Karen Bowyer. The fraternity members began their drive on Saturday in Jackson collecting promised funds for the Memphis-based children’s research hospital. They made the traditional wheelbarrow push through the streets of Union City and Troy on Monday and through Covington and Ripley Wednesday. Today, ATO will deliver a check to St. Jude for $100,000.

Landiss is senior vice president and director of marketing and public relations at Farmers and Merchants Bank, Clarksville.

The registration fee is $45 per person; $35 per person for six or more from the same company. Advance registration is required. Contact ECCE at (800)-482-5199 or 881-7082.

Customer service seminar offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) has scheduled Fred Landiss to present a customer-service seminar from 9-11 a.m., March 22, on the UT Martin campus.

Landiss’s presentation is “Winning Customers Through Service … Does your business need an “Extreme Makeover?” The veteran banker, humorist and customer service advocate will share the story of his bank’s transformation from a $24 million “fixer-upper” into a half billion dollar “showplace” and the role customer service played in the remodel. Does service count? You bet your tool belt it does.
All invited to DSCC Tuesday to partake in reading of Graves’ poetry

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A reception will follow. The public is invited. This is not Graves’ first time to share his poetry with a Dyer County audience. “Dr. Graves was part of the DSCC Book Fair several years ago,” said Dr. Carol Feather, president of the Arts Council. “I remembered the name and thus checked Google to see where he is. Then I simply went to the UTM Web site and followed up with a call.”

When Graves began his college career in the late 1950s, he had some high hopes. “In the save-the-world-from-the-Russians contest of the late 1950s, I entered Union University envisioning some kind of math-and-science emphasis with the vague career goal of doing college teaching as a Baptist missionary.” Graves wrote on his Web page. That plan changed during his sophomore year when “after hitting physics like a ripe tomato thrown against a wall.” Graves changed his major to English.

Graves was born and grew up in Medina. His first published work came during his high school years with an editorial piece in the Commercial Appeal about how to keep Southern young people from leaving the farm. Prior to that, he won $50 in an “Our Times” national essay contest arguing against the guaranteed minimum wage. Graves was valedictorian of the Medina High School Class of 1957 and was admitted to Princeton but decided not to go. He went to Union and during his sophomore year reapplied and, after “much badgering,” was accepted to Princeton, where he received his bachelor’s degree with honors in English. He received his master’s in English at Duke University and his doctorate in English from the University of Mississippi.

Graves won the Rain-Swigget prize for traditional poetry in 1960 while at Princeton. During the fall of 1962, he took a leave from Duke and worked as a technical writer/editor for the Army Research Office in Durham and Panama on Swap Fox II, a pre-Vietnam project that tested vehicles in subtropical rainforests.

His master’s thesis was on poet Emily Dickinson in 1964. While teaching for Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg, Va., he wrote poems, mostly sonnets, and was published in “The Lyric.” Since 1969, Graves has been a professor of English at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He took a leave in 1976 and spent a year at Ole Miss where he completed his generalist’s doctorate and wrote “Out of Tennessee: A Book of Poems,” the first creative doctoral thesis Ole Miss allowed.

After receiving his doctorate, Graves went back to the classroom at UTM. In 1979, he discovered that the 1609 Quarto text of William Shakespeare’s Sonnets embeds another 154 sonnet-length texts in addition to the 154 known texts. Graves went on to uncover the embedded sonnets that had been lost for some 400 years and his findings were eventually published in 2001.

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Additional information was taken from www.utm.edu/staff/igraves
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WestStar partners sponsor eighth annual African-American Leadership Conference

"Challenges and Opportunities" is the theme for the eighth annual African-American Leadership Conference, which will be held from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., April 11. WestStar Leadership Program, BellSouth, the City of Brownsville, First South Bank and West Tennessee Healthcare are sponsoring the event at the West Tennessee Center for Agricultural Research, 615 Airways Blvd., Jackson.

The conference is designed to appeal to African Americans in leadership roles and diverse work environments throughout West Tennessee.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Kenneth Whalum Jr., pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church in Memphis, will begin at 9:15 a.m. He is a 1978 graduate of Atlanta's Morehouse College; a 1981 graduate of Philadelphia's Temple University School of Law; and currently a senior at the Memphis Theological Seminary.

Prior to coming to Memphis, he was the pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Sunset, Ark. He is founder of "Bust-A-Move Monday (BAMM)" which economically empowers a selected black-owned business on the first Monday of every month by directing members of his congregation and others to place their dollars in that business. This directive increases the revenue of the business and keeps wealth in the community to help it grow. He was recently appointed to the City of Memphis Storm Water Advisory Board and has been involved in various civic organizations such as the Memphis Urban League board of directors and Memphis Housing Authority board of commissioners. He is a member of the Stellar Awards Gospel Music Academy, the Recording Academy and the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. In 1998, at the request of the mayor of Memphis, he produced the City of Memphis' official 30th Anniversary Observance of the life and death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Virginia Stackens-Crump, principal, Jackson Central-Merry High School, will speak at 10 a.m. Her topic will be "Challenges and Opportunities in Advancing Education in the 21st Century." Andre Gist, president, Manufacturers Industrial Group, Lexington; Sharon Taylor McKinney, Tennessee Department of Economic Development, Business Enterprise Resource Office, Memphis; and Michael Cherry, owner, EarthCom, Lawrenceburg, will speak at 11 a.m. using the topic, "Pursuing Your Financial Dream." Other speakers include Dr. Elizabeth Williams, associate director, minority affairs, Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center, Nashville, "The Power of Leadership," and Harlyn Hardin, program director, American Diabetes Association, Tennessee and Kentucky, "The Importance of Health."

Dr. Nick Dunagan, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor and WestStar executive director, will welcome the group at 9 a.m. and Evelyn Robertson Jr., executive director, Southwest Tennessee Development District, Jackson, will be the master of ceremonies.

Cost of the conference is $35 per person/$60 for two. The fee includes breakfast, the seminar and lunch. Make checks payable to the University of Tennessee at Martin-WestStar. Deadline to register is April 4.

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

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES GREEKFEST AWARD –
Rachel Payne, of Martin, a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, was one of 14 students who received an Emerging Leaders Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin's annual Greek Awards Ceremony, held during Greekfest 2006. Emerging Leaders are freshman and sophomore students who go above and beyond to take a leadership role on campus and have shown an outstanding participation in chapter and campus activities while maintaining a high grade point average. Greekfest is an annual event designed to acknowledge the accomplishments of the UT Martin Greek community. The award was presented by Emily Essary, UT Martin 2006 National Panhellenic Council Judicial chair, and Louis Ragsdale, UT Martin coordinator of Greek life and student organizations. Pictured are (from left) Payne and David Belote, UT Martin interim vice chancellor of student affairs.
LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES GREEKFEST AWARD
Julie Vantrease, of Martin, a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, received a University Service Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Greek Awards Ceremony, held during Greekgfest 2006. The award was presented to Greeks who have been an important part of UT Martin student life, through their chapter, the Greek councils or through involvement on campus. The award was presented by Camille Holcomb, UT Martin 2006 National Panhellenic Council public relations chair, and Louis Ragsdale, UT Martin coordinator of Greek life and student organizations. Pictured (from left) are Tennessee-Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan, Vantrease and Tennessee-Martin Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Tom Rakes.

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES GREEKFEST AWARD
Suha Haddad, of Martin, a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, received a University Service Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Greek Awards Ceremony, held during Greekgfest 2006. The award went to Greeks who have been an important part of UT Martin student life, through their chapter, the Greek councils or through involvement on campus. The award was presented by Camille Holcomb, UT Martin 2006 National Panhellenic Council public relations chair, and Louis Ragsdale, UT Martin coordinator of Greek life and student organizations. Pictured are (from left) UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan, Haddad and UT Martin Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Tom Rakes.

Social Action Day program slated
The Women of Zeta Phi Beta and the men of Phi Beta Sigma will host an AIDS awareness program, “My Word, My Bond,” at 3:30 p.m., March 25, in Room 206 C of the Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus. There will be a guest speaker to discuss the spread of AIDS in the African American community, social responsibility, government legislation and personal testimonies. Refreshments will be served.

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES GREEKFEST AWARD
Jenny Stout, of Greenfield, a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, received a University Service Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Greek Awards Ceremony, held during Greekgfest 2006. The award went to Greeks who have been an important part of UT Martin student life, through their chapter, the Greek councils or through involvement on campus. The award was presented by Camille Holcomb, UT Martin 2006 National Panhellenic Council public relations chair, and Louis Ragsdale, UT Martin coordinator of Greek life and student organizations. Pictured (from left) are UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan, Stout and UT Martin Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Tom Rakes.
**WestStar, Partners Sponsor Eighth Annual African-American Leadership Conference**

MARTIN, Tenn. - "Challenges and Opportunities" is the theme for the Eighth Annual African-American Leadership Conference, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 11. WestStar Leadership Program, BellSouth, the City of Brownsville, The Jackson Sun, USDA Rural Development, First South Bank and West Tennessee Healthcare are sponsoring the event at the West Tennessee Center for Agricultural Research, 615 Airways Blvd., Jackson.

The conference is designed to appeal to African Americans in leadership roles and diverse work environments throughout West Tennessee.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Kenneth Whalum Jr., pastor of the New Olivet Baptist Church in Memphis, will begin at 9:15 a.m. He is a 1978 graduate of Atlanta's Morehouse College; a 1981 graduate of Philadelphia's Temple University School of Law; and currently a senior at the Memphis Theological Seminary.

Prior to coming to Memphis, he was the pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Sunset, Ark. Whalum is the founder of "Bust-A-Move Monday (BAMM)" which economically empowers a selected black-owned business on the first Monday of every month by directing members of his congregation and others to place their dollars in that business. This directive increases the revenue of the business and keeps wealth in the community to help it grow. He was recently appointed to the City of Memphis Storm Water Advisory Board and has been involved in various civic organizations such as the Memphis Urban League board of directors and Memphis Housing Authority board of commissioners. He is a member of the Stellar Awards Gospel Music Academy, the Recording Academy, and the National Association of Black Pastoral Counselors. In 1988, at the request of the mayor of Memphis, he produced the City of Memphis' official 30th Anniversary Observance of the life and death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Virginia Stackens-Crump, principal, Jackson Central-Merry High School, will speak at 10 a.m. Her topic will be "Advancing Education in the 21st Century." Andre Gist, president, Manufacturers Industrial Group, Lexington; Sharon Taylor McKinney, Tennessee Department of Economic Development, Business Enterprise Resource Office, Memphis; and Michael Cherry, owner, EarlCom, Lawrenceburg; will speak at 11 a.m. using the topic, "Pursuing Your Financial Dream." Other speakers include: Dr. Elizabeth Williams, associate director, minority affairs, Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center, Nashville; "The Power of Leadership," and Harlyn Hardin, program director, American Diabetes Association, Tennessee and Kentucky; "The Importance of Health."

Dr. Nick Dunagan, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor and WestStar executive director, will welcome the group at 9 a.m. and Evelyn Robertson Jr., executive director, Southwest Tennessee Development District, Jackson, will be the master of ceremonies.

Cost of the conference is $35 per person/$60 for two. The fee includes breakfast, the seminar and lunch. Make checks payable to the University of Tennessee at Martin-WestStar. Deadline to register is April 4.

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**Former McKenzian to Write Book About Life**

By Joel Washburn, Deborah Turner

BOSTON - Charles Cox was abandoned as a five-year-old child in Buchanan. By age 11, he had quit school and was on the verge of being sent to a "reform house." He worked in Paris as a shoeshine boy as he bounced from house to house, being raised by his aunt and uncle as a "completely out-of-control child."

Eventually, however, thanks to the benevolence of many, he persevered and worked his way through college to become a successful stockbroker.

Cox will return to Tennessee soon in an attempt to learn the name of his biological father, and hopefully meet old acquaintances who can help him write the tell all book about his life and his highly successful career on Wall Street. He wants stories about his life, his family, or any dealings, good or bad, with stockbrokers. He will also write about where he thinks the U.S. stock market is headed.

Cox celebrated his fifty-year reunion as a graduate of McKenzie High School in 2004 and took time to speak with The McKenzie Banner for a feature story located at http://www.mckenziebanner.net/2004/2004features/feature_CharlesCox_Aug18_04.htm.
"That's where they made their mistake," says Charlie, with a grim expression. Unaccustomed to discipline of any sort, he says, "I did some pretty terrible things to be able to leave," one of which, he admits, was frequently wetting his bed.

He lived with Harry and Oleta Toombs for six months during another short-lived attempt at reining in the wild child.

By age nine he was on the streets and wiser to some of the baser aspects of life than he should have been at such a tender age. He had quit going to school and made money shining the shoes of soldiers stationed at the Camp Tyson Army facility near Paris.

Viewed as a delinquent, officials threatened to put him and Johnny in a home for children, more a "reform house" than foster home, says Charlie. Instead, arrangements were made for the boys to live with their father's sister Lena and her husband, George Barksdale.

The reprieve seemed like a prison sentence for 11-year-old Charlie, who remained defiant, viewed the Barksdale's teenaged daughter as a "spoiled brat," and resented having to work on the farm that was located near Carroll Lake.

The day Charles turned 16, he packed his bags and hitchhiked to Louisville, Kentucky where he spent the summer sleeping at the YMCA and working at Kroger's grocery.

At summer's end he made McKenzie his home, where he acquired many fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers: those who chose to help him along life's pathway. He stayed with the Joyce and Everett Currin family for several months before they arranged for his sleeping quarters over the old Fire Department where he answered emergency calls throughout the night.

During his high school years he also worked at U-Tote-Me Grocery, Manning's Gulf Station in downtown McKenzie, McKenzie Concrete Block Company, and ran a newspaper route.

After graduating from high school in 1954, Charles enrolled at the University of Tennessee at Martin, a venture that was partially funded by scholarship. He resided in a house trailer that he purchased for $500 and was permitted to park on Frank and Maybelie Manning's poultry farm.

As his first year of college came to a close, Charles made a life-impacting decision to spend his summer selling Bibles door to door for Southwestern Publishing Company under Ted Welch, originally from Parsons, who is now a successful Nashville businessman.

"I saved $6,000 the first summer," says Charlie, who worked from a motel room while selling books near Pittsburgh the first summer and South Carolina the following summer.

It was during the second summer that he met his mentor, Dortch Oldham, from Nashville, owner of the company.

"He went through school the same way I did," relates Charles. "I felt I had a special relationship with him and he expected a lot of me." He counseled Charlie to "go into one of the armed forces and get that taken care of, and find a wife."

So, after graduating with a degree in economics and finance from UT Knoxville in 1956, to which he had transferred after the summer of '55, he became a communications officer in the Navy, based for two years at Long Beach, California from which he served aboard the U.S.S. Cheung on trips up and down the Pacific coast, to Hong Kong and Alaska.

He was then stationed at Pearl Harbor where he met Lea, a native of New England who was also a Navy communications officer. She had earned her degrees from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and Bridgewater College, also in Massachusetts.

She was only one of the nicest people I'd ever met, Charles says. The couple married February 11, 1962.

Charles searched for employment in Boston. Spurred by Oldham's suggestion that he might like to be a stockbroker since he had shown considerable interest in the field after dabbling in investments during his college years, Charles interviewed with the noted financial services company, Merrill Lynch.

Four more discouraging months went by before he was welcomed with open arms by managing director Sidney Parlow, into the relatively new Francis I. DuPont company, which was later bought by Paine Webber.

The rest is a long, and happy story in the attainment of the American Dream.

Several years ago, Charles demonstrated his appreciation for mentor Dortch Oldham with a donation of $300,000 to establish the Dortch Oldham Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurial Studies in the UTM School of Business. In 1998 he was awarded the University of Tennessee's Outstanding Alumni Award, which recognizes exemplary professional achievement.

Cox is searching information about his childhood and is seeking stories to add to his book. He can be reached at work at 1-800-225-2355, extension 8307, or at home at 741-429-6596. E-mail to charles.cox2@utvs.com, or mail to Charles Cox, 83 Riverside Drive, Norwell, MA 02061-2224.

The Big Spring Sing will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event, sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, is marking its silver anniversary. There is no admission charge. The public is invited. For more information, contact Walter Darrell Haden at whaden@utm.edu.
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Dyer County students receive UTM scholarships

Three Dyer County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Kimberly Bevis, the daughter of Edith Bevis of Newbern, will be a freshman. She received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship/Workshop.

Courtney Burton, the daughter of Earl and Shannan Burton of Newbern, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.

Cecily Tickle, the daughter of Steve and Karen Tickle of Dyersburg, will be a freshman. She received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship/Workshop.
Historical writing workshop slated

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of English, the West Tennessee Writing Project and the Tennessee Writers Alliance is sponsoring a writing workshop, "Writing, Researching, Writing." The workshop is from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., April 1, in the Bob Carroll Football Building on the campus of UT Martin. It is designed for writers dealing with family histories, genealogy, and community and county histories based on research. David Coffey, UT Martin associate professor of history; Terri Bolden of Trenton, and Margrethe Ahlswede, UT Martin professor of English, will lead the workshop. Morning coffee will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch is included.

Pre-registration is requested prior to March 24. After March 24, call for space available. Registration (including morning coffee and lunch) is $30; TWA members, $25; Students $15. To register: send name, address, and fee to Writing Workshop, P.O. Box 251, Martin, TN 38237.

For more information, contact Bill Ahlswede, 131H Humanities, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238; e-mail: bahlsl@utm.edu; or phone 881-587-7300.

UT Martin FFA nets ‘Outstanding Collegiate Award’

The University of Tennessee at Martin Collegiate FFA Chapter received Tennessee’s “Outstanding Collegiate FFA Chapter Award” for the second consecutive year at the recent FFA Alumni Convention in Montgomery Bell State Park.

Jason Head, Clarksville, Tenn., won first place in the collegiate interview competition, and Brittany Cole, Atoka; Allison Martinez, Murfreesboro; Bonnie Fakes, Lebanon; and Ryan Inman, Parsons; each received a $500 scholarship from the Tennessee FFA Foundation.

Dr. James Butler Jr., associate professor of agricultural education, is chapter adviser.

UTM ECCE to offer private horsemanship

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and the Women's Equestrian Team will offer Beginning Horsemanship English/Western Riding Lessons.

Individual lessons will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship to include handling, grooming, equipment, riding Western/English and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being.

The instructors for the class are the UT Martin equestrian team coaches, Meghan Cunningham (Hunt) and Kristen McDonald (Western). To schedule a lesson(s), contact Cunningham at 731-881-7273 or McDonald at 731-881-7261.

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

DONATION OF PRINTS

The University of Tennessee at Martin has received a gift to two Peter Max serigraph prints from Gary and Gloria Mansfield, of Martin, left. The prints, Statue of Liberty #1 and #2, have been placed in the Paul Meek Library near the Government Documents collection. Gloria Mansfield is a UT Martin instructor of geology and Gary Mansfield is a UT Martin Department of Chemistry academic support specialist III. Pictured with them is Steve Rogers, right, director of library services. (Photos submitted)
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Travel study planned

The University of Tennessee at Martin has developed a travel-study to Eastern Canada, slated for May 15-29.

Participants will visit the capital, Ottawa, then go to Montreal, one of North America's most dynamic cities, and Quebec City, a walled city with a distinct European flavor overlooking the St. Lawrence River.

The cost of the travel-study program is $2,500 which includes all transportation, double-occupancy hotels, admissions to all planned activities and a daily buffet breakfast.

For more information, contact Dr. Paul Crapo, director of the Center for Global Studies and International Education, at 731-881-1023 or pcrapo@utm.edu.
Republican dream looks like nightmare from other side

By RICHARD CHESTEEN

I was so excited after I read Glenda Caudle's article in Friday's Messenger that afterwards, I had to change my underwear.

You see I am a senior citizen and sometimes I just cannot contain myself. All the good news she was writing about just really got to me. But then I made the dumb mistake of reading the newspaper and actually listening to that dastardly news on CBS and CNN. I knew I shouldn't. My doctor had warned me that all that biased news could upset me and cause me to have a stroke. I should have stayed tuned to Fox News. Those sweet guys. God has surely blessed us with such intelligent and unbiased report—er...I mean commentators. Bill O'Reilly. I am telling you, he is John Wayne reincarnated.

Anyway, you cannot believe the filth and untruths I exposed myself to. I had stomach cramps and headaches all weekend. Let me tell you some of the things that liberal atheistic media had the audacity to tell me. First, they had to go and remind me that we were beginning our fourth year of our military engagement in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Next thing you know they will be reminding me that this is as long as we were in Korea and close to as long as we were actually engaging North Vietnamese forces in South Vietnam. Then they had to go and remind me that the cost of the Iraq War was over $200 billion and counting. Well the cost of "freedom" is not cheap. Next, they had the nerve to go and tell me about the some 2,100 troops that have died there and the over 15,000 more seriously wounded. But I know of "straight shooting" Vice President Dick Cheney is right when he says we are seeing the last days of resistance. After all, look at Afghanistan. We got rid of the Taliban there and restored "democracy." However, I am still bothered by the article in the newspaper today telling how an Afghan Muslim who converted to Christianity 16 years ago is now being charged with criminal behavior under the law now in effect and he could be put to death if he does not renounce this "heathenistic" behavior. I am sure that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is seeing that there is no truth to this media fabrication. (Probably a Washington Post reporter.)

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is right. If the liberal media would just shut up about the number of people killed daily, we will have a military victory and democracy will be installed in Iraq. Just because the former military major general who was responsible for training Iraqi security forces is now calling for Mr. Rumsfeld to step down, a former national security adviser says it is time to wind the war down and the former American backed Iraqi prime minister is claiming Iraq is in a state of civil war, who are these people to doubt the positive reports coming from our military generals in Iraq? No one who is a government official has lied yet about the situation in Iraq either before or since our invasion of that country, so why would they now? These nattering nabobs of negativism have been around ever since former Vice President Spiro Agnew exposed them during the administration of President Dick Nixon.

What really gets my goat is when the liberal media starts claiming that leaders in my own Republican party in Congress are turning against the president. I refuse to listen to or read such unadulterated crap. Just because the president is at a record low in public opinion polls and a majority of Americans say they don't trust him anymore, is that any reason to doubt or abandon our leader? I can see why the Democrats distanced themselves from Bill Clinton considering all the horrible things he did as president. But look at our president. He is not a true Godly leader, then I don't know what is. He speaks with such poise and confidence. Have you ever seen a man who believes more in himself? No wonder he refuses to read or listen to the news as long as he keeps praying.

The man already knows it all. I just wish the rest of the idiots in the world would give this man a break. Oh well, Churchill had his critics, too.

Oh I know some naysayer is going to go and start talking about the budget and the national debt. Someone is always bringing up money. Sure we need our national debt limit over $700 billion last week and admitted are selling much of it to foreign investors. And, yes, when Bush came in as president we had an annual surplus of nearly $300 billion and planned to eliminate the national debt in 10 years. But, just because it only took Bush five years to wipe out the annual surplus and sink us $3 trillion more in debt in five years, a feat it took Ronald Reagan eight years to do, John Tanner and those Blue Dog Democrats are piling on. You would think it was their money the president was spending. What is the big deal anyway? Our children and grandchildren are going to be the ones to pay it off, so let the good times roll.

After all, how can we really have capitalism if the rich don't get richer? Look at our oil executives. Bless their hearts. Some want to blame them for excess profits. Look at how rich those Arab sheiks are. Can you not appreciate the fact that it is embarrassing for our executives to have to settle for second fiddle?

What is important is that we now have so much security in America today. Never mind that the first true test of the effectiveness of the Department of Homeland Security was a miserable failure in its response to Katrina.

So what if the FBI can't get its act together. I am sure when it finally figures out how to purchase a computer system that works and decides to hire some agents who speak Arabic, we will be much safer. Who cares if our telephones are illegally tapped or our public library records are subject to government scrutiny without our knowledge? What patriotic American is seriously concerned if we have Republican attorneys in the Justice Department who have interpreted the Constitution to allow President Bush, as Commander in Chief, to do whatever he wants? Sure some federal attorneys are going to blow our cases against the terrorists we have caught because they violate basic judicial ethical codes, but who is perfect?

Good God was that a nightmare I just had? What came over me? I dreamed I was a Republican. I had this illusion that America was heading in the right direction under George Bush. I saw the income gap in America disappearing, more manufacturing jobs, the minimum wage increased, poverty reduced and the environment being protected. I believed that the privacy rights of all Americans were better assured with the new appointee to the Supreme Court. I saw an American who was not "addicted to oil." I envisioned a world made more democratic and safer as our president marched ever forward with his policy of "preemptive war." But, now I know how glad Dorothy felt when she awoke from her dream in Kansas.

There are the forces of evil out there. However, as long as we have leaders like the tin man, the scarecrow and the lion, how securely can we can go forth? I just wish the Wizard of Oz had not been an illusion. May God bless our nation and keep it safe.

Editor's note: Richard Chesteen, a professor at the University of Tennessee at Martin, is a former chairman of the Obion County Democratic Party.
County students receive UTM scholarships

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

Included are:
- Benjamin Dodd, son of Randy and La Jean Dodd of Trenton, will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.
- Julie Joyner, daughter of William and Terrie Joyner of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the College Cheerleader and Training Scholarship.
- Matthew McNabb, son of Ken and Mitzi McNabb of Trenton, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Megan Petty, daughter of Brian and Kristi Petty of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship and the College Cheerleader and Training Scholarship.
- Madison Sturgeon, daughter of Eddie Sturgeon and Kim Sturgeon of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship and the College Cheerleader and Training Scholarship.
- Amanda Hilliard, daughter of Doug and Theresa Hilliard of McKenzie and Mark and Paula Farris of Dyer, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.
- Sara Phifer, daughter of Bobby and Emily Phifer of Milan, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.
- Dwaine and Lisa Phillips of Humboldt, will be a freshman. He received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.
- Kasi Smith, daughter of Jeffrey and Madalyn Smith of Humboldt, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor’s Award.
- Cassandra Vincent, daughter of Clark Vincent and Missy Hopper, both of Humboldt, will be a freshman. She received the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship and the College Cheerleader and Training Scholarship.

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

Student recital

Linda Farmer, a graduate of Dresden high school and a senior at the University of Tennessee Martin, will present a piano recital at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Hatten Auditorium of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will include Debussy’s “L’isle Jolyne,” Liszt’s “Un Sospiro,” Mozart’s “Sonata in D, K. 284,” Benjamin Lees’ “Fantasia,” and three sonatas by Scarlatti.

LOCAL STUDENT HONORED — Lindsey Beth Hughes (center) of Union City, a member of Chi Omega sorority, received a University Service Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Greek Awards Ceremony held during Greekfest 2006. The award went to Greeks who have been an important part of UT Martin student life, through their chapter, the Greek council or through involvement on campus. The award was presented by Camille Holcomb, UT Martin 2006 National Panhellicen Council public relations chair, and Louis Ragsdale, UT Martin coordinator of Greek life and student organizations. Shown congratulating Ms. Hughes are UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan (left) and UT Martin Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Tom Rakes.
Spanish seminar for bankers set for next month at UT Martin

A Spanish seminar for banking professionals is planned for April 26 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE), the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and the Tennessee Bankers Association, the seminar will be from 1-4:30 p.m. in Room 111 of Boling University Center.

The cost is $165, which includes a banking handbook and refreshments.

To register, call the ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.

Seminar participants will learn to use familiar phrases and greetings, utilize key "question words" to obtain needed information, use communication techniques to find out what products best fit each Hispanic customer's needs, better understand Hispanic culture, habits and beliefs as they relate to banking and how to obtain follow-up training and support when working with a growing Hispanic customer base.

The instructor will be Eduardo Gumbicio, a native of Cochabamba, Bolivia, who received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas A&M University.

He managed a lending business services company for 11 years prior to opening his customized Spanish training company, Hablemos.

Hablemos provides customized language and cultural training programs that teach how to better communicate.

EARNS AWARD — Adam Johnson (center) of Union City, a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, received a University Service Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Greek Awards Ceremony held during Greekfest 2006. The award went to Greeks who have been an important part of UT Martin student life, through their chapter, the Greek councils or through involvement on campus. The award was presented by Camille Holcomb, UT Martin 2006 National Panhellenic Council public relations chair, and Louis Ragsdale, UT Martin coordinator of Greek life and student organizations. Shown congratulating Johnson are UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan (left) and UT Martin Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Tom Rakes.
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Knoxville News Sentinel: UT's Pearl named finalist for Naismith coach award
CSTV.com: Lady Volunteer volleyball has season to remember
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NEW ROTARY OFFICERS — The Martin Rotary Club recently updated their officer positions for the 2005-06 year, and the following officers will serve during the 2006-07 year: (from left) Louis Ragsdale, treasurer; Josh Moore, secretary; Carol Reed, president and George Daniel, vice president. The Martin Club meets at noon every Thursday in the UT Martin Boling University Center. For more information visit www.martinrotary.org.

McDaniel receives UT Martin award

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Tour of China

A tour of China, planned for June 4-18, will feature sites in Beijing and Shanghai, among others. This trip will require at least 10 travelers, with a maximum of 20. The cost of transportation, lodging, several meals, visas and guides is approximately $3,200.

For more information, contact John Overby at joverby@utm.edu or phone at 881-7288.
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Canadian film series kicks off at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Modern Foreign Languages will sponsor a Canadian film series. All films will be shown at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center on campus. The first film, "Margaret's Museum," will be shown March 31. "My Uncle Antoine" will be shown April 4 and "The Barbarian Invasions" will be shown April 7.

"Margaret's Museum" is set on the coast of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. It provides an in-depth view of daily life in the 1930s of a small community which cherishes its Scottish traditions and culture. Margaret, the main character, has suffered through the death of her father and brother, both of whom perished while working as coal miners. She has subsequently developed a hatred for the mines, which provide the region's primary source of economic support. When she finds herself attracted to a charming stranger, Neil, she is happy and relieved to learn that he has no plans to work in the mines. Soon after their marriage, financial difficulties force Neil to go back on his word and return to the mines. Rebell ing against the harsh reality which hems her in, Margaret decides to create an unusual museum to show the world the "true price of coal." This film is in English and will be introduced by Angelina MacKewn, UT Martin assistant professor.

"My Uncle Antoine" is Claude Jutra's lyrical masterpiece about the coming-of-age of a 15-year-old boy in a small Quebec village in the eastern townships. It is one of the most influential Canadian films ever made. Jutra filmed "My Uncle Antoine" on location in the backwoods of Quebec, using many of the local inhabitants.

The result is a gentle, nostalgic and deeply moving film which contrasts the traditional lifestyles of the Quebecers with the encroachment of the modern industrial world and evokes universal truths about death, fear, love and desire. The film will be shown in French with English subtitles. It will be introduced by Dr. Lucia Florido, UT Martin assistant professor.

"The Barbarian Invasions" is a film that centers on a dissolute Quebec history professor named Remy, who is diagnosed with terminal cancer. His friends and colleagues, former wife and former lovers gather with him at a lakeside cottage to prepare a gourmet feast and help him depart this world in style. Despite the sad plot, the film is at times funny and heartwarming, as the main character, confronted by his own mortality, passes his career and life in review. This award-winning film was directed by Quebec's leading filmmaker, Denys Arcand. It will be shown in French with English subtitles and introduced by Dr. Robert Peckham, UT Martin professor.

The series is free and open to the public. It is funded by the UT Martin College of Humanities and Fine Arts and by a Canadian Government Program Enhancement Grant.

Euphonium recital to be presented

Jason Eckford, of Jackson, a senior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will present a euphonium recital at 8 tonight, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus. Delana Easley will accompany him on standard works by Thor Ritter George, Philip Sparke and Herbert Clarke. At the end of the recital, Eckford will be joined by three other performers. They will end the recital with two works for tuba-euphonium quartet - "Requiem for a Little Dead Cat" by Ernst-Thilo Kalke and the rousing "Tubamobile" by Thor Ritter George.

Canadian speaker to come to UTM

Dr. Pierre-André Tremblay, professor of sociology at the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi, the University of Tennessee at Martin's partner institution in Quebec, will visit UT Martin.

As part of his campus visit, he will give a lecture, "Contemporary Quebec: Social Changes and the Affirmation of National Identity" from 4:30-5:30 p.m., March 29, in the Norman Campbell Auditorium in the Andy Holt Humanities Building. This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice and the Center for Global Studies and International Education.

Even as late as the 1950s, Quebec was still a rural, somewhat inward-looking society, strictly regulated by the Church (in education and social welfare). By the turn of the century, it had become the most liberal society on the continent, with the "modern" welfare state completely displacing the Church in its traditional social and educational roles. As it evolved through these social changes in the so-called "Quiet Revolution," Quebec also began affirming a distinct "national" identity, which found partial expression in the separatist movement.

In his lecture, Dr. Tremblay will discuss both Quebec's social and political "agendas" and will show how, at times, they coincide while, at others, they diverge and actually conflict with one another. He has pursued extensive research on contemporary Quebec society and has contributed much to the Web "encyclopedia" on Quebec (supported by the provincial government and several universities), called "Panorama du Quebec."

"He is a knowledgeable, dynamic speaker," said Dr. Paul Crapo, director of the UT Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education, "and his remarks should be informative and thought-provoking." This event is free of charge, and the general public is invited to attend.

For more information, call 881-1023.
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**Spanish seminar planned**

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**ROPING COWBOY** — Union City Elementary School student Aidan McKenna learned how to rope, even if it was a cowboy, during the University of Tennessee at Martin Farm Festival held in the McWherter Agricultural Complex. Students had the opportunity to interact with milk cows, beef cattle, chickens, sheep, pigs, horses and llamas. They also participated in interactive educational displays and equipment to learn just how and where the foods they eat come from.

**FARM VISIT** — Union City Elementary School students Makale Speed and Karen Sanchez got a chance to feed a horse at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Farm Festival held in the McWherter Agricultural Complex recently. The students, along with their classmates, were able to also interact with milk cows, beef cattle, chickens, sheep, pigs and llamas. While there, they participated in interactive educational displays.
THE LLAMAWHISPERERS — J.D. Cain and Krystal Blankenship, students at Union City Elementary School, talked to a llama during the University of Tennessee at Martin Farm Festival held in the McWherter Agricultural Complex recently. The school’s pre-K class and seven kindergarten classes attended the event, where they also saw milk cows, beef cattle, chickens, sheep, pigs and horses.

Local children enjoy UT Martin Farm Festival

Did you hear the one about the llama? - Hannah McCroskey, Martin Primary School student, shares a funny moment with a llama during the recent Farm Festival. The festival is an educational program for children, sponsored by the UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Center of Excellence for Experiential Learning in Agriculture. The festival, at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex on campus, included pig art work, wildlife identification, farm equipment, a petting zone with farm animals and games.

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Vanguard Theatre presents
"Voices of the South"

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Vanguard Theatre will present "Voices of the South" at 8 p.m., April 21, 22, 28 and 29 in the Lab Theatre, Room 127, in the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus. The Voices of the South Theatre Company will stage two narrative theatre presentations on those dates and also will present a workshop on narrative theatre at 1:00 p.m., April 22, in the Lab Theatre.

Known for lyrical stagings of classic southern literature, "Voices of the South" brings audiences an evening of theatre dedicated to the inspiring words of two great Southern literary minds. These performances will feature "Voices of the South" founders, Alice Berry and Jenny Odle Madden, in Eudora Welty's, "One Writer's Beginnings" and Memphis author Eleanor Glaze's "Humming Song."

Eudora Welty was in her mid-70s when she pinned her autobiography, "One Writer's Beginnings," a memoir dedicated to her parents. A southern voice, Welty writes with clarity and wit to give a glimpse into her childhood and her beginnings as a writer. Welty won most of the major literary prizes during her career, including the Pulitzer Prize and the French Légion d'Honneur.

Memphis writer Eleanor Glaze uses images and songs of Memphis to weave a narrative tale about the city of the blues. This story flows like a river as remembrances of the past are woven with the complexities of the present. Her use of metaphor helps audiences remember a time when the Memphis Zoo was almost demolished. She also recalls the inferno that the city felt when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

Glaze says it best with, "Ole Dixie. In one and the same breath, we damn and praise."

Tickets will be sold at the door only; seating is general. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and children. The workshop is free. For more information, contact Doug Cook, professor and chair of the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at UT Martin, at 731-881-7406.

From left, Alice Berry and Jenny Odle Madden perform "One Writer's Beginnings." The Voices of the South Theatre Company was founded in 1995 by Berry and Madden. It is a not-for-profit theatre company of actors, directors, writers, musicians and visual artists, who are dedicated to producing new theatrical works in a unique style that makes the heart and soul of the Southern identity come alive for audiences of all ages.

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Instructor will be Eduardo Gumucio, a native of Cochabamba, Bolivia. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas A&M University. He managed a lending business services company for 11 years prior to opening his customized Spanish training company, Hablemos.

Hablemos provides customized language and cultural training programs that teach how to better communicate. The words and phrases learned can be used immediately with Spanish-speaking customers.
David Johnson Chorus featured in Southern Living magazine

The David Johnson Chorus is featured in the Tennessee Living section of the April issue of Southern Living, bringing national recognition to the local singing group. The chorus formed in 1998 as the result of a high school class reunion. The group, composed of former Dresden High School chorus members, as well as others added in later, performs in communities in the Tennessee and Kentucky area, as well as at important events in other states, including Washington, D.C.

By David Fisher
Staff Reporter

The efforts of The David Johnson Chorus have not gone unnoticed. In August of 2005, the editor of Southern Living magazine visited Dresden to attend a rehearsal and talk with chorus members about the group's history, organizational structure, the types of songs they sing, and the types of venues they perform at. After interviewing the group, the editor assigned a photographer to attend a concert held at the Parthenon in Nashville in September of 2005.

As a result of the interview and photo session, the group was featured in the Tennessee Living section of the April 2006 edition of Southern Living magazine. The five-page article and photo spread highlights how the group came to be, noting that it is currently composed of 40 members, many from former Dresden High School choral groups dating back as far as 1974; that reunited years later to form The David Johnson Chorus.

The article also acknowledges that the group is composed of other members who were added in recent years. It states that the birth of the group came in 1998, "when former chorus member Gail Crawford thought the old chorus could make a special appearance at the banquet. She called David to see if he would return to direct. He was flattered, of course, but concerned about how his former students would sound when he joined them for their first rehearsal." But David Johnson stated that when the group hit the first chord, "something went through every person there." "We looked at each other in amazement," Gail recalled. "Some of us were crying." This was the beginning of the non-profit group that came to be known as The David Johnson Chorus. The songs they sing range from gospel hymns to contemporary country, show tunes, pop and other crowd favorites.

The author of the article points out that sometimes the group sings to a sound track or a cappella, and other times with various symphonies to accompany them. Their venues include performances at: festivals; children's hospitals such as LeBonheurs and St. Jude; veterans' homes including Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed Hospital; Arlington National Cemetery; and the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The article also mentions that David Johnson, who served as chorus director of Dresden High School all those many years ago while still a music major in college, continues to lead his former students, as well as newer members, in bringing joyful sounds to others. Members come from across northwest Tennessee and western Kentucky and from all walks of life - business owners, nurses, teachers, students, homemakers, factory laborers, and farmers. They share a desire to work hard, sing beautifully, and have fun doing it, and want to share their music-making with like-minded singers. Members include: Weakley County
Teachers sought for program to enhance American History education

West Tennessee teachers may still apply for a program funded by a $981,949 grant to enhance student knowledge and achievement in American History by improving their own knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the subject.

The Teaching American History grant is part of Tennessee’s $3.5 million allocation through the U.S. Department of Education. Partners include the Dyersburg City School System, the University of Tennessee at Martin, the Pink Palace Museum, the Professional Development Center in Dyersburg, the Tennessee State Library and Archives and other West Tennessee school systems.

Sixty teachers from grades four or five, eight, 11 or 12 will be included in the program, which will provide professional development enabling them to develop further expertise in traditional American history content, teaching strategies and other essential elements of teaching to higher standards.

The goal of the program is to demonstrate how school districts and institutions with expertise in American history can collaborate over a three-year period to ensure that teachers develop the knowledge and skills necessary to teach traditional American history in an exciting and engaging way.

The fact that participating teachers will be depositing teaching modules with the Professional Development Center will allow teachers from throughout the region access to their experiences and impressions.

The Teaching American History Grant program is a discretionary grant program funded under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Teachers interested in participating in the professional development program may contact Dr. Dan McDonough, grant project director, at 1-731-881-7466.

UT Martin continues work with Tennessee Math and Science Partnership Grant

West Tennessee middle school teachers may still apply for the Institutes for Middle Grade Science Education in West Tennessee (IMEGS), made available by the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Education at the University of Tennessee at Martin in partnership with 11 school districts in West Tennessee. The $1,095,769 program is funded through the Tennessee Department of Education.

Dr. Michael Gibson, professor in the Department of Geology, Geography and Physics, serves IMEGS as project director. Dr. Brenda Gulledge, assistant professor and chair, Department of Educational Studies, and Marcia Coleman, eighth grade science teacher, West Carroll Junior/Senior High School, are co-project directors for the project.

IMEGS will offer two-week summer institutes with supporting follow-up throughout the following year. A potential total of 108 teachers will receive instruction from eight science faculty and two education faculty spanning life sciences, earth and planetary science, physical science and chemistry designed to help middle school science teachers reach content proficiency in all of these areas. The content also will stress inquiry-based learning techniques. Participants can accrue up to nine hours of graduate science credit and six hours of corresponding education graduate credit.

Teachers also will participate in at least one follow-up content workshop at the annual Tennessee Science Teachers Association (TSTA) meeting as part of the program and will receive teaching kits for their classrooms.

Field and laboratory learning is stressed using facilities associated with the UT Martin campus, the Reelfoot Biological Station and Coon Creek Science Center.

Post-institute instruction will include asynchronous online content delivery and intensive daylong sessions run in conjunction with the TSTA annual meeting. Emphasis of IMEGS is increased content knowledge of teacher participants as demonstrated through teacher performance in the program and increased student achievement.

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For more information, contact the Department of Music at (731) 881-7402.
Music exec will speak

Myles Luster, Warner/Elektra/Atlantic Corp. regional sales manager/urban music, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Communications Career Day Awards and Recognition banquet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Communications Career Day, which also includes a career fair, is designed to bridge the gap between the university and communications professions. Area communications professionals are also invited to attend.

Luster graduated from UT Martin in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in communications. He was a UT Martin football player during the 1986 and 1987 seasons and, in 1988, was a student assistant football coach of wide receivers, the year the team went 11-2 and was Gulf South Conference champion.

He has served as an account merchandising representative, field marketing representative and sales representative prior to assuming his current position in 1999. He has received several awards, including the Warner/Elektra/Atlantic Corp. Regional Sales Manager/Urban Music of the Year in 2002.

The luncheon will be held in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center. The career fair is slated from 1:45-3 p.m. in Boling University Center, Rooms 206ABC. Students will be able to view displays and talk with professionals.

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UT Martin holds conference for working women

"The Balancing Act of Juggling Life’s Many Roles" was the theme of the eighth annual Conference for Working Women at the University of Tennessee Martin. Sponsored by the WestStar Leadership Program in partnership with the UT Martin College of Business and Public Affairs and the Clayton McWhorter Foundation, the conference is designed to appeal to working women in West Tennessee. Three women were recognized for attending all eight conferences. Pictured with Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor and WestStar executive director, and Virginia Grimes, right, WestStar Leadership Program, were Diane Merritt, Martin; Dorothy Payne, Little Rock, Ark., mother of Tom Payne, UT Martin Horace and Lyda Kay Ferree, Jackson.

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Tennessee Writers Alliance sponsors writing workshop

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of English, the West Tennessee Writing Project and the Tennessee Writers Alliance are sponsoring a writing workshop.

"Writing, Researching, Writing" will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday in the Bob Carroll Football Building on the UTM campus.

It is designed for writers dealing with family histories, genealogy and community and county histories based on research.

UTM associate professor of history David Coffey, Terri Bolden of Trenton and UTM professor of English Margrethe Ahlschwede will lead the workshop.

Morning coffee will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch is included.

Space is limited.

Registration (including morning coffee and lunch) is $30 or $25 for TWA members or $15 for students.

To register, send name, address, and fee to Writing Workshop, P.O. Box 251, Martin, TN 38237.

For more information, contact Bill Ahlschwede with UTM's humanities department at billahls@utm.edu or 881-587-7300.

Rodeo ready

The Weakley County press has put together a special edition devoted to the bronc riding, steer wrestling rodeo fans. Check out the inside of this edition of The Press for the special section.

Candidate forum at UTM set for April 11

"Forum on the Future," an event featuring candidates for contested countywide elections in the Weakley County May Primary Election, will be at 7 p.m., April 11, in Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event is free and open to the public.

The forum is being sponsored by Weakley County WestStar alumni, and the Student Government Association, LEAD Academy and American Democracy Project at UT Martin. Bud Grimes, UT Martin director of university relations, will be the moderator.

Candidates in contested races include the following: county mayor, Ron Gifford, incumbent, and Houston Patrick, challenger; county trustee, Donald Doster, incumbent, and challenger, Tony Prince and Patsy Mangum.

The candidates for county trustee will be featured first, followed by the county mayor candidates. The formats will be the same. Candidates will be given three to five minutes for an introduction and then Grimes will read previously submitted questions. Candidates will have two to three minutes to respond with no rebuttals. At the conclusion of each segment, there will be time for two questions from the audience, with the candidates' responses lasting two to three minutes.

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Opera scenes to be staged

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will present opera scenes of Engelbert Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" at 8 p.m., April 8, and 3 p.m., April 9, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

Students from the UT Martin Lyric Operas Theatre will perform. The performers include Rachel Chadwick, of Martin, as Gretel; Kimberley Kraft, of Martin, as Hansel; Sarah Lemons, of Brentwood, as Mother; Blair Chadwick, of Dickson, as Father; Erin Horton, of Murfreesboro, as Sandman and Gretel understudy; Elizabeth Kate Patterson, of Ripley, as Sandman understudy; Sarah Ann Jenkins, of Cordova, as Dew Fairy; Heather Cheatham, of Dresden, as Dew Fairy understudy; Rosalyn Michelle Lake, of Millington, as the Witch; and Derrick Casey, of Humboldt, as the narrator.

The public is invited. Admission is $3. Children younger than 12 are admitted free. For more information, contact the Department of Music at 881-7402.

Famous author visits UTM

The UTM chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists will be hosting a book signing with renowned author, Darren Lee.

Lee will promote her new book, "When Hell Freezes Over." She will also showcase her other works, including "What Goes Around Comes Around," "All That and a Bag of Chips," and "Been There Done That."

The author will talk with students and guests about her career and give advice for aspiring writers. This event will be from 1-3 p.m., April 3, at the UTM bookstore in the University Center.

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INTRODUCTION TO ACTING

5 p.m. Tuesday for adults and 5 p.m. Thursdays, through April 6 for students, ages 7 and older at UT Martin. No classes on March 14 or 16. The fee is $45. To register, call 881-7082 or (800) 482-5199.

BEGINNING YOGA

5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through April 25 at UT Martin, Cost: $55.

YOGA AND YOU

5:30 p.m. Mondays through April 24 at Extended Campus and Continuing Education at UT Martin. Ken Zimmerman will lead the class. Fee: $55. (800) 482-5199.

UT Martin All Sing to benefit Habitat For Humanity

The University of Tennessee at Martin 46th annual All Sing competition, featuring student organizations singing gospel, is set for 7 p.m., April 8, at the Skyhawk Fieldhouse. The event is sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega and Phi Mu Alpha.

Advanced ticket prices are $8 for reserved seating and $5 for general admission. Tickets are on sale and may be purchased at the information desk in Boling University Center.

All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

For more information, contact Steve Vantrease at 881-7766 or stevev@utm.edu.

Teachers sought for grants

West Tennessee middle school teachers may still apply for the Institutes for Middle Grade Science Education in West Tennessee (IMEGS), made available by the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Education at the University of Tennessee at Martin in partnership with 11 school districts in West Tennessee.

The $1,095,769 program is funded through the Tennessee Department of Education.

IMEGS will offer two-week summer institutes with supporting follow-up throughout the following year.

A potential total of 108 teachers will receive instruction from eight science faculty and two education faculty spanning life sciences, earth and planetary science, physical science and chemistry designed to help middle school science teachers reach content proficiency in all of these areas. The content also will stress inquiry-based learning techniques.

Participants may accrue up to nine hours of graduate science credit and six hours of corresponding education graduate credit.

Teachers will also participate in at least one follow-up content workshop at the annual Tennessee Science Teachers Association (TSTA) meeting as part of the program and will receive teaching kits for their classrooms. Field and laboratory learning is stressed using facilities associated with the UT Martin campus, the Reelfoot Biological Station and Coon Creek Science Center.

Post-institute instruction will include asynchronous online content delivery and intensive daylong sessions run in conjunction with the TSTA annual meeting.
The Sun's publisher among honorees for civil rights

Eleven people were honored during the sixth annual Conference on Civil Rights at the University of Tennessee Martin, Feb. 20-25. The conference examined the impact of African-American leadership that shaped the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s in West Tennessee and the nation. Pictured are (from left), seated, Jocelyn Dan Wurzburg, Cynthia Bond Hopson, Betty R. Douglas, Carrie Darnell Powell, Nick Dunagan, Guy Carawan and Candie Carawan. Standing: Ray Stevenson, representing Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., a conference sponsor; Alice-Catherine Carls, conference coordinator; Minnie Bommer, Theotis Robinson Jr.; and Ed Graves, publisher, The Jackson Sun, a conference sponsor. Not pictured: Michael S. Harper, the Rev. Freddie J. Powell (daughter Carrie Powell accepted award on his behalf) and Hattie Yarbrough (Minnie Bommer accepted award on her behalf).

Pre-K-3 Endorsements offered thru UTM

The Department of Educational Studies at the University of Tennessee at Martin will assist currently licensed public school teachers seeking an additional endorsement in Pre-K-3 by offering eight hours credit during the upcoming summer school session.

The special institute, designed for licensed teachers, will be held first summer session, June 5-July 7, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m.

This intensive three-week institute is limited to 25 participants.

For additional information, contact Dr. Brenda Gulledge, chair, Department of Educational Studies, (731) 881-7193.