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Advisor of the Year

- Louis Ragsdale, University of Tennessee at Martin coordinator for Greeklife, received the Dr. Tom Shoemaker Advisor of the Year Award at the recent Southeastern Interfraternity Council Annual Conference in Atlanta. More than 50 universities were represented at SEIFC. The award recognizes student affairs professionals who have demonstrated exceptional professional standards and achievements in fraternity advising in the southeastern region during the past year. Ragsdale has served as coordinator since 2003.
Westover Center for the Arts awarded a $25,000 grant

The Friends of Westover School is starting at the top.

The local non-profit organization has been awarded a $25,000 grant through the Tennessee Historical Commission's historic preservation fund — with the money to be used for a new roof and related repairs to the Westover Center for the Arts building.

Among those on hand Wednesday to officially announce the awarding of the grant was Brent Cox, a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission and an instructor of history for extended campus and dual credit at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Cox has been offering some advice on the Westover preservation project with the help of his son, Robert, who conducted much of the survey work for the Tennessee Historical Commission. He is also in the process of restoring an 1800s-era building himself.

Emily Elliston, president of the board for the Friends of Westover School, said Cox is the first person with an academic background to come in and assure the Friends group that the Westover building is worth saving.

She said the $25,000 grant from the Tennessee Historical Commission is a 60-40 matching grant that represents federal funds being administered through a state agency, which she said shows both state and federal support for the project.

Because it is a matching grant, Ms. Elliston said the Friends of Westover School is in need of monetary donations or the donation of roofing supplies and other construction-related materials, which would count toward the matching requirement. "This is a good time to give," she said.

The organization is also planning a yard sale fundraiser, as well as an arts and crafts bazaar May 9-10 at the former K-T Distributors building in Union City. Additional details will be announced closer to the events.

The Friends of Westover

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School leased the historic former Westover School at 314 West Florida Ave. in Union City on Aug. 1, 2006. After the Friends organization decided that the future use of the building would be an arts center, the Friends of Westover School changed its name to Westover Center for the Arts in order to clarify the new purpose of the building and facilitate fundraising.

The building dates back to at least 1879, according to Ms. Elliston.

Although the old school is basically sound, it needs further repair and cosmetic work, according to the Friends organization. The group's first order of business has been to get the structure ready for occupancy, with plans in the works to restore or retain as much of the historical character of the building as possible.

"This will both emphasize the historic quality of the building and keep costs to a minimum," according to those involved in the preservation effort.

The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001.

Most activities being planned for the renovated Westover Center for the Arts will be art-related, such as classes in painting, dance and various forms of art, according to Friends of Westover. These will be taught by local artists, who will also exhibit their work in the spacious rooms and hallways of the former school.

"The arts center will provide a central regional location in which the arts can flourish," the Friends organization has announced. "Opportunities in the arts will be provided for all ages. For example, the local senior citizens have expressed an interest. Children of all ages will be served as well. The facility will be made handicapped accessible."

Activities not directly related to the arts are slated to include rental or space for meetings, receptions, birthday parties and other events in order to generate funds to pay utility bills, insurance and upkeep on the building. The Friends organization feels this will fulfill a need in the area for attractive space available at a reasonable cost for such events.

PRESERVING WESTOVER — The Friends of Westover School organization was recently awarded a $25,000 grant through the Tennessee Historical Commission's historic preservation fund. The restoration project for the Westover Center for the Arts focuses on building a new roof and associated repairs to the structure. Among those on hand for the announcement of the grant were Friends of Westover School board member (from left) Emily Elliston, president; Brent Cox, a history instructor at the University of Tennessee at Martin and a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission; and board members Judy Taylor, treasurer; DeLise Johnson, secretary; Barbara McKay, assistant secretary; and Charles Callis, a volunteer for the Westover preservation project. Not pictured is Faye Buckner, who is also involved in the preservation effort.
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HYDE SPEAKS TO STUDENTS ABOUT JAPAN — Tom Hyde, president of Management Recruiters Japanese, of Murfreesboro, recently delivered a lecture on “Japan: Our Forgotten Partner,” at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Hyde, a UT Martin alumnus, took advantage of university travel-study programs in Spain, Japan, Israel and China when he was in college. Hyde’s company, MRJapanese, has a long and successful track record of placing professionals with competence in Japanese and English in U.S. and Japanese companies needing bilingual employees. Pictured from left are Hyde and Nicole Jones, of Greenfield. Hyde is a former Greenfield resident.

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES WHO’S WHO HONOR AT UT MARTIN — Joseph Travis, center, of Martin, recently received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who’s Who Awards Ceremony. Travis is a member of Gamma Beta Phi and the Financial Management Association. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
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Central Students Win UT-Martin Contest

MARTIN, Tenn., March 10, 2008

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Book signing set

Shirley Applewhite Moore, author of “Reelfoot Lake, A Night Rider’s Legacy,” will have a book signing 2-4 p.m. March 31 in Paul Meek Library at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Ms. Moore’s grandfather, Sam Applewhite, was one of the Night Riders. The book is being released 100 years after the Night Rider trial.

For more information, contact Karen Elmore, library associate, at (731) 881-7094.
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Milan, Medina students receive UTM scholarships

Eleven Gibson County students, including several from the Milan/Medina area, have been awarded scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

- Rachel Bates, daughter of Robin Bates of Medina and Richard Bates, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.
- Jack Fields III, son of Jack and Jane Fields of Milan, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Kenneth Hilliard, son of Kenneth and Betty Hilliard of Milan, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- John Szopinski, son of Jim and Linda Szopinski of Milan, will be a freshman. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Allison Todd, daughter of Kevin Todd of Milan and Kay Lenard of Medina, will be a freshman. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Award.
- Lauren White, daughter of Norman and Pamela White of Medina, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor’s Award.

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UTM student station recognized

WUTM FM 90.3, “The Hawk,” the student campus station at the University of Tennessee at Martin, was recently named the Best College Radio Station in the Best in South awards held at the 22nd annual convention of the Southeast Journalism Conference on the campus of the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

The radio station from the University of Mississippi was awarded second place in the competition.

“We are honored that WUTM has been named the best college radio station in the south for 2007,” said Richard Robinson, instructor of communications and faculty adviser for the station. “We’re delighted that our students have been recognized for their hard work and are also appreciative for the support of our listeners, the communications department and the university administration.”

The current executive staff members of WUTM are Stephanie Ryan of Clarksville, program and news director; Lauren Wray of Wingo, Ky., business and traffic director; Beau Grant of Covington, sports and remote broadcast director; and Ben Hogan of Memphis, support and development director.

Colleges and universities from the seven-state region attending the event included Arkansas State University, Austin Peay State University, Belmont University, Jacksonville State University, Louisiana Tech University, Loyola University-New Orleans, Middle Tennessee State University, Mississippi College, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Northwest Mississippi Community College, Samford University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Tech University, Troy University, Union University, University of Alabama-Birmingham, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Memphis, University of Mississippi, University of Montevallo, University of Southern Mississippi, University of West Alabama and Vanderbilt University.

In addition to current popular music, WUTM airs campus-based programs, including sports broadcasts of UT Martin athletic contests, academic speakers and campus events. Campus news is gathered, written and delivered by communications students.

Three public affairs programs currently air weekly on WUTM. They include “Weakley Word,” hosted by Lauren Wray; “SGA Roundup,” hosted by Stephanie Ryan; and “Skyhawk Update,” hosted by Beau Grant, which features interviews with both coaches and athletes from all UT Martin sports.
UC STUDENT HONORED — Bradley Gregg (right) of Union City received the Outstanding Engineering Sophomore Student Award at the 42nd annual Engineering Awards Banquet recently held at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Dr. Rich Helgeson, chair of the Department of Engineering, presented the awards. The Outstanding Engineering Sophomore Student Award is presented to a sophomore student in the Department of Engineering who exemplifies outstanding academic and leadership achievements.

DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee, March 12, 2008

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Sarah Roberts, of Martin, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Roberts is a student conductor of the percussion ensemble and an officer of Sigma Alpha Iota. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Pictured with Roberts is Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor.

Browning receives Who's Who Honor at UT Martin

George Browning, of Dresden, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Browning is an officer of the Agronomy Club and the UT Martin Soil Judging Team. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Pictured with Browning is Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor.
Shobe receives Who's Who honor at UT Martin

Gregory Shobe, of Dresden, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Shobe is an officer of the Writer's Guild and founding member of the Japanese Animation and Research Society. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Pictured with Shobe is Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor.

Copeland receives Who's Who honor at UT Martin

Kristin Copeland, of Dresden, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Copeland is a recipient of the Dean's Scholarship and the Weakley County Teachers Scholarship. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Pictured with Copeland is Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor.

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John Britton, of Martin, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Britton is a Chancellor's Award recipient. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Pictured with Britton is Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor.
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Laura Leahy, of Martin, recently received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who’s Who Awards Ceremony. Leahy is a member of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, a UT Martin cheerleader and serves as student representative on the Disciplinary Hearing Committee. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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Nielsen receives Who’s Who honor at UTM

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Burcham receives Who's Who honor at UT Martin

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"Sarbanes-Oxley and the Future of American Business"

Former U.S. Senator of Maryland Paul Sarbanes, second from left, met with 24th District State Sen. Roy Herron and his sons, Rick, left, and John, right, when Sarbanes was at UT Martin to lecture as part of the Academic Speaker Series. As chair of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Sen. Sarbanes co-sponsored the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, creating stronger oversight boards, enacting stricter accounting standards and holding corporate leaders personally responsible for the accuracy of corporate financial reports.

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Henson senior percussion recital is March 17

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For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music, at 731-881-7418.
Spring Sing to be staged

The University of Tennessee at Martin will have its Spring Sing March 16, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the Harriet Fulton Fine and Performing Arts Theatre, for the 27th consecutive year.

Led by the trombone of University Professor emeritus of music E.J. Eaton, the Memory Makers will perform a half-hour of Dixieland, New Orleans gospel pieces and other instrumentals.

At 2 p.m., Henry County’s Yoder family of Cottage Grove will present old-time Mennonite hymns sung in a cappella.

The Yoders will be followed at 2:30 p.m. by Weakley County’s Melody Makers. The quartet, known for its southern gospel music, will make its 26th appearance on Spring Sing since the yearly series began in 1981.

Rutherford’s Davy Crockett Cabin curator Joe Bone will sing folk songs at 3 p.m., and also will play instruments used 200 years ago, such as the mountain dulcimer, Irish penny whistle, French harp, and guitar.

At 3:30 p.m., Professor emeritus Elmer Counce and other volunteers of an “old-time quartet” will join voices with Modern Foreign Language Department Professor Dr. Robert Peckham. Their selections may include songs the retired agriculture professor learned at Lawrenceburg, Tenn., where he studied in the 1930s at the James D. Vaughan School of Music. “Tennessee Bob” will also accompany the group on his autoharp.

Dr. James Fieser of the UTM Department of Philosophy will play an acoustical guitar, accompanying twin violin instrumentals by his twin daughters, Emma and Michelle Fieser.

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UTM Spring Sing is Sun., March 16

On March 16, the University of Tennessee at Martin's Spring Sing takes center-stage at the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre for the 27th consecutive year.

Walter Darrell Haden, coordinator-founder of the sing, characterizes it as "three hours of variety music coming and going, once the show opens at 1:30."

Led by the trombone of University professor emeritus of music, E.J. Eaton, the Memory Makers swing out with a half-hour of Dixieland, New Orleans gospel pieces and other instrumental favorites. At 2 p.m., Henry County's Yoder Family of Cottage Grove presents old-time Mennonite hymns sung in a cappella harmony. They will be followed at 2:30 by Weakley County's Melody Makers. This quartet, known for its Southern Gospel music, will be making its 26th appearance on Spring Sing since the yearly series began in 1981. Featured are Wayne and Linda Perkins, his sister Virginia Verdell on piano, her husband Billy singing bass and their son Wendell, the tenor. At 3 p.m., Rutherford's Davy Crockett Cabin curator, Joe Bone, will sing folk songs and play some of the instruments in use 200 years ago as Crockett moved slowly west across Tennessee: the mountain dulcimer, the Irish penny whistle, the "French harp" and the guitar. Other folk musicians may join him as they play other period instruments.

At 3:30 p.m., professor emeritus, Elmer Counce, and other volunteers of an "old-time quartet" will join voices with Modern Foreign Language Department professor, Dr. Robert Peckham, who also will accompany the group on his autoharp. At 4 p.m., Dr. James Fieser, UT Martin professor of philosophy, will play acoustical guitar accompaniment for the violin instrumentalists of twin daughters, Emma and Michelle.

UT Martin's Spring Sing, sponsored by the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, is free and open to the public. Tim Barrington, UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts technical director, will produce Spring Sing's sound and lighting.

For more information, contact ECCE at 731-881-7082.

East Memphian Christopher Bouldin has been awarded a scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2008-09 academic year. He was provided with a Dean's Scholarship. Bouldin is the son of Leslie and Harold Bouldin.
Top students announced at Peabody High School

Kelly Wheeler, daughter of Kay Wheeler, is ranked first in her class with an average of 98.54 and a 4.0 GPA. Kelly has been a member of the Beta Club and Science Club for three years, and a member of the annual staff for two years. She has also been a member of the Spanish Club and History Club. Kelly has participated in the band program all four years of high school, including the Pep Band, Jazz Band, and the Annual Solo and Ensemble Festival at the University of Tennessee at Martin. She currently holds first chair of the trumpet section of the Peabody Band of Gold. She also recently became a member of the Community Band. Kelly has received an Academic Letter all four years of high school. She was voted an Outstanding Senior by her teachers, and she plans to attend UT Martin in the fall and major in psychology with a minor in business or religious study.

Hannah Leigh Cates, daughter of Mark and Rachel Cates, is ranked second in her class with an average of 98.3 and a 4.0 GPA. Hannah has been a member of the Peabody Band of Gold for four years and has attended many honor bands. She has been a member of the Beta Club and Science Club for three years. She has also been a member of the annual staff and Bible Club for two years and a member of the Spanish Club for one year. Hannah is currently a member of the History Club and the Gibson County Community Band. As a senior, she has been voted Band Geek by her classmates, Outstanding Senior by her teachers, and band lieutenant by her fellow band members. Hannah is a member of First Baptist Church of Trenton, and she is also a member of the youth group there. She plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall and major in psychology.

Jessica Claire Richardson, daughter of Kelly Fairless and Dana Richardson, is ranked fifth in her class. She has a 4.0 GPA with an overall average of 97.29 as well as a 28 composite score on the ACT. Jessica has been a member of the Beta Club, Science Club, Spanish Club, and the Pep Club. She has also been a three-year varsity soccer player and was a band member for three years. Jessica currently works at Eddie’s Pharmacy in Trenton. She is enrolled at Dyersburg State Community College in a duel credit English program and plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin this fall. Although Jessica’s career plans are undecided, she is sure that they will be focused around the medical field.

Haleigh Elizabeth Cole, daughter of Gerard and Cheryl Cole, is ranked sixth in her class with an average of 97.222 and a 4.0 cumulative GPA. She has recently been selected by the teachers at Peabody as an Outstanding Senior. She has been a member of the Beta, Science, Pep, Art, History and Spanish Clubs. She was elected class secretary her freshman, sophomore and junior years. She has also been a member of Junior Rotary and served as class representative her junior year. She has been on the Honor Roll for the past four years, receiving an Academic Letter. Haleigh is a graduate of the Gibson County Youth Leadership Program. She is currently serving as secretary of the Science Club, activities director for the Beta Club and in the Peer Buddy Program. Haleigh has been on the varsity football cheerleading squad for four years and served as captain her junior and senior years. She received the Merit Award her junior year. She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Trenton and participates in the youth group activities there. Haleigh plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall.
Students gain experience, give new look to campus computer store at UT Martin

Business students at the University of Tennessee at Martin recently took advantage of hands-on learning when they participated in a class project resulting in a new layout for the UT Martin computer store.

Dr. Kay Durden, professor emeritus in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems, includes a unit on office layout, ergonomics, budgeting and furniture and equipment selection in her Information Systems 462 Office Management course. This project is an annual component of the course in which students have designed layouts for areas across campus to give them real-world experience.

An employee of the store recommended the computer store in spring 2007.

Three teams of class members submitted designs. The store staff attended the presentations of their designs and was intrigued by the design of one team in particular. After reviewing a survey done in the past and making adjustments to the original design of the team, the store was reconstructed.

“We saw the design layout and knew it would be workable for the store,” said Susan Nanney, computer store director.

Ms. Nanney, along with computer store staff, is pleased with the new design layout. It has opened up the store and will also affect UT Martin’s growth. The new layout will benefit the store by streamlining merchandise, eliminating hidden spaces for security purposes, giving the store a more high-tech feel and providing staff with open work space.
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Black history spotlight features college grads

Kellee Terese Ingram is the daughter of Fredrick and Theresa Ingram of Union City and is a member of the Union City High School Class of 1977. She attended Tennessee State University in Nashville and majored in elementary education, receiving a master's degree in administration and supervision in 2005. She is a sixth-grade teacher and coach for the girls' track team in the Nashville-Davidson County Public School System. Her goal is to teach in high school or at the college level.

Donna Lorhorns graduated from UCHS in 1993. She is the daughter of Betty Lorhorns and the late George H. Lorhorns Sr. of Union City. Miss Lorhorns is also a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she claimed a bachelor of science degree in sociology. Following her college graduation, she began working for the State of Tennessee as a children's ser-

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(Continued from Page One) vices case manager and has been with this department for 10 years. In addition to working with children and families, she supervises staff who have similar jobs.

Miss Lorhorns is attending Western Kentucky University and pursuing a master's degree in social work. Her goals include earning a doctorate in social work and teaching at the college level.

Deitra Lake, who makes her home in Jackson, where she is employed at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital, is the daughter of Kirby and Stella Lake of Union City and is a 1993 graduate of UCHS. She attended UTM from 1993-97 and claimed her bachelor of science degree in cytotechnology from the UT-Memphis Health Science Center in 1998.

As a graduate, she was first employed at the hospital in Mayfield, Ky., later moving to Jackson where she works in the molecular pathology department.

She plans to return to school and obtain a master's degree in business administration.

Vicky Lake is also the daughter of Kirby and Stella Lake. She is a teacher at the Lauderdale County Alternative School in Ripley and is enrolled at UTM, working toward a major in school counseling, with an anticipated graduation date of April 2009. A 1997 alumna of UCHS, she enrolled at Tennessee State University in Nashville that year but withdrew in August of 2000. Returning to TSU, she graduated with a bachelor of science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in 2002. To obtain licensure to teach, she took the required test repeatedly, triumphing at the seventh attempt.

"I did not give up," says Miss Lake, who is the mother of 6-year-old Nijel, a first-grader at Ripley Primary School. "I made lasting friends in college and during my student and student teaching days in Union City and Obion County. My message to young students is never to give up and to keep the faith. When you make a mistake, learn from it. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, 'Be careful what you set your heart on, for it will surely be yours.'"

Erica Clark is the daughter of Whonda Dodson of Union City. She is a 2001 UCHS graduate, who claimed academic recognition honors and was a member of National Beta Club. Miss Clark is also a graduate of the University of Memphis, earning a bachelor of arts degree, with honors, in 2007. Currently, she is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Memphis and working.

Corwin Reaves is the son of Linda Reaves and is a 2001 graduate of UCHS. He will graduate from Baptist Medical School in December as a registered nurse with training in Psychology and psychiatric nursing. Previously, he earned a degree in Psychology/Pre-Med from the University of Memphis in 2005.

Editor's note: Local citizens and others who have strong family ties with this community have been asked to write brief stories or provide details about their educational history and their challenges and successes so that the young people in this area may be encouraged to work hard in school and become respected, contributing members of society as well. This effort was part of the celebration of Black History Month in February. The response has been so great that the stories will be continuing for the next few days.
Enrollment up at Higher Education Center

More classes proposed for dual enrollment

BY TERI BURTON
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With enrollment moving upward at the new Higher Education Center in Dickson more college classes could soon be available to students seeking undergraduate studies through dual enrollment at the county's two high schools.

Higher Education Committee members met last week at the center with representatives from Nashville State Community College and Austin Peay State University to discuss bringing additional dual enrollment programs into the high schools.

According to HEC officials, enrollment is up nearly 40 percent since the center opened last year and 20 percent over last semester.

Dickson County High School and Creek Wood High School currently offer dual enrollment classes through the University of Tennessee at Martin and APSU.

Dual enrollment allows high school juniors and seniors with an overall 3.0 grade point average and minimum 19 ACT sub-score in specific subject areas to attend college classes either in the high school or at the Higher Education Center.

"Dual enrollment can have many benefits for our students. So many changes are happening in education now. We have to keep our minds open to programs that can benefit our students," said Creek Wood High School Principal Janie Jones. "At the same time, we need to make a thorough study to make sure we are doing what is right and best for all students."

Jones said dual enrollment at Creek Wood is in honors English IV.

"We only have one class. We did US History dual enrollment the first year but we do not have a teacher who has a master's in history, so we can't offer that class."

Jones' husband, Richard has been teaching for UT Martin for more than 10 years and currently teaches dual enrollment for DCHS.

"He started by traveling to Waverly to teach night classes for them. UT Martin asked Richard about DCHS doing dual enrollment and (former DCHS principal) Ralph Overton approved the program in 2000," she said.

Ed Littleton, principal at DCHS, said dual enrollment is "a wonderful idea" and the "cheapest college credit a student can take and that's also good for the parents, obviously."

Sue Story, chairperson of the Higher Education Committee and vice chairperson of the Dickson County Board of Education, 6th District, said dual enrollment is a must for today's high school students if they are to get a jump-start on higher education.

"As a school board member and chairman for the DCHEC I personally think dual enrollment is an excellent idea. We as a community and a school system need to make available to our students every opportunity we can for advancement of college classes right here at our school level. We also
need to use the DCHEC as well as the Tennessee Technology Center at Dickson for advancement," Story said. "We offer dual classes at DCHS in math, English and history through high school teachers that work through UT Martin. There are two classes that are through APSU at DCHS. We only want to enhance the dual enrollment already in progress if at all possible to help any and all who can take advantage of it."

The teachers involved in dual enrollment have to have a masters degree plus 18 credit hours in the subject matter they teach and the college the teachers are teaching for have to be willing to accept the high school course as the college course to get the dual credit, Story said.

Ra Ann Hillis, school board member for the 2nd District, said she's also in favor of dual enrollment. She said the program also qualifies for the Tennessee State Lottery Hope Scholarship.

These quality benchmarks helped revamp the University of Tennessee at Martin's psychology program, says interim department chair Michelle Merwin, PhD.

Since bringing in reviewer Maureen McCarthy, PhD. last summer, Merwin and her colleagues wrote learning objectives and outcomes for the department's introductory research-design courses, surveyed psychology graduates for their views on the program, reorganized the department's research space and wrote a lab manual, among other changes.

"This review was just exactly what we needed. Because we're in such a transition, it's the perfect time to figure out which direction the department should take," Merwin says.

After hearing McCarthy explain the benchmarks at the Southeastern Psychological Association's Convention in February 2007, Merwin invited her to visit the department last summer.

Working through the benchmarks, Merwin says the department's strengths included strong student involvement in research, good access to computers for faculty and students alike and fun psychology-related activities for students, such as a movie night and service-oriented projects. But the review also found that students didn't have a good grasp on the best way to progress through the department's core curriculum, and needed better-organized resources for understanding how to make the jump to graduate school and a psychology career, Merwin says.

The review "forced us to look at the entire spectrum of our program, rather than focusing just on the curriculum," says Merwin, adding "It was wonderfully helpful to have an outsider scrutinize our program with fresh eyes. Ultimately, the process will best serve the student, and that's what it's all about."

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-Sarah Roberts, of Martin, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Roberts is student conductor of the percussion ensemble and an officer of Sigma Alpha Iota.

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-Kurt Wesner, of Martin, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Wesner is a peer tutor in computer science and mathematics.

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Reed Center offers programs

The Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center is offering a management training course in Union City and an online business course in Martin.

"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" will be taught from 5:30-7:30 p.m., March 20, at the Obion County Industrial Training Facility, 204 S. Second St., Union City, for a cost of $10. Jamie Frakes, a Tennessee Small Business Development Center director, will instruct the course. Participants will learn the principles of effective leadership and management as a result of learning about personalities. Participants will also get a better understanding of their personality, take a 70-question personality assessment and learn the proper power language to use on and off the job.

"E-Commerce and Your Business: Take Your Business Online" will be offered from 9-11 a.m., March 25, at the REED Center, located at 406 S. Lindell St., in Martin. The cost of the workshop is $10. This seminar will show businesses and individuals the many different options they have to sell their products online. Examples will be shown, and step-by-step instructions will be given by Steve Holt, UT Martin Instructional Technology Center director and independent Web and graphics designer.

Continuing education credits are available for both sessions for an additional $10. To register for a workshop, visit the Web at www.utm.edu/reed or call 587-7333.

Zara holds voice master class

Meredith Zara, Michigan State University professor emeritus of voice, will teach master classes for voice students in the Department of Music at 3 p.m., March 19, and at 7:30 p.m., March 20, in the Choir Room of the Fine Arts Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The events are free and open to the public.

Zara, a native of Atlanta, Ga., has sung throughout Europe and the United States. For more than a decade, she was the leading lyric coloratura soprano at the Deutsche Oper am Rhein in Dusseldorf, Germany. In addition, she made many guest appearances in other major opera houses including Amsterdam, Prague, Vienna State Opera, Munich State Opera, Zurich, Hamburg, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Cologne and Sofia. In the United States she has appeared with the Chattanooga Opera Association, the Atlanta Civic Opera, the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, the Greater Lansing Symphony Orchestra and the Toledo Symphony. Zara is currently teaching at Agnes Scott College as an artist affiliate. She is mentioned in the 2002 International Who's Who in Classical Music.

For more information, contact Dr. Amy Yeung, assistant professor of music, at 881-7408 or ayeung@utm.edu.

LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE WHO'S WHO HONOR AT UT MARTIN – Four local students recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor, presented the award to each student. From left: Will York, of Milan, is managing editor of the Pacer staff, an officer of the French Club and the Society of Professional Journalists. Bekah Robbins, of Milan, is a student ambassador, a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, Phi Chi Theta and president of the Peer Enabling Program. Tabitha Wendt, of Bradford, is a member of Habitat for Humanity and the SHAPE Club. Jenna Wallace, of Milan, is president of the Visual Communications Society and treasurer of Women in Communications.
Area Students Receive Who's Who Honors at UT Martin

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* Samuel McDaniel of McKenzie, a member of the Financial Managers Association and Phi Chi Theta business fraternity.
* David Hampton of Huntingdon, a member of the Pacer staff and the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society.
* Samantha Stepp of Bruceton, a member of the marching band, color guard captain and Visual Arts Society.
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‘No Child Left Inside’ topic of conference

“‘No Child Left Inside’ — a conference to explore the benefits of unstructured, outdoor play is planned from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. April 17 at Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

This conference is being co-sponsored by the Colleges of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and Education and Behavioral Sciences. In addition to featured speakers, there will be breakout sessions for health care and child care professionals, community leaders, resources managers, teachers, youth leaders and parents.

The conference is open to the public.

Ken Finch, president of Great Hearts Institute for Nature in Childhood, will begin the conference with the topic “The Play Imperative: Restoring the Nature of Childhood.” Other speakers and topics are Dr. Terry Neu, professor at the Isabelle Farrington School of Education at Sacred Heart University, “Benefits of Unstructured Outdoor Play on Children’s Health,” and Mike Butler, Tennessee Wildlife Federation executive director, “Tennessee Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights.” Dr. Laura Brown, UT Martin assistant professor of health and human performance, will close the general sessions with “Educational Benefits of Outdoor Play.”

The pre-registration fee (through April 14) is $25; at the door it will be $35. The fee includes lunch and conference materials. For more information, contact Dr. Paula Gale, UT Martin professor of soil science, at (731) 881-7326 or e-mail pgale@utm.edu.
BUILT TO WIN — South Fulton High School students Audrey Casey (left) and Cherissa Vinson were among local students who recently participated in the Balsa Wood Crane Competition during Engineering Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where they placed second. Participants constructed balsa wood cranes that were able to lift loads of pennies at least 22 inches.

UT Martin schedules preview day

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Gibson Co. students receive UT Martin scholarships

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

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• Andrew Castleman, son of Terry Garner of Humboldt and Allen Castleman of Jackson, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor’s Award.

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• Lauren White, daughter of Norman and Pamela White of Medina, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor’s Award.

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

The Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center is offering a management training course in Union City and an online business course in Martin.

"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" will be taught from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., March 20, at the Obion County Industrial Training Facility, 204 S. Second St., Union City, for a cost of $10. Jamie Frakes, a Tennessee Small Business Development Center director, will instruct the course. Participants will learn the principles of effective leadership and management as a result of learning about personalities. Participants will also get a better understanding of their personality, take a 70-question personality assessment and learn the proper power language to use on and off the job.

"E-Commerce and Your Business: Take Your Business Online" will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., March 25, at the REED Center, located at 406 S. Lindell St., in Martin. The cost of the workshop is $10. This seminar will show businesses and individuals the many different options they have to sell their products online. Examples will be shown, and step-by-step instructions will be given by Steve Holt, UT Martin Instructional Technology Center director and independent Web and graphics designer.

Continuing education credits are available for both sessions for an additional $10. To register for a workshop, visit the web at www.utm.edu/reed or call 731-587-7333.
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Zara Holds Voice Master Class at UT Martin

Meredith Zara, Michigan State University professor emeritus of voice, will teach master classes for voice students in the Department of Music at 3 p.m., March 19, and at 7:30 p.m., March 20, in the Choir Room of the Fine Arts Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The events are free and open to the public.

Zara, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, has sung throughout Europe and the United States. For more than a decade, she was the leading lyric coloratura soprano at the Deutsche Oper am Rhein in Dusseldorf, Germany. In addition, she made many guest appearances in other major opera houses including Amsterdam, Prague, Vienna State Opera, Munich State Opera, Zurich, Hamburg, Stuttgart, Frankurt, Cologne and Sofia. In the United States she has appeared with the Chattanooga Opera Association, the Atlanta Civic Opera, the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, the Greater Lansing Symphony Orchestra and the Toledo Symphony. Zara is currently teaching at Agnes Scott College as an artist affiliate. She is mentioned in the 2002 International Who’s Who in Classical Music.

For more information, contact Dr. Amy Yeung, assistant professor of music, at 731-881-7408 or ayeung@utm.edu.

Webster receives Who’s Who Honor at UT Martin

Darryl Webster, of Martin, recently received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who’s Who Awards Ceremony. Webster is a Harold Conner Scholar and an officer of the National Society of Black Engineers. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
**Wendt receives honor**

Tabitha Wendt of Bradford recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Wendt is a member of Habitat for Humanity and the SHAPE Club. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Pictured with Wendt is Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor.

**Honored**

Joseph Harden of Trenton received the Outstanding Engineering Freshman Student Award at the 42nd annual Engineering Awards Banquet recently held at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Joseph was a 2007 graduate of Gibson County High School and is the son of Glenda Brown and Joe Harden of Trenton. Dr. Rich Helgeson, chair of the Department of Engineering, presented the awards. The Outstanding Engineering Freshman Student Award is presented to a freshman student in the department of engineering who exemplifies outstanding academic and leadership achievements.

**Spring Preview Day is March 29 at UTM**

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Admissions will host Spring Preview Day, March 29, on the UT Martin campus.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. in Boling University Center. Welcoming remarks and an information session will follow at 10:30 a.m. in Watkins Auditorium. At 11:30 a.m., an academic fair will be hosted in the Duncan Ballroom. A complimentary lunch will be provided in the cafeteria for students and parents at 12:15 p.m. "Get Involved," a presentation on UT Martin Greek life and student activities, will round out the program at 1:30 p.m. A campus tour (including residence halls and University Village apartments) will conclude the day's activities.

Students can register for Spring Preview Day at www.utm.edu. For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Admissions at 731-881-7020.
Henry Countian French in UTM play

Henry Countian Mary Beth French is among cast members for the University of Tennessee at Martin's Vanguard Theatre presentation "A Murder is Announced."

The opening performance is scheduled at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre in the university's fine arts building. Additional performances are planned at 8 p.m. Feb. 29 and March 1 and at 3 p.m. March 2.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and may be purchased at the theater box office from noon-5 p.m. Monday and two hours before performances. Tickets also may be purchased by calling the Department of Visual and Theater Arts at 1-731-881-7090.

"A Murder is Announced" was written by Agatha Christie and adapted for the stage by Leslie Darbon.

The plot features a published announcement in a local gazette of a murder on Friday the 13th, before the actual crime happens. The story contains mixed motives, concealed identities, a second death, and a determined inspector following the twists and turns. Miss Marple, Christie's famous detective, is on hand to provide the final solution.

French is a 2006 Henry County High School graduate.

THE BEAT GOES ON — Clint Rawls (left) of Union City, who will receive a degree in music education in the spring from the University of Tennessee at Martin, visited Tuesday with students in the 4-year-old class at Pleasant Valley Preschool in Union City as part of their Percussion Day. Among the youngsters who enjoyed the hands-on lesson involving various percussion instruments was Jayda Fowler, 5-year-old daughter of Amber and James Brandon Fowler of Union City. Rawls, who was on spring break from a student teaching assignment at Halls High School in Lauderdale County, is a member of the Percussion Studio at UT Martin. He gave the preschool children some historical background and a basic introductory lesson of snare drum, pandered, riq, dumebek and cymbals. The children participated in a drum circle, where each had a percussion instrument. Each of them also had an opportunity to play several instruments.
‘Challenges and Opportunities’ focus of African-American conference

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This year’s keynote speaker is Rodricus Kirby, owner of Small Business Learning Series in Memphis. Kirby has been in the forefront of entrepreneurship for several years. He has owned three small businesses — a gaming tournament company, a digital entertainment company and a multimedia design firm. He trains retail store managers, their management teams and associates about technology products, customer service and sales techniques. His client list includes Wal-Mart, Best Buy, Office Depot and Office Max.

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“Opportunities and Challenges for the Upcoming Leaders” is the topic of a 10-10:45 a.m. student panel, moderated by Mary Jones, with panelists Eboni Eaton, Covington High School; Jamie Bond, Technology Center at Covington; Deltra Fowlkes and Stephen Thomas, Dyersburg State Community College; and Erin Chambers, UT Martin.

“Integrity and Responsibility” is the topic of My Harrison, special agent in charge with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Memphis from 11-11:30 a.m.

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E-mail registrations to vgrimes@utm.edu. The registration deadline is April 9. The conference fee is $35 per person or $60 for two. The fee includes breakfast and lunch.

For more information or a registration form, contact Virginia Grimes at (731) 881-7298 or vgrimes@utm.edu.

‘There Has Never Been an Atheist (!!)’

Norman Lillegard, recipient of the 2007 Cunningham Award at the University of Tennessee Martin, will deliver an address, “There Has Never Been an Atheist (!!)” (based upon a remark by the 19th century Danish thinker Soren Kierkegaard) at 7:30 p.m. April 3 at Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center. Sponsors are honors programs and the department of history, philosophy and international studies.

Lillegard has been on the faculty of UT Martin since 1989. Lillegard has earned an international reputation as a scholar, particularly on the thought of Soren Kierkegaard. He is the author or co-author of four books, including “The Moral Domain,” now in the final stages of publication by Oxford University Press.

Lillegard has been an American Scandinavian Fellow, and a visiting scholar at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark and at Cambridge University in England. He has been an invited lecturer at conferences and colloquia in the United States, England, Sweden, Finland, Latvia and Poland, and has presented papers or served as a commentator at many additional conferences in the US and abroad.

In the fall of 2008 he will be an invited professor at the University of the Nationalities in Beijing, China. Lillegard is also an ordained Lutheran minister. He spent 12 years in parish ministry prior to assuming his position at UT Martin.

Call (731) 881-7436.

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OC HONORED — The Obion County Adult Education Center recently received special recognition when the University of Tennessee at Martin Student Success Center (SSC) hosted its seventh annual GED Adult Education Center awards luncheon. The Obion County Adult Education Center had the top scorer with 718 and the county recorded the second highest number of clients who scored more than 600. The UT Martin GED testing center administered 977 tests last year for the 16 Tennessee counties and two Kentucky counties it serves. Special recognition was also given to the Henry County Adult Education Center, which received the award for having the highest number of clients who scored more than 600 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,” SSC director Dr. George Daniel said. Among those on hand to represent Obion County at the presentation were (from left, front) Sharon Connell, Obion County Adult Education supervisor; Emily Haynes, instructor; (back) Suzie Smith, test administrator; Sharon Robertson, assistant director; Dr. Daniel; Alice Fennell, test administrator; and Evy Goddard, senior test administrator.

STUDENT HONORED — Allan Carman (right) of Union City recently received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who’s Who Awards Ceremony, where he was congratulated by UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes. Carman is a member of the Leadership Society. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
27th year for Big Spring Sing at UTM

By Hyla Richardson

The 27th year of the Big Spring Sing had performers ranging in age from 7 years to those who might be considered old. However, the age of a performer is not the point that is being expressed here. The point is that the audience and the performers enjoyed three hours of a variety of entertainment. The performers provided an afternoon of entertainment as a service to the people who attended.

Walter Darrel Haden, a retired UT Martin professor of English, opened the program and introduced the performers. He originated the idea and got the program underway in 1981. The University’s Non-Degree Program and Extended Services sponsored the program. Some of the performers have been entertaining the audiences for many of the 27 years.

The opening group consisted of six gentlemen called the Memory Makers. They are E. J. Eaton (trombone), Charles Wade Andrews (trumpet), Charles Pounds (saxophone), Bob Lasher (piano), Lamon Kilzer (guitar) and Ron McManus (bass). Their numbers were quite varied and each of the performers was featured.

The Yoder family of Cottage Grove sang some favorite gospel songs a cappella. Mike and his wife, Virginia; their son; and Mike’s sister, Mrs. Miller, made up the quartet. The Yoder family has been entertaining at the Big Spring Sing for several years and for the last two years the quartet has been made up of the four who so ably sang the good old gospel songs. Among the songs were “Jesus Paid It All,” “A Beautiful Life,” “The Old Rugged Cross” and “If We Never Meet Again.”

The third group was The Melody Makers, and they sang a number of favorite gospel songs. The group's members are Wayne Perkins; his wife, Linda; his sister, Virginia Verdell; her husband, Billy; and their son, Wendell. Two of the members, Wayne and Virginia were taught to sing the shaped notes of songs before they attempted to sing the words. During their performance, they gave a demonstration of that as Linda took Virginia’s place at the piano. Haden presented them with a certificate for having performed for 26 years of the Big Spring Sing.

The next group, a trio, played different instruments. Joe Bone of Rutherford played the guitar and an assortment of small instruments—the penny whistle and a variety of “French harps.” Billy Mims, of Rutherford, played the dulcimer, and Terry Lewis played a guitar and a mandolin. Joe sang a number of songs that were interspersed among the instrumental offerings. The three join other groups at The Old Country Store in Jackson every Thursday night to entertain those in attendance. Certificates were also presented to them.

The fifth performer was Dr. Robert Peckham, a French teacher at UTM. He performed a number of his songs while accompanying himself on an autoharp. Among the songs were a French song and another one titled “April Wind.” He has performed at other Big Spring Sings singing and playing his own songs.

The final group of the afternoon proved to be quite a treat for the audience as three children and their father performed on the guitar and violins. The group consisted of Dr. James Fieser, a philosophy teacher at UTM; his 9-year-old twin daughters, Michelle and Emma; and his 7-year-old son, David. The twins began studying about two and one-half years ago, and David began in September. Their performance was excellent.

People can look forward to the 28th Big Spring Sing in the year of 2009.

Foreign Film Series offers ‘Hula Girls’

“Hula Guru” (Hula Girls), the second movie in the 2008 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled at 7 p.m., March 28, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Senior exhibition features trio with graphic design

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will present another spring student art exhibition beginning with an opening reception, slated from 5-7 p.m., April 1.

This exhibition features the cumulative works of Bethany Hummer, a graphic design senior from Dyersburg, Lauren Singleton, a graphic design senior from Nashville, and Laura Hensley a visual art studio senior from Martin, in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. The exhibition will run through April 11. It is free and open to the public.

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Student investment team rewarded in 'real world'

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Guided reading and writing gives teachers new strategies

Today's teachers face a basic literacy crisis that plagues America's students in every grade level. The new online course, "Guided Reading and Writing: Strategies for Maximum Student Achievement," will give teachers new strategies for improving their students' reading and writing skills.

The course's instructor, Marsha Spears, is a veteran educator and literacy specialist. "What I'm going to teach is called the 'total literacy framework,' and it's catching on in classrooms across the country," said Spears. It involves having students read text that serves as a model and then develop their own writing as an extension." Spears promises that the course will give teachers a sure-fire recipe for turning guided reading into writing - one that works across K-12 grades and subjects which teachers will want to use often.

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

Students can take the course from the convenience of their home or office, and at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course - part of a growing catalog of more than 300 instructor-facilitated online courses - visit the UT Martin Online Instruction Center at: http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php.

'No Child Left Inside' is topic of conference

"No Child Left Inside," a conference to explore the benefits of unstructured, outdoor play, is planned from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., April 17, at Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This conference is being co-sponsored by the Colleges of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and Education and Behavioral Sciences. In addition to featured speakers, there will be breakout sessions for health care and child care professionals, community leaders, resources managers, teachers, youth leaders and parents. The conference is open to the public.

Ken Finch, president of Green Hearts Institute for Nature in Childhood, will begin the conference with the topic "The Play Imperative: Restoring the Nature of Childhood." Other speakers and topics are Dr. Terry Neu, professor at the Isabelle Farrington School of Education at Sacred Heart University; "Benefits of Unstructured Outdoor Play on Children's Health," and Mike Butler, Tennessee Wildlife Federation executive director, "Tennessee Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights." Dr. Laura Brown, UT Martin assistant professor of health and human performance, will close the general sessions with "Educational Benefits of Outdoor Play."

The preregistration fee (through April 14) is $25; at the door, $35. The fee includes lunch and conference materials. For more information, contact Dr. Paula Gale, UT Martin professor of soil science, at 881-7326 or email pgale@utm.edu.
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"Honors Programs applauds and appreciates the support of Chancellor Tom Rakes in continuing the new tradition of including a member of the UT Martin faculty in the Academic Speakers Program," said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director. "Norman Lillegard is an outstanding member of the faculty, one who not only has established an international reputation as a scholar, but has made a name for himself as an outstanding teacher and mentor from whom students learn not only the class material, but how to think creatively and independently."

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Lillegard to speak as part of series

Dr. Norman Lillegard, recipient of the 2007 Cunningham Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will deliver an address, “There Has Never Been an Atheist (!!)?” based upon a remark by the 19th Century Danish thinker Søren Kierkegaard, at 7:30 p.m. April 3 in the Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Sponsors are Honors Programs and the Department of History, Philosophy and International Studies.

Originally from Boston, Lillegard received his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Nebraska. He has been on the faculty of UT Martin since 1989. Lillegard has earned an international reputation as a philosopher, particularly on the thought of Søren Kierkegaard. He has published more than 30 articles in peer-reviewed journals and collections of essays, several of which have appeared in translation in various European languages.

He is the author or co-author of four books, including “The Moral Domain,” now in the final stages of publication by Oxford University Press. Lillegard has been an American Scandinavian Fellow and a visiting scholar at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark and at Cambridge University in England. He has been an invited lecturer at conferences and colloquia in the United States, England, Sweden, Finland, Latvia and Poland, and has presented papers or served as co-author in many additional conferences in the US and abroad.

In the fall of 2008 he will be an invited professor at the University of the Nationalities in Beijing, China.

A past president of the Tennessee Philosophical Association, Lillegard recently completed service as the president of the Søren Kierkegaard Society. He has also been the society’s representative to the American Philosophical Association.

In addition to membership in various philosophical societies, he is a member of the American Academy of Religion, the Association of Teaching Theologians (Lutheran) and the Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians.

In addition to the Cunningham Award, Lillegard has been twice honored by UT Martin students with the Outstanding Educator Award. Lillegard is also an ordained Lutheran minister, who spent 12 years in parish ministry before assuming his position at UT Martin.

“Honors Programs applauds and appreciates the support of Chancellor Tom Rakes in continuing the new tradition of including a member of the UT Martin faculty in the Academic Speakers Program,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director. “Norman Lillegard is an outstanding member of the faculty, one who not only has established an international reputation as a scholar, but has made a name for himself as an outstanding teacher and mentor from whom students learn not only the class material, but how to think creatively and independently.”

For more information, contact McDonough at (731) 881-7436.
Female karate-do champ to speak at UT Martin

The first female world champion of karate-do (World Games 1981), Suzuko Hamasaki, will give a lecture and several demonstrations from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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The event is sponsored by the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the Division of Student Affairs, the Center for Global Studies and International Education and the Japanese Karate Dojo (student club). It is free and open to the public.

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Since arriving in the United States in the early 1980s, Hamasaki has taught karate, lectured and published throughout the world on the subject. She currently sits on the board of directors of the Academy of Karate-Do in Japan. Her background and the experience of having been involved in karate-do as a student, competitor, teacher, lecturer and writer have given her insight into the way in which the martial arts of Japan, and karate-do in particular, is transmitted to and received by the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Charles Hammond, UT Martin assistant professor of German, at (731) 881-7423.

Student concert slated for April 20

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will present its second student chamber ensembles concert of the spring semester at 7:30 p.m. April 20 in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre in the Fine Arts Building on the UT Martin campus.

The event will feature chamber music by a variety of student ensembles. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Department of Music at (731) 881-7402.

UC STUDENT HONORED — Concha Cochran of Union City recently received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who’s Who Awards Ceremony, where she was congratulated by UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes. Miss Cochran is a peer tutor in the writing center and member of the Native American Student Association. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
Year 27 for Big Spring Sing at UT Martin

By Hyla Richardson

The twenty-seventh year of the Big Spring Sing had performers ranging in age from seven years to those who might be considered old. However, the age of a performer is not the point that is being expressed here. The point is that the audience and the performers enjoyed three hours of a variety of entertainment. The performers provided an afternoon of entertainment as a service to the people who attended.

Walter Darrel Haden, a retired UTM professor of English, opened the program and introduced the performers. He originated the idea and got the program underway in 1981. The University's Non-Degree Program and Extended Services sponsored the program. Some of the performers have been entertaining the audiences for many of the twenty-seven years.

The opening group consisted of six gentlemen called The Memory Makers. They are E.J. Eaton (trombone), Charles Wade Andrews (trumpet), Charles Pounds (saxophone), Bob Lasiter (piano), Lamon Kilzer (guitar), and Ron McManus (bass). Their numbers were quite varied and each of the performers was featured.

The Yoder family from Cottage Grove sang some favorite gospel songs a cappella. Mike and his wife, Virginia; his son, and Mike's sister, Mrs. Miller, made up the quartet. The Yoder family has been entertaining at the Big Spring Sing for several years and for the last two years the quartet has been made up of the four who so ably sang the good old gospel songs. Among the songs were "Jesus Paid It All," "A Beautiful Life," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "If We Never Meet Again."

The third group was The Melody Makers and they sang a number of favorite gospel songs. The group's members are: Wayne Perkins, his wife, Linda; his sister, Virginia Verdell; her husband, Billy; and their son, Wendell. Two of the members, Wayne and Virginia, were taught to sing the shaped notes of songs before they attempted to sing the words. During their performance, they gave a demonstration of that as Linda took Virginia's place at the piano. Mr. Haden presented them with a certificate for having performed for twenty-six years of the Big Spring Sing.

The next group, a trio, played different instruments. Joe Bone of Rutherford played the guitar and an assortment of small instruments - the penny whistle and a variety of "French harps." Billy Hime, of Rutherford, played the dulcimer, and Terry Lewis played a guitar and a mandolin. Joe sang a number of songs that were interspersed among the instrumental offerings. The three join other groups at The Old Country Store in Jackson every Thursday night to entertain those in attendance. Certificates were also presented to them.

The fifth performer was Dr. Robert Peckham, a French teacher at UTM. He performed a number of his songs while accompanying himself on an autoharp. Among the songs were a French song and another one entitled, "April Wind." He has performed at other Big Spring Sings singing and playing his own songs.

The final group of the afternoon proved to be quite a treat for the audience as three children and their father performed on the guitar and violins. The group consisted of Dr. James Fieser, a philosophy teacher at UTM; his nine-year-old twin daughters, Michelle and Emma; and his seven-year-old son, David. The twins began studying about two and one-half years ago and David began in September. Their performance was excellent.

UT Martin Dance Ensemble Presents Spring Production

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts presents the annual UT Martin dance ensemble spring concert, "Babel Unraveling," at 8 p.m., March 27, and 3 p.m., March 30, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for the general audience at the door.

This year's ensemble, under the direction of dance professor, Claudia Morris, includes more student choreography than any other dance concert in the past three years. Viewers will see hip-hop that highlights the dancers' athleticism, lyrical jazz performed to classic country music, African dance with scenic backdrop images and contemporary comedy pieces in tap and modern dance. Dr. Leslie LaChance, assistant professor of English, will recite poetry featuring an original music score by musicians from the University of Tennessee Knoxville to end the program.

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This year’s keynote speaker is Rodricus Kirby, owner of Small Business Learning Series, in Memphis. Kirby has been in the forefront of entrepreneurship for several years. He has owned three small businesses - a gaming tournament company, a digital entertainment company and a multimedia design firm. He trains retail store managers, their management teams and associates about technology products, customer services and sales techniques. His client list includes Walmart, Best Buy, Office Depot and Office Max. He also has conducted training seminars for Lowe’s stores across the Midsouth. In late 2006, he developed plans to help aspiring entrepreneurs achieve small business success, and the Small Business Learning Series was founded to show entrepreneurs how to invest in themselves.

Registration and a continental breakfast is slated for 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and David Belote, UT Martin WestStar executive director, will speak from 9:00-9:15 a.m., followed by Kirby from 9:15-10:00 a.m. “Opportunities and Challenges for the Upcoming Leaders” is the topic of a 10-10:45 a.m. student panel, moderated by Mary Jones, with panelists, Eboni Eaton, Covington High School; Jamie Bond, Technology Center at Covington; Deltra Fowlkes and Stephen Thomas, Dyersburg State Community College; Erin Chambers, UT Martin. “Integrity and Responsibility” is the topic of My Harrison, special agent in charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Memphis, from 11:11:30 p.m. “Networking: The Acquaintance Game” will be presented by Sharon Taylor McKinney, Business Enterprise Resource Office, Tennessee Department of ECD, Memphis, and Shirley Burford, regional director, AT&T, Memphis, from 11:45 noon, followed by lunch from noon-1:00 p.m. “Healthy Fit” is the last session of the day with Linda Street, consultant, Tahitian Noni International, Memphis, from 1:15-1:45 p.m.

To register, mail form to WestStar, UT Martin, 321 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. Email registrations to vgrimes@utm.edu or fax to 731-881-7019. The registration deadline is April 9. The conference fee is $35 per person/$60 for two. The fee includes breakfast and lunch. For more information, contact Virginia Grimes at 731-881-7298 or vgrimes@utm.edu.

Brain Awareness Day Held at UTM

Brain Johnson, back left, University of Tennessee at Martin lecturer of psychology, and students, from left, Liz Sneed, of Martin, Bonike Akinsanya, of Columbia, Jay Baker, of Middleton, and Rick Ellison, of Buchanan, discuss various activities with Martin Middle School seventh grade students at the recent annual Brain Awareness Day, sponsored by the UT Martin Department of Psychology.

Foreign Film Series Offers ‘Hula Girls’ on March 28

“Hura Guru” (Hula Girls), the second movie in the 2008 Modern Foreign Film Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled at 7:00 p.m., March 28, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

“Hula Girls” takes place in the small, gritty town on Iwaki, where the residents rely solely on the prosperity of the Joban mine. The men plunge into the mines on rotating shifts while the women rake the coal debris on the surface. When rumors circulate that the mine will be closed, thus devastating the entire town, the idea is born to make “Hawaii” and thus paradise in this cold, remote town in northern Japan. But how can one have a Hawaiian resort without Hula dancers? A down-and-own dance teacher from Tokyo is brought to Iwaki, and they all embark on saving their town from imminent collapse. In a town so removed from the center of Japan, the hula girls must transform from “country bumpkins” into graceful dancers, something no one believes is possible. Kyoko Hammond, lecturer in Japanese, will introduce the film.

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Mobility Awareness Week at UT Martin

Mu Epsilon Delta (MED) Pre-professional Health Fraternity of the University of Tennessee at Martin is sponsoring Mobility Awareness Week, March 24-29. Mobility Awareness Week focuses on increasing the public's knowledge regarding disorders, diseases, and injuries affecting mobility. As part of the week’s events, Jenny Smith, spinal cord injury individual and Vice President of the non-profit humanitarian organization, The Mobility Project, will be discussing the challenges and the opportunities for individuals with spinal cord injuries.

Jenny was injured while tumbling on the grass at the age of 16. She sustained a C6-7 spinal cord injury, which left her paralyzed from the chest down. She graduated from Christian Academy of Louisville the following year, then attended the University of Louisville where she completed degrees in Psychology (B.A.), and Counseling Psychology (M.Ed.). She has tutored English for immigrants and refugees and co-facilitated a support group for women with eating disorders. She enjoys adaptive rowing, playing tennis, reading and just hanging out with friends.

Jenny has worked with The Mobility Project since 2001. She has traveled to developing countries such as Mexico, Afghanistan, El Salvador and Costa Rica with Mobility Project teams and assists with the administrative aspects of wheelchair distributions, as well as teaching the recipients how to use their chairs. In the States, she coordinates the collection of mobility aids in her area, assists with administrative and fundraising, presents The Mobility Project to civic and church organizations, and generally keeps the organization before the public.

Jenny will be speaking on Friday, March 28, at 4:00 p.m. in the Watkins Memorial Auditorium at the University of Tennessee at Martin University Center. The talk is open to the general public and everyone is welcomed to attend.

As part of the week’s events, MED will be collecting used wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, bedside commodes, shower chairs, and other mobility aids for donation to the Mobility Project. The collection will be Saturday, March 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Hardy M. Graham Skyhawk Football Stadium parking lot on University Street in Martin. MED is also sponsoring a dodgeball tournament on Saturday, March 29, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the UT Martin Student Life Center. Proceeds from the tournament will be given to the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation.

For more information, please contact Drew Landerman, Executive Director of MED, at andsland@utm.edu or Dr. Ann Gather, M.D., M.Ed., at 731-881-7178 or agather@utm.edu.

Like daughter, like mother

Chastity Hahs, right, and her mother, Cynthia Manor, both of Martin, have more than their family ties in common. Both are pursuing degrees at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Hahs is a senior sociology major and Manor, a junior social work major. According to Manor, it was her children who “prod-ded” her to attend UT Martin.

“They believed in me a lot more than I believed in myself,” said Manor.

Former Vanguard Theatre Director Dies

Bill Snyder, New York actor, playwright, produce, director and University of Tennessee at Martin professor emeritus of theatre, died March 12 at his home in Oregon of complications from Alzheimer’s disease. He was 78.

Snyder, longtime director of UT Martin Vanguard Theatre who also spent thirty-two years teaching, took his final curtain call at the staging of “The Boys Next Door” in 1996. It was estimated at the time that he directed from 150-200 shows while at UT Martin. He also was named University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Distinguished Professor in 1990, the highest honor bestowed on a faculty member in the UT system. He retired in 1996.

One of his plays, “The Days and Nights of BeeBee Fenstermaker,” ran for 304 performances off Broadway at the Sheridan Square Playhouse. Patricia Neal played the role of BeeBee in a British TV drama in 1962 in an episode titled “The Days and Nights of BeeBee.” Snyder was granted a leave of absence from UT Martin in late 1969 through September 1970 to serve as an adviser for the production of a film based on the same play.

Snyder’s received a master of fine arts degree in playwriting at the Yale School of Drama, one of the most highly respected graduate schools of theatre in the country. An extensive list of writing credits includes stage, film and television.

“It is difficult to put into words a man’s life that was so rich and varied, and had such an enormous impact on so many,” said Douglas Cook, UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts chair. “His dedication, attention to detail and dogged stubbornness has turned hundreds of simple West Tennesseans into lifelong creators and lovers of art, especially theatre.”

On a personal note, Cook added, “He gave to me the gift of knowing that our human experience is one to be celebrated, warts and all.”

The William Snyder Theatre Scholarship Endowment was established in 1996. The scholarship is an annual award given to an advanced student for demonstrated excellence in theatre.
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Foreign Film Series

‘All About Our House’

“Minna no ie” (All About Our House), the third movie in the 2008 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled at 7:00 p.m., April 2, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

A home reflects who builds it. In “All About Our House,” Naosuke and his wife Tomiko set out to build their dream house. Looking for something visionary and unique, they turn to Mr. Yanagisawa, a slightly eccentric, unlicensed architect fixated on American classic design. However, they must ask Tomiko’s conservative father to obtain the proper permits and complete the actual construction of the house.

The situation creates a war on the home front between two determined men who must debate every detail down to the last nail. Will their dream house ever become a reality? This comedy is directed by Koki Mitani and introduced by Kyoko Hammond, lecturer in Japanese.

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Information Technology Services Gives Students Choice of Mac or PC

University of Tennessee at Martin students can now choose between Windows and Macintosh in a very direct way. As a pilot project, Information Technology Services, under the direction of Ken Blankenship and Shannon Null, IT system administrators, installed a group of Intel processor based iMac computers in the Paul Meek Library computer lab.

These computers are capable of running the latest operating system releases from both Apple and Microsoft. To showcase that ability, IT Services decided to allow students to select the computing environment of their choice. When the student arrives at the lab, she or he can sit down at one of the iMacs and then click on the picture of Mac or PC from Apple’s popular advertising campaign. The iMac will then load the system of choice, and the student can begin work.

Apple representative, Rusty Boozer, complimented the campus on this complex and progressive project. “UT Martin is really on the leading edge of providing solutions to their students that help them learn the way that they want to learn.”

IT services was presented with a unique set of challenges to make the new iMac configuration work as smoothly as students would expect. The final implementation would have to run either Windows Vista Enterprise with the full complement of the standard lab software or OS X Leopard with its own unique set of software. Additionally, all of the normal lab documents and Web site storage locations would have to be presented to the user. Finally, the solution would have to be easily reproduced on almost a dozen workstations now and possibly many more in the future.

As the project began just after the official release of Leopard, shortcomings of both Vista and Leopard provided significant obstacles to progress. Fortunately, software revisions from Apple and Microsoft, in addition to solutions developed in-house, eventually triumphed. The result was a unique opportunity for students to use the best operating systems available for any given project. Students can use the Leopard OS to work on documents, spreadsheets, or rich media projects. Alternatively, they can use Vista for documents, spreadsheets, or major specific Windows-only software.

“The ability to easily manage the integration into the current lab management infrastructure and the potential growth in deployment in the future was an essential part of the project,” said Shannon Burgin, chief information officer.

Young Writers’ Clubhouse Among ECCE Programs

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering a youth program to include a writing workshop for young people.

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The Messenger, Union City, Tennessee, Thursday, March 27, 2008

Remember when takes a look back at the local stories from the files of The Messenger that took place 1, 5, 10, 20 and 30 years ago.

30 Years Ago
Mar. 28 — UT Martin triumphed over Union thanks to a pair of Union City High School products. The Pacers downed the Bulldogs 6-2 in Game 1 and 8-5 in Game 2. In the first game, former UC standout Ricky Harris cleared the bags with a three-run triple, while fellow ex-Twister Ricky Searcy picked up the win in relief of starter David Couch.
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"Challenges and Opportunities" is the theme of the 10th annual African-American Leadership Conference, slated 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., April 15, at the West Tennessee Center For Agricultural Research, in Jackson.

The conference is sponsored by WestStar Leadership, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, AT&T, City of Brownsville, City of Covington, USDA Rural Development, West Tennessee Healthcare, Hardin County Government, First South Bank, TLM Associates, Inc., Oldham Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship Studies and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

This year's keynote speaker is Rodricus Kirby, owner of Small Business Learning Series, in Memphis. Kirby has been in the forefront of entrepreneurship for several years. He has owned three small businesses—a gaming tournament company, a digital entertainment company and a multimedia design firm. He trains retail store managers, their management teams and associates about technology products, customer service and sales techniques. His client list includes Wal-Mart, Best Buy, Office Depot and Office Max. He also has conducted training seminars for Lowe's stores across the Mid-South. In late 2006, he developed plans to help aspiring entrepreneurs achieve small business success, and the Small Business Learning Series was founded to show entrepreneurs how to invest in themselves.

Registration and a continental breakfast is slated from 8:30-9 a.m. UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and David Belote, UT Martin WestStar executive director, will speak from 9-9:15 a.m., followed by Kirby from 9:15-10 a.m. "Opportunities and Challenges for the Upcoming Leaders" is the topic of a 10-10:45 a.m. student panel, moderated by Mary Jones, with panelists, Eboni Eaton, Covington High School; Jamie Bond, Technology Center at Covington; Delsea Fowlkes and Stephen Thomas, Dyersburg State Community College; Erin Chambers, UT Martin. "Integrity and Responsibility" is the topic of My Harrison, special agent in charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Memphis, from 11-11:30 a.m. "Networking: The Acquaintance Game" will be presented by Sharon Taylor McKinney, Business Enterprise Resource Office, Tennessee Department of ECD, Memphis, and Shirley Burford, regional director, AT&T, Memphis, from 11:45-noon, followed by lunch from noon-1 p.m.

"Healthy Fit" is the last session of the day with Linda Street, consultant, Tahitian Noni International, Memphis, from 1:15-1:45 p.m.

To register, mail form to WestStar, UT Martin, 321 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. Email registrations to vgrimes@utm.edu or fax to 731-881-7019. The registration deadline is April 9. The conference fee is $35 per person/$60 for two. The fee includes breakfast and lunch. For more information, contact Virginia Grimes at 731-881-7298 or vgrimes@utm.edu.
UT Martin honors Chapel Hill students

The University of Tennessee at Martin recently honored several students from Chapel Hill during Greek Awards for 2008. David Belete, director of student life, presents the Emerging Leader Award to Chase Beaulieu, top, and Andy Burkett, middle. The award recognizes students who have already begun to excel and become true leaders on campus, in their fraternity, and in the community. Bottom, UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes presents Ryan Blake with the University Service Award that honors students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community, whether through their chapter, the Greek councils, or through campus events and organizations.
First female world champion of Karate-Do to speak at UT Martin

The first female world champion of Karate-Do (World Games 1981), Suzuko Hamasaki, will give a lecture and several demonstrations from 5:30-7 p.m., April 1, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Scheduled in Watkins Auditorium, the lecture is titled “What Is the Way of Japanese Karate-Do?” The event is sponsored by the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the Division of Student Affairs, the Center for Global Studies and International Education and the Japanese Karate Dojo (student club) and is free and open to the public. The presentation will be followed by a reception.

Hamasaki has practiced Karate-Do continuously for almost half a century. Beginning in Japan when she was six years old, under the tutelage of her father, Mitsuyasu Okamura, Hamasaki was one of the few women to engage in karate, a martial art dominated by men. As a young adult, she entered major competitions, most notably placing first in the Fifth World Karate Championships in Madrid, Spain (1980), the First World Games in Santa Clara, Calif., and the 35th All Japan Sports Championships in Shiga, Japan (1981). Since arriving in the United States in the early 1980s, Hamasaki has taught karate, lectured and published throughout the world on the subject. She currently sits on the board of directors of the Academy of Karate-Do in Japan. Her background and the experience of having been involved in Karate-Do as a student, competitor, teacher, lecturer and writer have given her insight into the way in which the martial arts of Japan, and Karate-Do in particular, is transmitted to and received by the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Charles Hammond, UT Martin assistant professor of German, at 881-7423.
ENGINEERING DAY AT UT MARTIN - Local students recently participated in the Egg Drop Competition during Engineering Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Participants constructed a protection device for a raw egg. The protection device must meet design and material specifications. The lightest protection device that allowed the egg to survive a drop of 28.5 feet determined the winner. Pictured from left are Jennifer Beaty, Jack Pfleuger and D.J. Dilday, all of Dresden High School, who participated in the competition.

KIWANIS NEW MEMBER — The Martin Kiwanis Club recently inducted Barbara Kunkel (second from right) as a new member of the civic organization. Welcoming Mrs. Kunkel are (from left) Kiwanis Division 1-A Lt. Gov. Misty Menneea, sponsoring member Kathy Eskew and Kiwanis President Frank Black. Mrs. Kunkel is employed at UT Martin in the Student Success Center. The Martin Kiwanis Club meets weekly at the University of Tennessee at Martin and focuses its efforts on children and local community issues. Through their service leadership clubs, they serve the children of the Martin area. Those organizations are Cub Scout Pack No. 37 for Martin boys in grades 1-5; K-Kids at Martin Elementary School, teaching elementary students leadership through service; Builder's Club at Martin Middle School, developing middle school student leaders; Key Club at Westview High School, developing high school leaders through service; Circle K at UT Martin, promoting lifelong service with collegiate leaders; and AKtion Club, promoting community service among adults with disabilities. Visit www.martinkiwaniisclub.org for more information.

Dance ensemble to perform tonight and Sunday

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts presents the annual UT Martin dance ensemble spring concert, “Babel Unraveling,” at 8 p.m., tonight, and 3 p.m., March 30, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for the general audience at the door. This year's ensemble, under the direction of dance professor, Claudia Morris, includes more student choreography than any other dance concert in the past three years. Viewers will see hip-hop that highlights the dancers’ athleticism, lyrical jazz performed to classic country music, African dance with scenic backdrop images and contemporary comedy pieces in tap and modern dance. Dr. Leslie LaChance, assistant professor of English, will recite poetry featuring an original music score by musicians from the University of Tennessee Knoxville to end the program. For more information, contact the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 881-7400.
Foreign film series continues on April 2

"Minna no ie" (All About Our House)," the third movie in the 2008 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled at 7 p.m., April 2, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. A home reflects who builds it. In "All About Our House," Naosuke and his wife Tomiko set out to build their dream house. Looking for something visionary and unique, they turn to Mr. Yanagisawa, a slightly eccentric, unlicensed architect fixated on American classic design. However, they must ask Tomiko's conservative father to obtain the proper permits and complete the actual construction of the house. The situation creates a war on the home front between two determined men who must debate every detail down to the last nail. Will their dream house ever become a reality? This comedy is directed by Koki Mitani and introduced by Kyoko Hammond, lecturer in Japanese. Each foreign film is in its original foreign language and contains English subtitles. All foreign film series movies are free and open to the public. The film series is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council. For more information, contact the Department of Modern Foreign Languages at 881-7420.