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The 50-hour course will prepare students to function effectively in various administrative and clerical positions in the healthcare industry. Instruction includes medical terminology, medical ethics and law, basics of insurance billing and coding, scheduling appointments and medical records management.

The course fee is $999 per person and includes textbooks and supplies. There is no class on March 30 or May 25.

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EKG technician program offered

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The comprehensive course will prepare students to function as EKG technicians and to take the American Society of Electrocardiograph Technician exam. The course will include important information on the anatomy and physiology of the heart, medical disease processes, medical terminology, medical ethics, legal aspects of patient contact and more.

Students will have the opportunity to practice with equipment and receive hands-on laboratory training on the function and proper use of the EKG machine, proper lead placement, and other clinical practices, the release said.

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Handgun carry course offered at UT Martin

A course on the requirements to carry a handgun in the State of Tennessee will be offered March 16 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the University of Tennessee at Martin main campus.

Terry Guthrie, a police officer and certified firearms instructor, will teach the course. Participants will be instructed in the laws for the use and state standards for carrying a firearm. The proper way to handle a firearm and training on proper techniques for better shooting accuracy will also be taught.

All participants must pass a written and practical test to receive a completion certificate. The state will issue a permit upon receipt of the certificate.

Each student must be at least 21 years of age to participate in this specialized training and have no prior felony convictions.

All participants are required to bring their own firearm and 50 rounds of ammunition along with hearing and eye protection. Classes include four hours in the classroom and four hours on the range.

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Ballroom dance lessons available

Community members
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are invited to enroll in
ballroom dancing at the
University of Tennessee at
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The class will be held
6:30-8 p.m. Mondays
March 11-April 8 on the
main campus.

Fran Robinson, who has
30 years of dance experi-
ence, will teach the class.

The five-week course
will introduce participants
to basic steps in the waltz,
swing, foxtrot, rumba and
cha-cha. Singles are wel-
come but not guaran-
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Students are required to
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Registration is $100 per
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Free business advice offered

A business specialist will be available from 9 a.m.-noon
Thursday at the Obion County Chamber of Commerce,
where he will be on hand to help aspiring entrepreneurs
and existing business owners with business advice.

Denny Sumner will be on hand at the local chamber and
will provide advice about business planning, financing
options, marketing, customer service and cash flow.

Sumner works at the University of Tennessee at Martin
Regional Entrepreneur and Economic Development Center
and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center.

He recently joined the TSBDC after working more than
30 years in the banking industry as a commercial loan
officer. He has taught several college classes in finance
and economics and is currently teaching microeconomics
at UTM. Sumner’s educational background includes an
MBA and two bachelor of science degrees.

Thursday’s consultations are one-on-one, confidential
and free.

The Obion County Chamber of Commerce is located at
214 East Church St. in downtown Union City.

Appointments for a business consultation can be made
by contacting the UTM REED Center/TSBDC at (731)
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UTM earns highest award at residence hall gathering

Members of the Tennessee Association of Residence Halls (TARH) unanimously voted the University of Tennessee at Martin “School of the Year” during the annual conference recently at UT Martin.

This is the second consecutive year UT Martin has received this award. Over 100 students from 13 different public and private Tennessee institutions attended the conference, titled “TARHmageddon - Leadership in a Post-2012 World.”

Participants were able to attend a variety of sessions on residence hall issues to “benefit those who live on campus, including social programming, academic development, forming Residence Hall Associations, environmental solutions, diversity and social justice and more,” said Ryan Martin, UT Martin assistant director of housing.

Martin, who has served in a variety of elected positions since 2008, was voted to the position of associate state advisor.

Lindie McCurley, a UT Martin graduate, five-year hall director and eight-year housing employee, was selected as the association’s new state advisor.

“TARH is an organization I have always been passionate about, and I want to show other colleges and universities the amazing opportunities that it can afford to their residents and staff members,” Ms. McCurley said. “My hope for next year is to get more schools involved in TARH and to open up lines of communication across the state so that each school may grow and learn from one another.”

Jana Vestal, a UT Martin sophomore, was named the association’s state director. During her time as director, she plans to “encourage more involvement from those schools who are already members of TARH, form bonds with Tennessee institutions not currently members of TARH in order to increase the size and effectiveness of the organization, and further TARH’s involvement on regional and national levels.”

UT Martin previously hosted the residence hall conference in 2000 and in 2009. The location of the 2014 conference will be decided at the TARH regional board meeting in March.
UT Martin's Jasmine Newsome repeats as OVC Heather Butler makes all-OVC first team

UT Martin women's basketball hopes to defend its conference tournament title later this week, but junior guard Jasmine Newsome has already repeated an individual award.

Newsome is the OVC Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. She also was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year, an award she won as a freshman.

Junior guard Heather Butler was again named to the all-OVC first team.

Through conference play, Newsome is averaging 24 points per game and Butler 21 points. Both are among the nation's top 10 scorers.

UTM plays in the OVC quarterfinals Thursday in Nashville against either Murray State or Eastern Kentucky.

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BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — UT Martin’s Jasmine Newsome was named the 2012-13 Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in voting by the league’s head coaches and sports information directors. Murray State’s Erika Sisk was selected as the Freshman of the Year while Coach of the Year honors went to Eastern Illinois’ Lee Buchanan.

Newsome, a native of Millington, Tenn., becomes the first player in league history to earn both the Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honor in the same season. It’s Newsome’s second-straight Player of the Year honor and her second overall Defensive Player of the Year award after winning it in 2010-11. The first team All-OVC selection leads the league and ranks seventh in the nation with 21.9 points per game while putting up a conference-best 24.3 points each time out in OVC play. Newsome tops the Conference with 3.1 steals per outing and 94 total swipes which also ranks 18th in the nation. She is second in the conference with 5.6 assists each time out so far this season. Newsome has reached double-digits in scoring in all but one game and has hit the 30-plus point mark three times this season, including back-to-back 30-point efforts versus Tennessee State and Murray State. The junior guard is second among OVC active players in career points (1,845), steals (231) and assists (491).

The Oxford, Miss., native, Sisk ranks in the league’s top 10 in points (13.8 ppg) and steals (1.8 spg). She averaged 14.7 points while dishing out 41 assists against conference foes this year. The All-Newcomer selection has recorded six 20-point games this season including scoring a career-high 29 versus Tennessee State. Sisk, a guard, was named Freshman of the Week nine times this season, including a stretch of six straight. She has started all 28 games as a freshman and becomes just the second Racer to earn Freshman of the Year honors joining Rebecca Remington in 2001-02.

Buchanan was tabbed the OVC Coach of the Year after leading his team to a share of its second OVC regular-season title with a 12-4 league mark. Eastern Illinois, which was predicted to finish second in the West Division, finished with a 7-1 home record in OVC play this year. The Panthers need just one more win to have its fourth 20-win season in the last five years. Eastern Illinois is second in the league with 68.3 points per game while it has also set a new school single-season...
record with 184 three-pointers made. Buchanan is the first EIU coach to win Coach of the Year honors.

ALL-OVC

Joining Newsome as repeat first-team selections are Eastern Illinois senior guard Ta'Keria Nixon and UT Martin junior guard Heather Butler. SIUE senior post player Raven Berry moves up to the first team after earning second team honors last year while Tennessee Tech sophomore guard Diamond Martin is a first time All-OVC selection.

A native of Michigan City, Ind., Nixon leads the league with 5.8 assists per outing. She also ranks among Conference leaders in points (14.5 ppg), steals (2.6 spg) and rebounds (6.0 rpg). She is second among active OVC players in career steals (272) and assists (272) while ranking third with 1,817 career points.

Butler, a Medina, Tenn., native, leads the league and ranks eighth in the nation with 21.9 points per game. She is also eighth in the nation with 3.13 three-point field goals made per game. Butler has made a three-pointer in 76 straight games which is an NCAA Division I record. She also became the first UT Martin player to score 2,000 points in his/her career.

A product of Collinsville, Ill., Berry recently became the first SIUE player to record 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in her career. She is currently averaging a double-double with 14.5 points and 10.1 rebounds per game this season. Berry recorded six straight double-doubles to end the regular-season.

Henderson, a native of Kennesaw, Ga., is third in the OVC with a 48.8 field goal percentage. She ranks in the league’s top 5 with 16.0 points each time out. Henderson has reached double-digits in 28 of her 29 games played this season.

The 2012-13 All-OVC second team features three first-time honorees. Making her third straight appearance on the second team is Eastern Kentucky senior forward Alex Jones while Eastern Kentucky senior forward Alex Jones returns to the team after earning honors in 2009-10 and 2010-11. Also making the squad are Murray State senior guard Mariah Robinson (Beaver Dam, Ky.), Morehead State junior guard Terrice Robinson (Ft. Pierce, Ky.) and Tennessee State senior guard Kesi Hess (Dublin, Ohio).

King ranks among league leaders in points (13.8 ppg), rebounds (6.2) and field goal percentage (44.6 FG%) while Jones has recorded 10.3 rebounds per game to rank second in the OVC. Mariah Robinson ranks fourth in the league with 18.5 points per game just behind Terrice Robinson who has put up 17.5 points per outing while Kesi Hess is averaging 12.8 points this season.

Joining Sisk on the All-Newcomer team are Belmont senior forward Jordan Coleman (Orlando, Fla.), Southeast Missouri freshman guard Cara Wright (Louisville, Ky.), SIUE freshman guard CoCo Moore (Indianapolis, Ind.), Austin Peay freshman guard Tiaasha Gray (Clarksville, Tenn.) and senior guard Lashay Davis (Baxter, Tenn.).

Coleman ranks among league leaders with 9.9 points and 10.2 rebounds per game while Wright is second on the team with 10.6 points per game in OVC play. Moore is 15th in the OVC with a 40.6 field goal percentage as Gray leads the Lady Govs with 73 assists. Davis is averaging 8.4 points per game to rank third on the Golden Eagle squad.
KNOXVILLE (AP) — Pat Summit has trouble remembering records, scores and statistics from her 38-year career, but the former Tennessee women’s basketball coach says she still recalls all her former players.

Summitt details her battle with early-onset dementia, Alzheimer’s type, in her memoir “Sum It Up,” which she wrote with Sally Jenkins. The book will be released today.

“Numbers have a strange slipperiness for me, a lack of specificity; they suggest nothing,” Summit writes. “If you ask me how many games we won in 1998, or what happened in the 2008 national championship game, I struggle to remember which one it was. But if you tell me who was on the team — if you prompt me with names rather than numbers ... they bring it all back. Show me a picture of a former player, frozen in an old team photo, and I remember her.”

The book also details Summit’s upbringing in rural Tennessee, her rivalry with Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma, her family life and the circumstances of her retirement among other things.

Summitt talks about her initial shyness upon arrival on the UT Martin campus, where she played basketball — a transition that included going from being called “Tricia” in her hometown to the now-common “Pat” name.

The research included interviews conducted between Summitt and Jenkins in 1997 and 1998 as well during the 2011-12 season.

Summitt, 60, stepped down as Tennessee’s coach last April after winning eight national titles and 1,098 games, giving her the most career victories of any Division I men’s or women’s basketball coach in history.

She remains on Tennessee’s staff as head coach emeritus and has attended most practices. Summit has watched virtually every Lady Vols home game from the stands this season.

After announcing her diagnosis in 2011, Summitt led the Lady Vols to a 27-9 record and a regional final last year. She decided to step down last April.

“I’d always said that no player was bigger than the program, and the same held true for me,” Summit writes. “I didn’t want to be bigger than Tennessee. While continuing to work was good for me, the Lady Vols weren’t my personal health clinic.”

Summitt also writes that she is back on good terms with Auriemma. The Tennessee-Connecticut rivalry was the fiercest in women’s college basketball until Summit decided to end the series after the 2006-07 season.

She writes that Auriemma gave $10,000 to the Pat Summit Foundation to fight Alzheimer’s and was the first person to donate to that organization.

“We are in the best place we’ve ever been,” Summit writes.
QUEENS CROWNED — Winners were crowned in the 4- to 6-year-old age group when the University of Tennessee at Martin Rodeo Booster Club and Tennessee National Guard recently held the Miss UTM Rodeo pageants at Watkins Auditorium on campus. Royalty included (listed in no particular order as submitted by pageant officials) second maid, Avery High, daughter of Donald Ray and Melanie High of Greenfield; first maid, Prettiest Eyes and Prettiest Smile, Katie Jane Crook, daughter of Cleve and Holly Crook of Friendship; and queen, Best Model and Prettiest Hair, Chloe Rimmer, daughter of Scott and Joy Rimmer.

JUNIOR ROYALTY — The University of Tennessee at Martin Rodeo Booster Club and Tennessee National Guard recently held the Miss UTM Rodeo pageants at Watkins Auditorium on campus. Among those crowned in the Junior Miss UTM Rodeo pageant for ages 10-12 were (listed in no particular order as submitted by pageant officials) Prettiest Eyes, Hallie Gray, daughter of Lance and Stephanie Gray of Martin; Best Model, Leah Beth Faulkner, daughter of Dan and Laura Faulkner of South Fulton; second maid and Prettiest Hair, Bailey Gordon, daughter of Chris and Tammy Gordon of Greenfield; first maid, Bryanna Williams, daughter of Tracy Boucher and Brian Williams of Union City; and queen and Prettiest Smile, Katie Seals, daughter of Jeremy and Natalie Seals of Hornbeak.

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YOUNG BEAUTIES — Several youngsters were crowned in the 7- to 9-year-old age group in the Miss UTM Rodeo pageants recently held on campus under the sponsorship of the University of Tennessee at Martin Rodeo Booster Club and Tennessee National Guard. Winners were (listed in no particular order as submitted by pageant officials) second maid, Riley Jo Campbell, daughter of Cory and Sara Sims and the late Shane Campbell of Troy; first maid, Prettiest Hair and Best Model, Ramsey Kate Crouse, daughter of Tiffany and Steven Crouse; and queen, Prettiest Eyes and Prettiest Smile, Edie Darby, daughter of Tandy and Kasi Darby of Greenfield.

TEEN QUEEN — Several teens were crowned in the Teen Miss UTM Rodeo pageant for ages 13-15 when the University of Tennessee at Martin Rodeo Booster Club and Tennessee National Guard recently staged pageants at Watkins Auditorium on campus. Among the winners were (listed in no particular order as submitted by pageant officials) Prettiest Eyes, Ali Beverly, daughter of Sam and Lisa Beverly of Martin; second maid, Bentley Gordon, daughter of Chris and Tammy Gordon of Greenfield; first maid, Charity Hopper, daughter of Scotty and Laura Hopper of Milan; and queen, Prettiest Hair, Prettiest Smile and Best Model, Grace Godwin, daughter of Carol Godwin of Martin.
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Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebrated at UTM's Paul Meek Library

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In addition to the reading, children were treated to a visit by none other than the Cat in the Hat himself, along with helpers, Thing One and Thing Two. Children enjoyed an assortment of cookies as they listened to such tales as "The Foot Book," "Hop on Pop," "The Cat in the Hat," and many more. Pictured above, Natalie Medling puts on her best Grinch voice to read "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" to a delighted audience.

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Dr. Robin Rogers speaks at UT Martin

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HOME FOOD PRESERVATION COURSE SET

A course on simple home food preservation will be offered 6-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays March 14-28 on the main campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Students will learn water-bath canning and will also learn what preservation method works best for various foods.

The registration fee to attend is $75 per person, plus a $10 supply fee. Children ages 12-16 are free when accompanied by a paying adult.

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Coach to speak at women's luncheon

The University of Tennessee at Martin Faculty Women's Club will host its Women's History Month and scholarship luncheon at 11:30 a.m. March 19 in room 206 'of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

Lin Dunn, head coach of the Indiana Fever, will serve as the featured speaker.

In her talk, titled "Keys to Success," Ms. Dunn will share insights into her successful career.

She is entering her sixth year as head coach and has guided the Fever to WNBA playoff appearances in all five of her previous seasons with the team, including a WNBA title in 2012. She is a 1969 graduate of UT Martin and, prior to becoming Indiana's head coach, she was an assistant coach with the Fever for four seasons (2004-07) and was the head coach and general manager of the Seattle Storm from 2000-02.

Ms. Dunn is a native of Dresden and a member of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and athletics Halls of Fame at Purdue, UT Martin and Austin Peay.

The event is open to the public and tickets can be purchased at the Boling University Center information desk; at First State Bank at 106 University St. in Martin; or in Dresden at First State Bank and On the Square. Tickets are $13 and must be purchased by March 13.

For more information, contact Carla Field at (731) 587-3522 or carlaf@charter.net; or Judy Cleek at (731) 235-3638 or jcleek@utm.edu.

Academic Quiz Bowl planned for K-12

West Tennessee students in grades K-12 are being encouraged to compete in the first-ever Academic Quiz Bowl next month at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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The tournament will follow the National Academic Quiz Tournament rules, available at www.naqt.com/rules.html.

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Applications available for writing institute for K-12 educators

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K-12 teachers are invited to apply and 12 will be selected.

The institute is designed for teachers who want to become stronger teachers of reading and writing and be included in the ongoing professional community of WTWP writing consultants.

The program uses teaching demonstrations, discussions and readings to help participants discover innovative ways to meet standards and implement differentiated instruction. Participants will explore both teacher-driven and student-driven assessment methods, learn writing and reading approaches to develop critical thinking among students and discover the beginnings of classroom inquiry.

Afternoon writing workshops are also offered to help teachers rediscover their own love of writing.

Teachers completing the institute will receive 52 renewal points from UT Martin through the Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies, which will appear on an official academic transcript.

A grant from the National Writing Project will cover the cost of the renewal points, books and supplies, so there is no cost to participating teachers. Those completing the institute will also receive a stipend to help cover costs such as food and travel. Lodging is available in student dorms for those interested.

“The administration at UT Martin has been incredibly supportive of WTWP during these lean budget years,” said Dr. David Carithers, associate professor of English and WTWP director. “The work of the writing project would not be possible without that support.”

The program has been highly praised by participants over the years.

Jamie Babb, a teacher at Dresden Middle School, participated in the 2012 institute and called it “one of the most valuable opportunities for growth I have had as an individual and a teacher.”

“The summer institute gave me the opportunity and the time to express myself as a writer and to experience being a part of a writing community,” added Donna Martin of Jackson Careers and Technology Magnet School, who also participated in the 2012 program.

All application materials are due April 15.

Application forms, brochures and other information can be found at www.utm.edu/wtwp or interested teachers may contact Carithers at (731) 881-7290.

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UTM celebrates National FFA Week

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Guest speakers included Jai Templeton, Tennessee deputy commissioner of agriculture, and Dr. Will Bird, UTM graduate and assistant professor, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication. Among those attending were (standing, from left) Dr. Jimmy Butler, professor of agricultural education, and advisor; UT Martin Collegiate FFA; Dr. Will Bird; Marvin Flatt, career education director, Weakley County Schools; Jai Templeton; Charley Deal, UT Martin assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations; Dr. Jerry Gresham, interim dean, UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences; and Dr. Tim Burcham, professor and interim chair, UTM Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources; (seated, from left) Mitchell Baker, state FFA secretary; John Turner, of Smithville, Middle Tennessee FFA vice president; Stephen McBride, UTM student and state FFA president; and Christy Chicas, state FFA reporter.
Internet expert to speak at UT Martin, March 11

MARTIN, Tenn. - Omar Wasow, the executive director of BlackPlanet.com and internet analyst for NBC, will give a lecture titled "An Insider's Perspective of Cyberspace" at 7:30 p.m., March 11, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. His presentation will be held in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center.

Described by The New York Times as "Silicon Alley's Philosopher-Prince," Wasow's work has earned him a reputation as a leading commentator on the challenges and opportunities of new media and the new economy. Whether online or on-air, Wasow constantly works to demystify technology issues. He has tutored Oprah Winfrey in her first exploration of the Internet in the 12-part series Oprah Goes Online and also achieved success as an online entrepreneur. His success in web design and new media applications helped to shatter early myths that the Internet was a financial dead-end.

Successful Meetings Magazine named Wasow one of the "21 Top Speakers for the 21st Century." His stories of online successes and failures as well as the many ways the Internet is transforming social, political and economic futures provide a compelling new vision for life online.

The lecture is co-sponsored by UT Martin Division of Student Affairs and Honors Programs.

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“It’s been very surprising to
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the TV, it’s just horror after hor-
ror, so having people come up to
me, I think it’s proof that there
really are more people who care
and want to the right thing.”

Smart said she has spent time
with the family of Holly Bobo,
the young woman who disa-
ppeared from her family’s Darden
home in April 2011.

“I very much admire her family.
I pray for them every day. Mir-
acles do happen,” she said. “I came
home. She’s been gone over two
years now, but that doesn’t mean
that she can’t come home or that
she’s not still alive out there. But
even worst-case scenario, even
if she’s not still alive out there,
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Upcoming Vanguard Theatre Production:

See How They Run

By KIMMIE BALKCOM
Special to the Press

Each semester UT Martin's Vanguard Theatre performs an outstanding theatre production for the campus and local community.

The theatre has proven in the past to leave audiences uplifted and moved by emotions.

This semester their goal is to make you laugh until your sides hurt.

The play is called See How They Run, a comedy set shortly after World War II in the living room of the vicarage in a small British village. The play will be in 3 acts and is comprised of several memorable characters and the shenanigans that surround them.

Philip King wrote the farce, shortly after the end of World War II. The play has soldiers and spies, saucy maidservants, and priests. The blend of characters here is sure to help make this play worthwhile.

In See How They Run, a village priest, Reverend Lionel Toop (Reuben Kendall, a junior from Union City) is expecting his substitute, Arthur Humphrey (Michael Chappell, a freshman from Union City) to take over his Sunday Service for him. The priest's new wife, Penelope (Courtney Pearson, a sophomore from Jackson) gets the news her bishop uncle (Casey Williams, sophomore from Clarksville) is soon to arrive.

Soon, Penelope's old friend, Clive Winton (Jonathan Fisher, junior from Dyer) an American soldier, stops by from a nearby base for a surprise visit. Another visitor, a Russian spy (Eric Brand, a senior from Lewisburg) also pays a visit to the town. The Reverend's maid, Ida (Stephanie Klink, a Junior from Bartlett) sees all the events in the town and ensures that all their secrets are safe with her - even though she barely understands them anyway.

Rehearsals for the production began on Jan. 22. Cast and crew members rehearse 6 days a week for about 3 hours a day.

“We've been practicing for about a while now,” says Fisher, “Everything is going well, the whole theatre is like one big family and that transitions well when we perform.”

“I like the play because it’s really high paced. There's lots of running, jumping, and chasing. It has a high energy and I think by the end the audience will be wanting to run around too,” Fisher added.

Ken Zimmerman directs See How They Run. Visual and Theatre Arts Department Chair, Doug Cook is Set Designer. UTM professor, Melanie Hollis, is in charge of costumes. The Technical Director is UTM professor,
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Children the focus of UTM conference

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The event will be held March 23 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Boling University Center on campus.

Sgt. Len Edwards, executive director of the Commission on Missing and Exploited Children, will serve as the event’s featured speaker. Participants can also attend three break-out sessions over the course of the conference.

Session speakers will include Bonnie Hinds, a health educator with the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service; Dr. Sue Byrd and Dr. Marti Herndon, UT Martin professors of family and consumer sciences; Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, professor and interim chair of the UT Martin Department of Family and Consumer Sciences; Kelly Tivey, director of the Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance through Dyersburg State Community College; Capt. Ray Coleman of UT Martin Department of Public Safety; and Cathy Waggoner, program administrator, and Lori Suiter, business administrator, at the Prometheus Foundation in Union City.

Angela O’Brien, executive director of the Healthy Start Program at UT Martin, urges community members to attend the conference to “educate themselves in techniques to keep children safe in school, home and out in the community.”

Those interested must register for their chosen sessions from 7-8 a.m. on the morning of the conference. Registration is $20 per person, cash only, and any student with a current student ID will be admitted free.

Participants will receive five hours of training credit for attending.

Non-profit vendors will also be present and door prizes will be distributed throughout the event, a spokesman said.

For more information about the conference, visit www.comec.org or call 884-0088.

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UTM initiative awarded grant

The State of Tennessee Department of Health recently awarded the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Healthy Families Initiative (HFI) a $706,000 grant for a three-year period.

The project will target women and at-risk children from Dyer, Lake, and Lauderdale counties.

The initiative aims to increase the number of healthy pregnancies and births in at-risk communities by responding to the diverse needs of children and families, and to create supportive partnerships at the federal, state, and community levels.

The UT Martin initiative is modeled after the Healthy Families of America home-visitation program.

The three-county service area was determined based on multiple risk factors, such as high teen birth rates, high rates of child poverty and limited access to adequate health care. The percentage of children living in poverty in each of the three chosen counties exceeds the Tennessee average of 26.3 percent.

According to Dr. Joey Melhorn, interim chair of the UT Martin Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, “The HFI project will develop a directory of community resources with current contact information for the use of participants, case managers and community service providers.”

These targeted counties are a resource desert in regard to providing child-development services for teen mothers,” added Angela O’Brien, project director. “This program initiative will provide sustaining resources for these young mothers and their families.”

One major goal is for mothers enrolled in the program to begin to adopt proper prenatal, perinatal and early childcare practices.

The information will be shared with their friends and relatives, further extending the initiative’s reach and addressing many of the high-risk factors that endanger babies, toddlers and young children, as well as young mothers.

UT Martin has been serving West Tennessee through its children and family programs since 1976.

This project is funded under an agreement with the State of Tennessee.

Percussion class slated

An African percussion master class will be offered to students and community members at 2 p.m. March 22 in room 112 of Boling University Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Dr. B. Michael Williams, a guest instructor, will conduct the class.

Williams is the professor of music and director of percussion studies at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C. He earned a bachelor of music degree from Furman University, a master of music degree from Northwestern University and a doctorate of music from Michigan State University.

He has made scholarly presentations on African music and has also composed works for marimba ensemble.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill at (731) 881-7418 or at jhill@utm.edu.

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Dyersburg student to represent UTM at Miss Tennessee pageant

Special to the State Gazette

MARTIN, Tenn — Jordan Gunn, a senior geosciences major from Dyersburg, is the new 2013 Miss University of Tennessee at Martin. Gunn will compete in June at the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in Jackson.

Gunn was named first runner-up at the combined Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant held Jan. 26 in the university’s Student Life Center. She assumes the title, as crownholder Kristen Lackey, of Savannah, is unable to fulfill the requirements for representing the university as Miss UT Martin.

The 21-year-old Gunn is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi. Gunn’s platform is Raising Awareness About the Bully, which supports Project Anti-Bully. Vocal performance is her talent.

Also headed to the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant is Madison Hardy, of Nashville, who won the 2013 Miss Tenessee Soybean Festival title at the combined pageant.

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Butler jumpers propel UTM to title game

By Craig Thomas
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NASHVILLE — Heather Butler stopped a step in front of the free throw line and rose, just as she has done so many times at the Elam Center and at gyms throughout the Ohio Valley Conference.

With five seconds left in the OVC semifinals, Butler's shot dropped through the hoop for a two-point lead over Eastern Illinois.

Skyhawk fans screamed with excitement and, after a running lay-up at the buzzer by EIU's Ta' Kenya Nixon fell short, Skyhawk players did too.

UT Martin women's basketball team beat top seed Eastern Illinois 71-69 Friday at Municipal Auditorium in the league semifinals.

Two jumpers by Butler, one at the 1:04 mark and then the gamewinner in the final seconds, sent UTM to its third straight OVC championship game.

The fourth-seeded Skyhawks (18-14) will play No. 2 seed Tennessee Tech (19-11) at 1:30 p.m. today at Municipal, the third time in a row the teams have met in the OVC final. (UTM won both previous meetings in the finals.)

The Skyhawks have won six consecutive OVC tournament games over the past three years. If they win a seventh, they'll return to the NCAA tournament.

UT Martin lost its eight-point halftime lead Friday and fell behind 64-58 with 3:36 to go as Eastern Illinois' Kelsey Wyss hit a baseline jumper.

"I thought we were about done," UTM coach Kevin McMillan said.

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An assist from Butler to Rickiesha Bryant and a Shelby Crawford 3 were key moments in UTM's rally.

Butler hit two free throws for a 67-all tie and then followed with her first go-ahead jump shot, but Eastern's Sabina Oroszova responded with a tough bank shot to tie the game again.

Butler lost the ball on the ensuing possession but then stole it back on the other end to set up her game-winner.

The Skyhawks won despite being outrebounded 43-33. Eastern Illinois shot 45 percent to UTM Martin's 42, but the Skyhawks hit nine 3-pointers and the Panthers made three.

Butler scored 24 points and made eight assists. Jasmine Newsome had 23 points and 10 rebounds while often being guarded by EIU's star guard Nixon, an all-OVC first-teamer who had 17 points and seven assists in her final college game.

"If Jasmine could have run and got popcorn and taken Nixon with her, we'd have preferred that," McMillan joked. "Jasmine and Nixon going against each other was fun to watch maybe for the fans, but for me it was excruciating because Nixon has got so much ability."

Bryant had 12 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks for UTM.

UTM beat Tennessee Tech 81-63 earlier this year in Cookeville.

Craig Thomas, 425-9634
Ballroom dance lessons offered

Community members interested in learning basic ballroom dance techniques are invited to enroll in a ballroom dancing class. The class will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday through April 18 at the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, according to a news release.

Fran Robinson, who has 30 years of dance experience, will teach the class.

The five-week course will introduce participants to basic steps in the waltz, swing, foxtrot, rumba and cha-cha. Singles are welcome but are not guaranteed a partner.

Students are required to wear clean tennis shoes during class to protect the dance floor. Registration is $100 per person or $150 per couple.

The course is sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies. The class will meet in the church’s fellowship hall, located at 1573 N. Highland Ave.

To register for the course, call ECOS at (731) 881-7082 or visit utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php.

Learn to prepare gourmet raw foods

A course on how to prepare gourmet raw foods will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 15 at the University of Tennessee at Martin Jackson Center, according to a news release.

Tiffany Finney, a raw food chef and wellness coach, and Amy Koerner, a raw food chef, will conduct the class.

Instruction will focus on the benefits of raw food, how to incorporate them into your diet and how to prepare meals.

The registration fee to attend is $135 plus a $30 supply fee paid to the instructor.

The course is sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies and will be held at the UT Martin Jackson Center, located at 3031 U.S. 45 Bypass in Jackson. An exact location for the course will be given upon registration.

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Internet expert to speak Monday at UT Martin

Omar Wasow, executive director of BlackPlanet.com and Internet analyst for NBC, will give a lecture titled “An Insider’s Perspective of Cyberspace” at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the University of Tennessee at Martin. His presentation will be held in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center.

Described by The New York Times as “Silicon Alley’s Philosopher-Prince,” Wasow’s work has earned him a reputation as a leading commentator on the challenges and opportunities of new media and the new economy, according to a UT Martin news release.

Whether online or on-air, Wasow constantly works to demystify technology issues, the release said. He tutored Oprah Winfrey in her first exploration of the Internet in the 12-part series “Oprah Goes Online” and also achieved success as an online entrepreneur. His success in web design and new media applications helped to shatter early myths that the Internet was a financial dead end.

Successful Meetings Magazine named Wasow one of the “21 Top Speakers for the 21st Century,” the release said. His stories of online successes and failures as well as the many ways the Internet is transforming social, political and economic futures provide a new vision for life online.

The lecture is co-sponsored by UT Martin Division of Student Affairs and Honors Programs.

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Pharmacy tech course to start Monday night

A pharmacy technician course will be offered 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from this coming Monday through May 6 on the main campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

This comprehensive 50-hour course will prepare students to enter the pharmacy field and to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board’s PTCB Exam.

Technicians work in hospitals, home-infusion pharmacies, community pharmacies and other healthcare settings, while working under the supervision of a registered pharmacist.

Course content includes medical terminology specific to pharmacy, reading and interpreting prescriptions and defining drugs by generic and brand names. Students will learn dosage calculations, IV flow rates, drug compounding, dose conversions, dispensing of prescriptions, inventory control and billing and reimbursement.

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There are no fees or registration requirements for this workshop.

The class is hosted by the UT Martin REED Center and the Tennessee Small Business Develop- ment Center. The UT Martin REED Center is located at 406 South Lindell St. in Martin.

For more information, contact Landy Fuqua, REED Center director, at 731-587-7333 or online at www.tsbdc.org.

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HUGS ALL AROUND — UT Martin’s Heather Butler hugs teammate Ashley Bas- set-Smith after the Skyhawks beat Tennessee Tech 87-80 in overtime Saturday to claim their third consecutive OVC Tournament championship. The UTM women will find out Monday who they will play in the NCAA Tournament. See sports for more.
UT Martin Hosts Tennessee Association of Residence Halls Conference, Takes Home Highest Honor

Members of the Tennessee Association of Residence Halls (TARH) unanimously voted the University of Tennessee at Martin “School of the Year” during the annual conference, held February 8-10 at UT Martin. This is the second consecutive year UT Martin has received this award.

One hundred and eight students from 13 different public and private Tennessee institutions attended the conference, titled “TARHageddon - Leadership in a post-2012 world.” Participants were able to attend a variety of sessions on residence hall issues to “benefit those who live on campus, including social programming, academic development, forming Residence Hall Associations, environmental solutions, diversity and social justice and more,” said Ryan Martin, UT Martin assistant director of housing.

Martin, who has served in a variety of elected positions since 2008, was voted to the position of associate state advisor. Limdee McCurley, a UT Martin graduate, five-year hall director and eight-year housing employee, was selected as the association’s new state advisor.

“TARH is an organization I have always been passionate about, and I want to show other colleges and universities the amazing opportunities that it can afford to their residents and staff members,” said McCurley. “My hope for next year is to get more schools involved in TARH and to open up lines of communication across the state so that each school may grow and learn from one another.”

Jana Vestal, a UT Martin sophomore, was named the association’s state director. During her time as director, Vestal plans to “encourage more involvement from those schools who are already members of TARH, form bonds with Tennessee institutions not currently members of TARH in order to increase the size and effectiveness of the organization, and further TARH’s involvement on regional and national levels.”

UT Martin previously hosted the conference in 2000 and in 2009. The location of the 2014 conference will be decided at the TARH regional board meeting in March.

UTM Students Attend Posters at the Capitol

Nine students from the University of Tennessee at Martin participated in the 7th annual Posters at the Capitol event on February 13 in Nashville. The annual event allows undergraduate students to showcase their original research for state legislators. A total of 64 students from across the state attended this year’s display. Pictured, left to right, are: (front row) Courtney Countess, a health and human performance major from Dyersburg; Amber-Leigh Whittemore, a finance major from Winchester; Meagan Eason, a biology major from Union City; (middle row) Elizabeth DeVlieger, a chemistry major from Portland; (back row) Jackson Donnell, a health and human performance major from Union City; Seth Appleton, an electrical engineering major from Dyersburg; Ben Wright, an electrical engineering major from Union City; and Tanner Romsdal, a natural resources management major from Lawrenceburg. Not pictured is Christine Hassell, a biology major from Clarksville.
Voice Master Class Offered at UT Martin

A voice master class will be offered at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Eugene Cline and Anne De Launay will conduct the class. Cline, a faculty member at the University of Idaho, holds a Master of Arts in piano accompanying from the University of Kansas. He has performed at the New York City Opera, Metropolitan Opera and opera companies in Munich and Milan. He has also worked as an assistant conductor of the New Orleans Opera and had an opportunity to accompany Richard Tucker, Jerome Hines and Carol Neblett.

De Launay, assistant professor of voice at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance, holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Louisiana State University. She has performed in major opera houses in Switzerland, Austria, Germany, France, Spain, and Italy. As a soprano soloist, she performed in the role of Amelia in “Un Ballo” and Turandot in “Turandot.” The class is free and open to the public. There will be a short question and answer period at the end of the class.

For more information, contact Dr. Roberto Mancusi at 731-881-7405 or at rmancusi@utm.edu.

Students encouraged to compete in first annual Academic Quiz Bowl

West Tennessee students in grades K-12 are encouraged to compete in the first annual Academic Quiz Bowl from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on April 13 at the University of Tennessee at Martin, sponsored by the UT Martin Department of Educational Studies.

Elementary, middle and high school students will be divided into one of the following competition categories based on grade level: K-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12. Teams consist of five students, and each school may enter up to three teams. Students will participate in double-elimination matches, each consisting of three 10-minute rounds. Home school students are also welcome to participate, provided they enter as a team.


The entry fee is $10 per team. Parents, guardians, teachers and school personnel are welcome to accompany their teams. All students are responsible for providing their own lunches. Fast food restaurants are available on the UT Martin campus and in the local area. UT Martin student groups will have food and beverages available for purchase as well.

If you are interested in entering a student team, please contact Dr. Louis Glover, tournament director and assistant professor of educational studies, at 731-881-7214 or by email at lglover5@utm.edu to request a registration form. Pre-registration is required, and all information must be received by March 30.

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The three-county service area was determined based on multiple risk factors, such as high teen birth rates, high rates of child poverty and limited access to adequate health care. The percentage of children living in poverty in each of the three chosen counties exceeds the Tennessee average of 26.3 percent.

According to Dr. Joey Melhorn, interim chair of the UT Martin Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, "the HFI project will develop a directory of community resources with current contact information for the use of participants, case managers and community service providers."

"These targeted counties are a resource desert in regard to providing child-development services for teen mothers," added Angela O'Brien, project director.

"This program initiative will provide sustaining resources for these young mothers and their families."

One major goal is for mothers enrolled in the program to begin to adopt proper prenatal, perinatal and early childcare practices. The information will be shared with their friends and relatives, further extending the initiative's reach and addressing many of the high-risk factors that endanger babies, toddlers and young children, as well as young mothers.

UT Martin has been serving West Tennessee through its children and family programs since 1976.

This project is funded under an agreement with the state of Tennessee.

For more information, contact O'Brien at 731-881-7915 or by email at aobrien@utm.edu.

'See How They Run' presented by Vanguard Theatre at UT Martin

The Vanguard Theatre will present its spring production of "See How They Run" at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, at the Student Life Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The three-act play is set shortly after World War II in the living room of the vicarage in a small British village. An American actor and actress, a Cockney maid and four men in clergymen garb all play pivotal roles in this show about mistaken identity at a theater production and the hilarity that ensues.

Show times for the performance are as follows: Thursday, March 21, at 8 p.m.; Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 23, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m.

The event admission is $5 for students and $10 for non-students.

For more information, contact Ken Zimmerman at 731-881-7487 or at kzimmerman@utm.edu.

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Faculty Women’s Club Luncheon, Lin Dunn is featured speaker

The University of Tennessee at Martin Faculty Women’s Club will host its Women’s History Month and Scholarship luncheon at 11:30 a.m., March 19, in room 206 of the Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus. Lin Dunn, head coach of the Indiana Fever, will serve as the featured speaker. In her talk, titled “Keys to Success,” Dunn will share insights into her successful career.

Dunn is entering her sixth year as head coach and has guided the Fever to WNBA playoff appearances in all five of her previous seasons with the team, including a WNBA title in 2012. She is a 1998 graduate of UT Martin, and prior to becoming Indiana’s head coach, she was an assistant coach with the Fever for four seasons (2004-07) and was the head coach and general manager of the Seattle Storm from 2000-2002. Dunn is a native of Dresden and is a member of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and athletics halls of fame at Purdue, UT Martin and Austin Peay.

The event is open to the public and tickets can be purchased at the Boling University Center information desk, First State Bank, located at 106 University Street in Martin, or in Dresden at First State Bank and On the Square. Tickets are $13 and must be purchased by March 13.

For more information contact Carla Field at 587-3522 or carlaf@charter.net or Judy Cleek at 235-3638 or jcleek@utm.edu.

Small business owners invited to workshop on Working With the Government

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UTM to host spring preview day

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Contact the Office of Admissions at 731-881-7020 or register online at www.utm.edu/springpreview.
UTM FFA Attends Tennessee FFA Alumni Convention, Brings Home High Honors

The University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) was named the number one collegiate chapter in the state on February 25 during the Tennessee FFA Alumni Convention at Montgomery Bell State Park near Dickson. The UT Martin chapter has received this award eight of the last 10 years.

UT Martin FFA members competed in a variety of academic and professional competitions against students from other state universities and placed in five of nine categories. First-place winners in the public speaking and job interview categories were Emily Keeton, a junior from Bath Springs; Dakota Brasher, a sophomore from Reagan; Brandon Stewart, a sophomore from Lexington; and Gina Locke, a sophomore from Franklin.

Second-place winners in the public speaking, job interview and agricultural discussion categories were Chris Martin, a senior from Sharon; Elizabeth Graef, a senior from Portland; and Brett Akridge, a freshman from White House. Akridge also won first place in the chapter scrapbook competition.

The UT Martin agricultural quiz bowl team also won first place. This year's all-freshman team included Justin Serio, of White House; Jeff Rogers, of Munford; Greg Berford, of Covington; and Rachel Ralston, of Munfreesboro.

Keeton and Stephen McBride also received academic scholarships from the Tennessee FFA Foundation to assist with their agricultural studies and expenses.

"It is obvious we have a great group of collegiate FFA students this year," said Dr. James Butler, professor of agricultural education and FFA advisor. "They are very knowledgeable of the industry and love to participate in this annual competition.”

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Digital photo class slated at UT Martin

A course for people who want to be more creative with digital photography skills is being offered 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays from April 2 to 23 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

This course is designed as a follow-up course for the Photography I course but is open to anyone who is already thoroughly familiar with digital photography. Participants should understand the manual operation of their camera.

Dr. Tom Gallien of Martin will instruct the course. He has more than 40 years of photographic experience.

Participants are required to bring a tripod, a notepad and their camera’s instruction manual to the first class. The registration fee for the class is $125.

The class is sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies. To register, contact ECOS at (731) 881-7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php.

Phlebotomy tech course set at UTM

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The 90-hour course will prepare students to enter the phlebotomy field and to take the National Healthcare Association Certification exam.

The registration fee is $1,599 per person, with textbooks and supplies included. The NHA exam fee is an additional $105 and is paid directly to NHA. There will be no class March 5, 7 and 28 and May 7 and 9.

The course is sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies. To register, contact ECOS at (731) 881-7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php.
**News: Corps hosts University of Tennessee Martin STEM students at Lake Barkley**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District**

KUSSAVA, Ky. — U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, Nashville District employees at the Lake Barkley Resource Center, Lock and Dam hosted students and faculty from the University of Tennessee at Martin Hydrology and Hydraulics class for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math tour today.

Michael Looney, Natural Resource program manager at the Lake Barkley Resource Center, Bob Sneed, chief of Water Management and James Holt, power project specialist at the Lake Barkley power plant, welcomed nine students and four faculty members for a tour of the Lake Barkley resource center, power plant, lock and dam.

The team welcomed the students and Sneed began the tour with a brief classroom presentation of the systematic approach to water management of the Cumberland River System and explained what takes place at the at the Lake Barkley Lock and Dam project.

"I think the STEM program is a great match with the engineering college students because we are able to show them what happens in the real world of engineering," Sneed said.

Following an opening orientation and introduction of description of maintenance tools used at the power plant, Holt described the day-to-day power plant operations, the function of the Four General Electric generators, and the ongoing maintenance progress of the 270-ton rotor assembly from unit one. It is being rehabilitated because it suffered a phase-to-ground fault resulting in an electrical fire that damaged the generator windings 16 months ago.

Holt guided the group into the power plant, showed the damaged generator, turbine, major components and provided them an opportunity to get close to the large rotor assembly. He told the group to ask questions and learn all they could about hydropower generation, navigation lock and dam structures, operations, because it will help them in future classes and increase their knowledge of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math career fields.

"This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for these students to see this type of maintenance being performed and it’s fun to help them understand it," said Holt.

Robert Reese, a senior electrical engineering student, said he joined the tour because of inspiration he gained from a trip to Hoover Dam near Las Vegas.

"It has always been fascinating with engineering but to see the generator actually torn apart...well, that’s pretty amazing," said Reese.

Sneed said the group looked at the electrical generation taking place, observed the turbines and actually saw them being repaired. They also looked at the structures up close, watched the gate operating, saw the water being discharged into the river, and visited the lock operations.

After a tour of the power plant, Looney guided the group across the lock and dam structures, and the group watched the hydropower units churn large amount of water. He even provided a short presentation on the importance of environmental stewardship and natural resource management at the district’s lake projects.

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**UT-Martin Receives Health Grant**

By JOHN WALKER and THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The University of Tennessee at Martin will receive a $706,000 state grant for the school’s Healthy Families Initiative. UTM officials say the state Department of Health grant will fund three years of work to increase the number of healthy pregnancies and births in at-risk communities. The project will target women and at-risk children from Dyer, Lake and Lauderdale counties. The university says the percentage of children living in poverty in each of those counties exceeds the Tennessee average of 26.3 percent.
MARTIN, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee at Martin says it is receiving a $706,000 state grant for the school’s Healthy Families Initiative.

UT-Martin says the grant was awarded by the state Department of Health for work that will take place over a three-year period.

The initiative seeks to increase the number of healthy pregnancies and births in at-risk communities by responding to the needs of children and families. The project will target women and at-risk children from Dyer, Lake and Lauderdale counties.

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Hurling phone books, bottle pitching part of UT effort to recycle
Toss, throw competitions among UT events
By Jennifer Brake
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Dozens of University of Tennessee students stopped by Pedestrian Walkway on Tuesday to try their hand at the Phonebook Shot Put, Plastic Bottle Free Throw and Bottle Cap in a Haystack.

Wrapping up the recycling-themed games and other events was a giant, timed inflatable obstacle course with recyclable materials that needed sorting on the other side.

The Recyclympics games are held every year on campus to get students excited about the annual RecycleMania competition, in which colleges across the U.S. and Canada vie for the title of most recycling-friendly school. Participating schools are ranked based on the amount of recycling and trash collected over an eight-week period.

Last year, Tennessee overall finished 269th among 275 colleges and universities listed, according to results listed on recyclemaniacs.org. UT Martin finished 26th overall, according to the results.

While the Recyclympics don't add to the recycling totals for UT, they do serve as friendly reminder that everyone on campus should do their part.

"If you think about a campus of 27,000 students and 8,000-9,000 faculty and staff, we're like a small city, so we have an environmental impact. We have a lot of trash," said Jay Price, environmental coordinator with UT Facilities Services.

"I think people don't recycle mostly because they don't think about it. They're just going about their day, and they don't really think about the plastic bottle that they just threw in the garbage can."

But Vols aren't just going green simply to be environmentally friendly. The RecycleMania competition is being amplified with a friendly battle between UT and the University of Florida for the third year in a row. UT won the contest the first year, but the Gators took the lead the second year.

Recent weekly rankings show the Vols are trailing the Gators, having recycled 108,520 pounds of waste to the Gators' 277,489.

UT students, faculty and staff have until the competition ends March 27 to catch up.

More information on RecycleMania can be found at recyclemaniacs.org.

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Digital photography course offered

A course for persons wanting to be more creative with their digital photography skills is being offered from 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesdays, April 2-23, at UTM.

This course is designed as a follow-up course for the Photography I course but is open to anyone who is already thoroughly familiar with digital photography. Participants should be comfortable with and understand the manual operation of their camera.

The registration fee for the course will be $125.

To register for the course, contact ECOS at 731-881-7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php.

UT-Martin gets grant to help pregnant mothers

MARTIN, Tenn. (AP) — The University of Tennessee at Martin says it is receiving a $706,000 state grant for the school's Healthy Families Initiative.

UT-Martin says the grant was awarded by the state Department of Health for work that will take place over a three-year period.

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The initiative aims to increase the number of healthy pregnancies and births in at-risk communities by responding to the diverse needs of children and families, and to create supportive partnerships at the federal, state and community levels. The UT Martin initiative is modeled after the Healthy Families of America home-visitation program. The three-county service area was determined based on multiple risk factors, such as high teen birth rates, high rates of child poverty and limited access to adequate health care. The percentage of children living in poverty in each of the three chosen counties exceeds the Tennessee average of 26.3 percent. According to Dr. Joey Melton, interim chair of the UT Martin Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, "The HFI project will develop a directory of community resources with current contact information for the use of participants, case managers and community service providers."

"These targeted counties are a resource desert in regard to providing child-development services for teen mothers," added Angela O'Brien, project director. "This program initiative will provide sustaining resources for these young mothers and their families."

One major goal is for mothers enrolled in the program to begin to adopt proper prenatal, perinatal and early childhood practices. The information will be shared with their friends and relatives, further extending the initiative's reach and addressing many of the high-risk factors that endanger babies, toddlers and young children, as well as young mothers.

UT Martin has been serving West Tennessee through its children and family programs since 1976. The project is funded under an agreement with the state of Tennessee. For more information, contact O'Brien at 731-881-7915 or by email at aobrien@utm.edu.

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The lecture is co-sponsored by the UT Martin Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society and Honors Programs.

"It's always good to have well-known experts in their respective fields come to UT Martin to share their extensive knowledge with our university community," said Dr. Lionel Crews, director of Honors Programs. "It's even better when it can help you improve your memory and get better grades in the process."

For more information, contact Crews at 731-881-7440 or lcrews@utm.edu.
Martin native to returns as neuroscientist, academic speaker Monday night

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Jonathan Prather, a native of Martin, will present "How the brain enables us to learn by imitating others: a neural basis for vocal communication" at 6 p.m. Monday, March 18 in the Boling University Center Ballroom on the UT Martin campus. The event is open to the public and is sponsored by the Department of Biological Sciences, the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at UT Martin.

WNBA Championship head coach to serve as featured speaker at UT Martin Faculty Women's Club luncheon

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Linn Dunn, head coach of the WNBA champions Indiana Fever, will serve as the featured speaker. In her talk, titled "Keys to Success," Dunn will share insights into her successful career.

Social work profession highlighted as UTM Jackson Center hosts reception today

Proclamation to be signed

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The release said there are currently more than 650,000 professionally trained social workers in the United States, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts the field to grow to 800,000 workers by the year 2020.

Social work professionals work in hospitals, schools, businesses, branches of the military and government, as well as thousands of non-profit and community organizations across the nation, according to the news release.

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DSCC to host 36th annual Administrative Professionals Seminar

Special to the State Gazette

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Special education seminar planned

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The College of Education, Health and Behavioral Sciences will offer the seminar from 5-8 p.m. in the Duncan Ballroom of the Boling University Center. Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Clinton Smith, assistant professor of special education at UT Martin, will discuss the characteristics of students on the autism spectrum disorder, applied behavior analysis and the 10 most effective strategies for students with autism.

The fee for the CEUs is $10 and forms for requesting credit will be available at the seminar. Refreshments will also be served during the event.

The Bettie Graham Seminar Series on Diagnosis and Early Intervention of Learning Difficulties is made possible through an endowment given by Newell and Bettie Graham of Union City.

For more information, call (731) 881-7125.

Art displayed at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will continue its series of senior art exhibitions for 2012-13.

The exhibition will begin with an opening reception 5-7 p.m. March 26 on the second floor of the Paul Meek Library on campus. The exhibition will continue through April 5. It is free and open to the public.
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The UT Martin Jackson Center is located at 3031 U.S. 45 Bypass.

For more information about the reception or the UT Martin Jackson Center's social work program, contact center director Bethany Worley at bworley@utm.edu.

BUILDING BRIDGES — Westview High School recently won first place in the University of Tennessee at Martin's bridge building competition during Engineering Day. The arch bridge weighed only one pound and it took 238 pounds to break (fail) the bridge. The competition was a measure of construction weight/failure weight. Among those involved in the effort were (from left) Bruce Hicks, James Pritchett and John Sterrett.
Tough early games still Skyhawks’ plan

By MIKE HUTCHENS
Press Sports

Just because the plan didn’t work, doesn’t mean it was a bad one.

And Kevin McMillan says he’ll probably use a similar blueprint next season.

The UT Martin head women’s basketball coach had visions of his team avoiding a matchup such as the one it drew Monday night as a 16th seed against No. 1-seed Notre Dame in the Northfolk Region in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The teams will play in the opening round at Iowa City, Iowa, on Sunday. Tipoff will be 3:05 local time.

A rigorous preseason Ohio Valley Conference schedule designed to strength UTM’s Ratings Performance Index (RPI), pitted the Skyhawks against four teams ranked in the final Associated Press Top 25 rankings, including No. 1 and defending national champion Baylor, along with fourth-ranked Stanford, No. 16 Louisville and 21st-rated Purdue.

Additional games against the likes of major conference programs Missouri and Northwestern, and matchups vs. Indiana State and Alabama-Birmingham were made to ensure UT Martin was indeed ready for big-time opposition if it earned a trip to the ‘Big Dance’ for a third consecutive year.

Losses in each of those games foiled McMillan’s intentions, however, relegating UTM to another David vs. Goliath first-round NCAA matchup, similar to ones vs. Duke (2011) and Tennessee last season.

The coach isn’t ready to scrap his strategy for the future, though, in favor of a more-friendly schedule that could produce more wins if not quality victories.

“We’ve got Ohio State, Alabama, Illinois-Purdue and Missouri already on next year’s schedule, so the mixture won’t be much different and it won’t be much easier, if any,” McMillan said prior to Monday’s NCAA Selection Show that revealed the Skyhawks’ first round foe. “We made those (scheduling) decisions with the idea and hope we could win one or two and not have to be a 15- or 16-seed again.

“It would’ve worked out just like we planned and we would’ve gotten out of that 15-hole if we’d have just won half of those games. If we’d have beaten Purdue (68-60 loss), or if we’d finished it off against Missouri when we were right there with a couple of minutes left (82-71 setback), our RPI rating might’ve been in the 50s instead of around 100.

“We just have to get out of those situations where we’re a 15- or 16-seed to give ourselves a better chance and advancing in the tournament, and the only way to do that is win some of those games against the people from the bigger conferences with the better RPIs.”

The coach insisted that “not winning some of the other winnable games” was also a contributing factor to his team’s current standing.

McMillan had speculated beforehand that the selection committee might send his troops to either Baton Rouge (La.) or back to Durham (N.C.), where the Skyhawks played in their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 2011.

TOURNEY TALK – UT Martin players (from left) Rickiesha Bryant, Shelby Crawford and Heather Butler talk about the NCAA Tournament bracket after the Skyhawks drew Notre Dame in the opening round. UTM is making its third straight tournament appearance and is a No. 16 seed. The Skyhawks and Fighting Irish will play 3:05 p.m. Sunday at Iowa City, Iowa.

He admittedly was holding out hope that Tennessee would sneak into a second seed and would be paired against UT Martin for a second straight year.

“They do things like that sometime, make regional matchups based on seedings. They even alter seedings a little to keep from spending a big amount of money on the 14s, 15s and 16s. They don’t figure they’re going to hang around very long,” he claimed prior to the selection show.

At one point, UT Martin appeared in danger of not even making the tournament, nor a deep run into the OVC tourney.

A current eight-game winning streak though, saw the Skyhawks (19-14) play

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Skyhawks’ Bryant has winning touch

There Rickielsha Bryant was, standing about 15 feet away from the basket.

Admittedly a little out of her shooting range, she had the option of passing the ball to her teammate Shelby Crawford underneath the basket, finding a guard on the wing or letting one fly from the free throw line.

With a little bit of space, the 6-3 UT Martin center made the split-second decision to rise up for a jump shot, and the Tennessee Tech defender contesting the shot hit Bryant’s elbow at about the same time the shot found nothing but net.

There were a lot of shots made during the Skyhawks’ three-game run in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament — 79 to be exact — but none was bigger than Bryant’s mid-range jumper and ensuing free throw to complete the three-point play in the OVC championship game on March 9.

That play gave UT Martin a 78-73 edge with 1:52 to go in overtime and Tennessee Tech would not get closer than three points the rest of the way as the Skyhawks clinched their third straight NCAA Tournament appearance and third ring on Bryant’s hand in as many years.

Adding to the lure of that shot is that it capped off a perfect shooting night for Bryant, who concluded her day with an 8-for-8 performance from the field to go along with a 4-for-4 effort from the charity stripe.

That resulted in a career-best 20 points and 12 rebounds in 44 minutes for one of the most clutch performances imaginable.

It also earned her a spot on the All-OVC Tournament squad.

While most of the team’s attention deservedly goes to Bryant’s teammates Jasmine Newsome and Heather Butler — the No. 4 and No. 8 scorer in the nation, respectively — it is Bryant who may be the biggest factor in UT Martin’s success in next week’s NCAA Tournament.

Transferring to UT Martin after one year at East Mississippi Community College, Bryant has transformed into one of the most dominant post players in recent Skyhawk history.

She started three combined games in her first two years, averaging 3.1 points per game.

Her final season was punctuated with a remarkable effort in the OVC Tournament. In three games, she averaged 13.7 points, 11.3 rebounds and 4.0 blocks per contest while shooting 77.6 percent from the floor (14-for-18) and 86.7 percent from the free throw line (13-for-15).

She was as consistent as they come in the league tournament, coming up just one point shy in the quarterfinals of tallying three straight double-doubles.

With Bryant undoubtedly playing the best basketball of her career, the Skyhawks now boast a formidable inside-outside threat and loom as a dangerous draw heading into the NCAA Tournament.
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"With about eight games left, we simplified things and just started to focus on two or three things," McMillan said. The girls got some confidence and made the push in the last eight games to go back (to the tournament).

"It's certainly not been an easy road."

The play of UTM’s heralded backcourt tandem (Jasmine Newsome and Heather Butler) has been critical in the team’s telling stretch run.

Butler is now the school’s all-time leading scorer, while Newsome is a two-time OVC Player of the Year.

And it was not surprising to their coach that Newsome and Butler — the lone two-some from the same team to rank in the Top 10 in the nation in scoring — have championed the Skyhawks’ charge.

"Experience is a big deal in tournament settings," McMillan insisted. "Those two (Newsome and Butler) just took over as they have so many times in the three years they’ve been in our program.

“They’ve showed the others that you still have to compete and play hard whether it’s the middle of the season or late in the year. They’ve learned that themselves from the experience of the last two years of winning the OVC and getting into the NCAAs.”

"Maybe it’s just that time of the year for those two and everyone else will catch on."

And that was the real plan all along.

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**PLANNING AHEAD** — UT Martin head coach Kevin McMillan calls out to his players during action this season at the Elam Center. McMillan’s plan to play a tough non-conference schedule against some of the nation’s top teams led to a 19-14 record and No. 16 seed against Notre Dame in the NCAA Tournament.

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Irish just another big name to UTM

By KEVIN WEEKS
Press Sports

Add Notre Dame to UT Martin’s list of stars.

The Skyhawks will play the Fighting Irish in the opening round of the NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament in Iowa City, Iowa, on Sunday, tipping off at 3:05 p.m. local time.

One of the biggest names in college basketball is just another big target for UTM this season.

After playing Baylor and Stanford in Hawaii, Louisville and Purdue at home and Missouri in the Show Me State, UTM will certainly be impressed by its latest Goliath but likely not in awe.

“Notre Dame is one of the top teams in the country, and it goes right along with our theme this year,” UTM head coach Kevin McMillan said. “We’ve played Baylor and Stanford, Purdue and Louisville, and they all were ranked in the Top 10 when we played them. So, now you just throw Notre Dame into the mix. I don’t think any other mid-major in the country has played that kind of schedule.”

UT Martin does not have a win over any of those teams, but the Skyhawks kept most close for awhile anyway. And, junior guard Heather Butler believes, UTM is tougher because of those games.

“Playing Baylor, Stanford, Purdue, all those big teams has definitely prepared us for the tournament,” said Butler, the program’s all-time leading scorer and the only UTM player — man or woman — with over 2,000 points. “Playing against Brittany Griner (Baylor) in the post and the good perimeter players at Stanford definitely got us ready for the tournament.”

Butler is one half of one of the nation’s most prolific scoring duos. Fellow junior guard Jasmine Newsome is averaging 22.9 points a game this year to Butler’s 22, making them the only teammates among the top 10 in scoring.

In Notre Dame, that twosome will face a very formidable backcourt pair as well.

Skylar Diggins is one of the nation’s top players, averaging 17 points a game with 188 assists and 98 steals, while Kayla McBride is top-notch as well with 15.4 points per game. In all, the Irish have four players averaging double digits in scoring.

“They arguably have the best guards in the country, so that’s going to be neat for us,” McMillan said. “We’re going to walk in there our two little no-names and see if we can play against the best in the country. That’s what I want to see:

How good are our kinds against a team like Notre Dame?”

Notre Dame comes in with a 31-1 record and has not lost since a 73-61 setback to Baylor on Dec. 5. In its impressive run to a No. 1 tournament seed, the Irish have beaten UConn three times, Louisville twice and Tennessee in their meeting at Knoxville.

The No. 16 was somewhat of a surprise to McMillan, who thought his team’s brutal schedule would impress the selection committee into a bump up.

“I was a little surprised because there were teams with lower RPIs than us, and our strength of schedule was stronger than some of them,” the coach said. “After the men’s bracket was drawn, the committee members came out and said, ‘We told you to go out and play people.’ Well, we went out and played people and ended up a 16 seed.”
Skyhawks headed to Iowa for first round of NCAA tournament

STARTING IN IOWA — Members of the UT Martin women's basketball team react to the Skyhawks' spot in the NCAA Tournament during Monday night's Selection Show party at Skyhawk Fieldhouse. The Skyhawks are 19-14 on the season and played their way into their third straight NCAA Tournament by winning the Ohio Valley Conference last week. The Fighting Irish, meanwhile, have played in the last two national championship games and will bring a 31-1 record and the Big East Conference regular season and tournament championships into the 64-team field. The teams will face off in the first round 3:05 p.m. in Iowa City, Iowa.
UT Martin women draw Notre Dame in NCAA Tournament

MARTIN, TN—Quietly and patiently, the UT Martin women waited with their fans to see who and where they would be playing in the NCAA tournament. And when the Skyhawks popped up next to Notre Dame, UTM head coach Kevin McMillan admits he was a little surprised.

"There were some teams with lower RPIs than us, and our strength of schedule was really high of those teams," McMillan said. "The committee was talking about, we told you to go out and play people, well we went out and played people, and we ended up with a sixteen. So why do it, you know? Why subject yourself to the Bayloas and Stanford's of the world, if they're not going to look at that and say you know what, this bunch played some folks, let's give them some credit for it."

Junior guard Heather Butler thinks that tough schedule at the beginning of the season, will help prepare the Skyhawks for the Fighting Irish.

"That definitely helps," Butler admitted. "Playing against Brittney Griner in the post, and playing against the good perimeter players on Stanford, that definitely gets us ready for the tournament."

The Skyhawks will tip off with Notre Dame at 4:05 on Sunday afternoon, in Iowa City, Iowa.

Some other notable matchups for the NCAA tournament are:

March 23rd- (15) Oral Roberts vs. (2) Tennessee at 12:30 PM in Knoxville, TN
March 24th- (12) Middle Tennessee vs. (5) Louisville at 1:30 PM in Louisville, KY
March 24th- (15) Navy vs. (2) Kentucky at 11:05 AM in Queens, NY

UTM Lady Skyhawks Get NCAA Tournament Opponent

By WBBJ 7 Eyewitness News Staff

MARTIN, Tenn. - The University of Tennessee at Martin Lady Skyhawks basketball team hosted an NCAA tournament selection show party on campus, Monday night.

Hundreds of fans came out to the Skyhawk Field House on UT Martin's Campus to watch as the Lady Skyhawks pulled the 16th seed in the Women's National Championship Tournament. This means they will have to face the number one seeded team in that region, which is Notre Dame.

Notre Dame is considered one of the best women's college basketball teams in the country, but the coach of the Lady Skyhawks said he is not scared.

"That's going to be neat for us," said Coach Kevin McMillan of the Lady Skyhawks. "Those are supposed to be the two elite guards in the country and we're going to walk in there with our two little no names and we going to see if we can't play the game against two of the best in the country. And that's what I want to see, you know, how good are our kids and what do we need to do against a team like Notre Dame."

The Lady Skyhawks will face Notre Dame on Sunday.
Kevin McMillan is glad he coaches in the era he does. In years past, the UT Martin women's basketball coaching staff would've worked through Monday night to get film on the Skyhawk women's upcoming opponent Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

"Now that we have the Internet and all the games that are on ESPN3, all we do is get the computer to burn discs of film and put everything together for us so it's ready when we get there in the morning," said McMillan, whose team learned its tournament draw on Monday after winning its third straight Ohio Valley Conference championship on March 9. "Because of that, we're able to go home and get a good night's rest and crank it up tomorrow."

The Skyhawk women were selected as a No. 16 seed, and Notre Dame is a No. 1 and is ranked No. 2 in the country.

McMillan said he has seen Notre Dame a couple of times but still needs to do work on scouting them.

"I saw them a couple of times against Connecticut on TV this season, but to be honest I wasn't really paying attention," McMillan said. "So we'll get to work on it pretty hard tomorrow."

The Skyhawk women have been selected as a 15 seed the previous two seasons, and they expected a higher draw a year ago. McMillan said he could understand the lower seeding but could make a case for a higher seeding.

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SUNDAY'S GAME

What: UT Martin vs. Notre Dame
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Irish latest ‘name’ on Skyhawks’ list

By KEVIN WEAKS

Messenger Sports

Add Notre Dame to UT Martin’s list of stars.

The Skyhawks will play the Fighting Irish in the opening round of the NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament in Iowa City, Iowa, on Sunday, tipping off at 3:05 p.m. local time.

One of the biggest names in college basketball is just another big target for UTM this season.

After playing Baylor and Stanford in Hawaii, Louisville and Purdue at home and Missouri in the Show-Me State, UTM will certainly be impressed by its latest Goliath but likely not in awe.

“Notre Dame is one of the top teams in the country, and it goes right along with our theme this year,” UTM head coach Kevin McMillan said. “We’ve played Baylor and Stanford, Purdue and Louisville, and they all were ranked in the Top 10 when we played them. So, now you just throw Notre Dame into the mix. I don’t think any other mid-major in the country has played that kind of schedule.”

UT Martin does not have a win over any of those teams, but the Skyhawks kept most close for awhile anyway. And, junior guard Heather Butler believes, UTM is tougher because of those games.

In all, the Irish have four player averaging double digits in scoring.

They arguably have the best guards in the country, so that’s going to be neat for us,” McMillan said. “We’re going to walk in there our two little no-names and see if we can play against the best in the country. That’s what I want to see: How good are our guards against a team like Notre Dame.”

Notre Dame comes in with a 31-1 record and has not lost since a 73-61 setback to Baylor on Dec. 5. In its impressive run to a No. 1 tournament seed, the Irish have beaten UConn three times, Louisville twice and Tennessee in their meeting at Knoxville.

The No. 16 was something of a surprise to McMillan, who thought his team’s brutal schedule would impress the selection committee into a bump up.

“I was a little surprised because there were teams with lower RPIs than us, and our strength of schedule was stronger than some of them,” the coach said. “After the men’s bracket was drawn, the committee members came out and said, ‘We told you to go out and play people.’ Well, we went out and played people and ended up a 16 seed.”

Playing Baylor, Stanford, Purdue, all those big teams has definitely prepared us for the tournament,” said Butler, the program’s all-time leading scorer and the only UTM player – man or woman – with over 2,000 points.

Playing against Brittany Griner (Baylor) in the post and the good perimeter players at Stanford definitely got us ready for the tournament.”

Butler is one half of one of the nation’s most prolific scoring duos. Fellow junior guard Jasmine Newhouse is averaging 22.9 points a game this year to Butler’s 22, making them the only teammates among the top 10 in scoring.

In Notre Dame, that twosome will face a very formidable backcourt pair as well.

Skylar Diggins is one of the nation’s top players, averaging 17 points a game with 188 assists and 98 steals, while Kayla McBride is top-notch as well with 15.4 points per game.

THIRD TIME – UT Martin’s Shelby Crawford talks with teammates about claiming their OVC Tournament three-peat after watching the team’s highlight video at the NCAA Tournament Selection Show party Monday evening at Skyhawk Fieldhouse. UTM will be making its third straight NCAA appearance and will play Notre Dame 3:05 p.m. Sunday at Iowa City, Iowa.
Tough road still McMillan's plan

By MIKE HUTCHENS

Messenger Sports Editor

Just because the plan didn’t work, doesn’t mean it was a bad one.

And Kevin McMillan says he’ll probably use a similar blueprint next season.

The UT Martin head women's basketball coach had visions of his team avoiding a matchup such as the one it drew Monday night as a 16th seed against No. 1 seed Notre Dame in the Northfolk Region in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The teams will play in the opening round at Iowa City, Iowa, on Sunday. Tipoff will be 3:05 local time.

A rigorous preseason Ohio Valley Conference schedule designed to strength UTM’s Ratings Performance Index (RPI), pitted the Skyhawks against four teams ranked in the final Associated Press Top 25 rankings, including No. 1 and defending national champion Baylor, along with fourth-ranked Stanford, No. 16 Louisville and 21st-ranked Purdue.

Additional games against the likes of major conference programs Missouri and Northwestern, and matchups vs. Indiana State and Alabama-Birmingham were made to ensure UT Martin was indeed ready for big-time opposition if it earned a trip to the 'Big Dance' for a third consecutive year.

Losses in each of those games foiled McMillan’s intentions, however, relegating UTM to another David vs. Goliath first-round NCAA matchup, similar to ones vs. Duke (2011) and Tennessee last season.

The coach isn’t ready to scrap his strategy for the future though, in favor of a more-friendly schedule that could produce more wins — if not quality victories.

“We’ve got Ohio State, Arizona, Illinois and Missouri already on next year’s schedule, so the mixture won’t be much different and it won’t be much easier, if any,” McMillan said prior to Monday’s NCAA Selection Show that revealed the Skyhawks' first round foe. “We made those (scheduling) decisions with the idea and hope we could win one or two and not have to be a 15- or 16-seed again.

“It would’ve worked out just like we planned and we would’ve gotten out of that 15-hole if we’d have just won half of those games. If we’d have beaten Purdue (68-60 loss), or if we’d finished it off against Missouri when we were right there with a couple of minutes left (82-71 setback), our RPI rating might’ve been in the 50s instead of around 100.

“We just have to get out of those situations where we’re a 15- or 16-seed to give ourselves a better chance and advancing in the tournament, and the only way to do that is win some of those games against the people from the bigger conferences with the better RPIs.”

The coach insisted that “not winning some of the other winnable games” was also a contributing factor to his team’s current standing.

McMillan had speculated beforehand that the selection committee might send his troops to either Baton Rouge (La.) or back to Durham (N.C.) where the Skyhawks played in their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 2011.

He admittedly was holding out hope that Tennessee would sneak into a second seed and would be paired against UT Martin for a second straight year.

“They do things like that sometime, make regional matchups based on seedings. They even alter seedings a little to keep from spending a big amount of money on the 14s, 15s and 16s. They don’t figure they’re going to hang around very long,” he claimed prior to the selection show.

At one point, UT Martin appeared in danger of not even making the tournament or a deep run into the OVC tourney.

A current eight-game winning streak though, saw the Skyhawks (19-14) play their best and most consistent ball of the season.

“With about eight games left, we simplified things and just started to focus on two or three things,” McMillan said. The girls got some confidence and made the push in the last eight games to go back (to the tournament).

“It’s certainly not been an easy road.”

The play of UTM’s heralded backcourt tandem (Jasmin Newsome and Heather Butler) has been critical in the team’s telling stretch run.

And it was not surprising to their coach that Newsome and Butler have championed the Skyhawks' late-season charge.

“Experience is a big deal in tournament settings,” McMillan insisted. “Those two (Newsome and Butler) just took over as they have so many times in the three years they’ve been in our program.

“They’ve showed the others that you still have to compete and play hard whether it’s the middle of the season or late in the year. They’ve learned that themselves from the experience of the last two years of winning the OVC and getting into the NCAAs.”

“Maybe it’s just that time of the year for those two and everyone else will catch on.”

And that was the real plan all along.
Community members invited to 15th leadership conference

Community members and business leaders are invited to attend the 15th annual African American Leadership Conference 8 a.m.-3 p.m. April 18 at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center in Jackson.

The conference theme is “Challenges and Opportunities” and the program will cover topics of interest to African American leaders.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and will include a continental breakfast.

Dr. Ed Stanton III, United States attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, will serve as the keynote speaker beginning at 8:45. Dr. Chima Abakwue, assistant principal at Lexington Middle School, and Sandy Stewart, executive director of the Greer Campaign in Oakfield, will follow.

After lunch, attendees will hear the Rev. Guy Hendree, pastor at Elcanaan Baptist Church in Whiteville; Kathy Moore Cowan, senior community development specialist at the Memphis branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; and Dr. Garrick Clouden from First Care Medical Center in Brownsville.

Anne Banks, a member of the WestStar Leadership class of 1997, will serve as conference emcee. Door prizes will be distributed throughout the event.

The conference fee is $35 per person or $60 for two. The fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch, all speakers and a variety of networking opportunities. Advance registration is required and checks should be made payable to WestStar.

To register, email name, business, complete address and phone number to Virginia Grimes, WestStar coordinator, at vgrimes@utm.edu. If registering for two people, include complete information for both attendees.

The West Tennessee Research and Education Center is located at 605 Airways Blvd. in Jackson.

The conferences are made possible by the WestStar Leadership Program, the City of Brownsville, Tennessee Access and Diversity Initiatives, Walmart, West Tennessee Healthcare and the UT Center for Industrial Services.

For more information about the conference or the registration process, contact Ms. Grimes at (731) 881-7298.

Noted educator, researcher to speak next week at UTM

Dr. Bill Klemm, noted educator and researcher in neuroscience, will give a lecture titled “Better Grades, Less Effort” at 7:30 p.m. March 28 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

His presentation will be in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Klemm is a Distinguished Alumnus of Auburn University and a Distinguished Member of Sigma Xi. He pioneered in the development of Internet based collaborative learning environments, co-creating a software program called FORUM that was the forerunner of Internet "wikis." He has authored much of the science curriculum material for middle schools on the website peer.tamu.edu.

Each month, Klemm writes a newspaper column for baby boomers about memory, attentiveness, perception and similar topics that is based on studies in medical and neuroscience literature. He maintains a blog site, “Improve Your Learning and Memory,” and also writes a blog for Psychology Today. His blog posts have drawn over a quarter-million reader views.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the UT Martin Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society and Honors Programs.

“It’s always good to have well-known experts in their respective fields come to UT Martin to share their extensive knowledge with our university community,” said Dr. Lionel Crews, director of Honors Programs. “It’s even better when it can help you improve your memory and get better grades in the process.”

For more information, contact Crews at (731) 881-7440 or lcrews@utm.edu.
Jams, jellies course available at UTM

Anyone who has ever wondered how grandma made her famous preserves is invited to participate in a course on making jams, jellies and preserves at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s main campus.

The course will be offered from 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays from April 4-18.

It will explain the differences between jam, jelly and preserves and the processes for making each type, according to a spokesman.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on learning with instructors Tammy Rorie and Donna Ewer.

The registration fee is $75 per person, but students ages 12-16 may attend free if accompanied by a paying adult.

All students must pay an additional $10 supply fee to the instructors at the first class meeting.

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Senior Art Exhibit on display March 26

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will continue its series of senior art exhibitions for 2012-2013 with four student artists: Jessica Brawley, an art education emphasis student from Adams; Lacey Erwin, a visual art studio emphasis student from Jackson; and Lauren Suiter, an art education emphasis student from Indian Mound.

The exhibition will begin with an opening reception, slated from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, on the second floor of the Paul Meek Library.

Exhibitions sponsored by the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will continue on the second floor of the Paul Meek Library until the renovation of the Fine Arts Building is complete. The exhibition will continue through Friday, April 5. It is free and open to the public.

For information concerning standard and special library hours of operation, contact the Paul Meek Library at 731-881-7060. For more information about the exhibition, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7400.
**Handgun carry permit course offered at UTM**

A course on the requirements to carry a handgun in the state of Tennessee will be offered 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, April 13, at the University of Tennessee at Martin main campus.

Terry Guthrie, a police officer and certified firearms instructor, will teach the course.

Participants will be instructed in the laws for the use of and state standards for carrying a firearm. The proper way to handle a firearm and training on proper techniques for better shooting accuracy will also be taught.

All participants must pass a written and practical test to receive a completion certificate. The state will issue a permit upon receipt of the certificate. Each student must be 21 years of age to participate in this specialized training and have no prior felony convictions.

All participants are required to bring their own firearm and 50 rounds of ammunition along with hearing and eye protection. Classes include four hours in the classroom and four hours on the range.

The registration fee to attend the course is $75 per person.

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Clean Up Challenge: Martin City Hall designated as ink cartridge drop point

The city of Martin, Martin Beautiful, the University of Tennessee at Martin, UTM Recycles and the Weakley County Litter Program have all worked together to plan the Martin Clean Up Challenge April 15-20 leading up to Earth Day on April 22.

In coordination with the upcoming Clean Up Days program, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige announced a new twist to the event: Martin City Hall is now a designated drop-off zone for ink cartridges. "It is important to me that Martin is a leader in rural West Tennessee encouraging our citizens and businesses to be environmentally conscious," Brundige said. "City Hall is the people's building, and we can serve as an easily accessible drop point encouraging our citizens to recycle ink cartridges."

In Martin, there are increasingly fewer homes and businesses without computers. And if you own a computer, you likely have a printer hooked up to it. Toner cartridges are largely made of plastic. Getting one usage from it is a terrible waste of resources, Clean Up Day organizers said.

Plastic polymers decompose at a slow rate. Printer cartridges not recycled could lie in a landfill for up to 1,000 years, organizers said.

Brundige said City Hall also recycles its paper, plastics and encourages energy efficiency, in addition to establishing City Hall as an ink cartridge collection site.

To learn more or to sign up to be an active participant in the Clean Up Challenge, contact organizers at recycle@utm.edu or 731-881-7370.

Gloves and bags will be provided if needed, and April 20 will be a city-wide pick-up day.

Croom appointed bankruptcy judge

Greenfield resident and University of Tennessee at Martin graduate James L. Croom was appointed Wednesday as bankruptcy judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee.

Croom had been an assistant US attorney for West Tennessee. His chambers and courtroom are located in the District’s Eastern Division at Jackson.

Croom received his Bachelor of Science degree from UT Martin with high honors in 1983 and his J.D. law degree from the Cecil C. Humphrey’s School of Law at Memphis State University in 1986.

Croom served as an estate administrator for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District in 1987 until his appointment as an attorney/advisor in the Office of the United States Trustee for Region Eight in 1988.

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Croom resides in Greenfield with his wife, Diane. They have two daughters, Laura E. Croom and Callie A. Croom, and a son, James L. Croom, who is deceased.
Croom appointed as bankruptcy judge

On Wednesday, James L. Croom, assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, was appointed by the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals as bankruptcy judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee, according to a news release.

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Local schools target 1/3 students with delinquent loans

By Reporter - Lauren Adams
By Photojournalist - David Dycus
March 19, 2013

PADUCAH, Ky. - Valerie Peoples, 26, is giving college a second try.

"I want a better future," she said Tuesday.

But, that future is costing her. One semester at West Kentucky Community & Technical College has forced her to take out two loans.

"The first one I got was $1400, the 2nd was $1400," she continued.

Plenty of students are doing the same. The problem according to the school's financial aid director is they are not thinking twice.

According to the latest quarterly report from the New York Federal Reserve, student loan debt has tripled between 2004 and 2012. Some 17 percent of the borrowers are delinquent on those loans. That is up from 10% in 2004.

"A lot of times they think they need to take out the maximum loan without really even calculating their expenses," Financial Aid Director Nathanial Slaton said.

It is why Slaton plans to give every student a calculator and some class time. Slaton says those mandatory classes will offer some individual arithmetic.

"If they graduate $50,000 in debt and they’re in a program that’s going to earn $9 or $10 an hour they’re not going to be able to make that monthly payment," he explained.

Those payments are something Valerie Peoples is already worried about, "I don't want to take out more loans because I feel like I’d be in over my head."
But, the radiography student tells us, for now, loans are the only way to that better future.

"In five years I hope you see me taking x-rays of broken bones and pictures of babies before they're born," she said.

Plenty of other local college and universities have seen similar problems when it comes to student loan debt.

At UT Martin, the school recently updated their website to include what they are calling a 'net price calculator.' The tool allows prospective and current students to figure out, to the dollar, how much they will spend.

At SEMO, all students have the opportunity to attend money management sessions and workshops. Murray State's mandatory freshman orientation includes money management.

SIU Carbondale is doing the same thing- they call it University College 101.
Nonprofits talk fundraising

Event was sponsored by UTM WestStar Leadership Program

By David Thomas
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Speaking to individuals representing nonprofit organizations from 17 area counties, it didn’t take Curt Swindoll long to define the main issue in fundraising.

“It’s a lack of clearly defined vision,” Swindoll said. “Leadership is responsible for articulating vision, which should not come as a surprise.”

Swindoll is the executive vice president of The Pursuant Group and was the keynote speaker when The West Tennessee Nonprofit Conference met at the J. Walter Barnes Conference Center at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital on Thursday.

Sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program, the conference was held to promote the development and success of all nonprofit organizations in fundraising, legality issues and start-ups throughout the West Tennessee region.

“Vision is misunderstood,” Swindoll said. “What matters is if you have a statement mission, the purpose your organization exists.”

Swindoll added vision should be clear, concise, compelling and quantifiable.

“There are 29,000 nonprofit organizations,” Swindoll said. “What makes yours different?”

Some organizations, Swindoll said, are too operational.

“We’re always talking about what we are going to do instead of why,” Swindoll said. “How do I meet the next donor and what will I tell (them)?”

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There was one thing Swindoll mentioned not to ask a donor when raising funds.

“I need four new people and a new building,” Swindoll said. “That will put a donor to sleep.”

Swindoll compared giving to the Gross Domestic Product.

“Compared to the GDP, we’re not growing at all.” Swindoll said. “We’re stuck at two percent. We don’t have a funding problem, we have a vision problem.”

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After Swindoll spoke, he didn’t hesitate when asked about the salaries some nonprofit directors command.

“We can luck out and find someone who is looking for a second career,” Swindoll said. “If that person shows up at your door, great, but do we find the person we need?”

Eddie Lee Herndon, the president/CEO of United Way of West Tennessee, viewed Swindoll’s message as motivation.

“It’s important as we look at our long-range goals in the immediate sense to obtain these goals,” Herndon said. “Giving $5, $10 or $50 contributes to our financial goals. It gives us the opportunity to achieve our mission.”

David Thomas, 425-9637

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Basic raw foods course offered on April 6

A course on how to prepare raw foods will be offered from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on April 6 at the University of Tennessee at Martin Jackson Center, according to a news release.

Tiffany Finney, a raw food chef and wellness coach, and Amy Koerner, a raw food chef, will conduct the class.

Instruction will focus on the benefits of raw foods, how to incorporate them into your diet and how to prepare meals. Participants will be able to taste all the prepared foods for no extra charge.

The registration fee to attend is $60, plus a $10 supply fee paid to the instructor on the day of the class, the release said.

The course is sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies and will be held at the UT Martin Jackson Center, located at 3031 Hwy. 45 Bypass in Jackson.

To register, contact ECOS at 731-881-7082, or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php.
It isn't often that a team that loses by 33 points in the NCAA Tournament has the star of the game.

But when a player scores 37 points and ties an arena record for shot attempts, that's what happens.

Despite a 97-64 thrashing by the top-seeded Notre Dame Fighting Irish Sunday afternoon at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, UT Martin's Heather Butler had a career game, tying the Carver-Hawkeye Arena record for shot attempts - 30 - in the process. Butler hit six three-pointers, including two that banked in.

UT Martin head coach Kevin McMillan said Butler rose to the challenge of facing a top seed.

"We list her at 5-5, but she's not, she's about 5-3 or 5-4, and what that young lady does is absolutely amazing," McMillan said. "She's one of those rare kids that looks at situations and says: What can I do to to be my best in whatever given situation I've got."

Butler said it was just that kind of night for her.

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The 37 points was the second most ever scored against the Fighting Irish, and Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw called it "the best individual game anybody's had against us all year long."

Despite the explosion from Butler, Notre Dame's strength in the paint was far too much for the Skyhawks to overcome. The Irish outrebounded the Skyhawks 49-14, and scored 56 points in the paint - 26 on second chance opportunities.

McGraw said she placed an emphasis on winning on the glass, and the result showed on the court.

"I thought offensively we really went after it," McGraw said. "I think that we're capable of getting to the backboard and boxing out, and I thought we did a really good job defensively."

The Skyhawks hung around with the Irish for much of the first half, trailing just 38-31 with 4:03 to play in the period, after — what else? — a three from Butler. Notre Dame would go on a 22-2 run to pull away from UT Martin and advance.

Notre Dame All-American Skylar Diggins was held mostly in check with ten points on 3-of-8 shooting, but a career-high 27 points from freshman guard Jewell Loyd and 22 points and 10 rebounds from Kayla McBride was more than enough to power the Fighting Irish.

McGraw said she was impressed with the composure of the freshman Loyd in her first NCAA Tournament game.

"You go into your first NCAA Tournament game and you wonder how the freshman is going to do," McGraw said. "You think back to her previous career high against Baylor, and you think, she's definitely a gamer."

The Fighting Irish came into Carver-Hawkeye Arena looking to start its third straight run to the Final Four. And even though Heather Butler stole the show, the first part of that journey is complete for Notre Dame.
NCAA WOMEN: UTM draws Notre Dame in 1st round
Written by Brandon Shields
Mar. 24

Sunday’s game
What: UT Martin vs. Notre Dame
When: Sunday at 4:05 p.m.
TV: ESPN2

Kevin McMillan is glad he coaches in the era he does. In years past, the UT Martin women’s basketball coaching staff would’ve worked through Monday night to get film on the Skyhawk women’s upcoming opponent Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA women’s basketball tournament.

“Now that we have the Internet and all the games that are on ESPN3, all we do is get the computer to burn discs of film and put everything together for us so it’s ready when we get there in the morning,” said McMillan, whose team learned its tournament draw on Monday after winning its third straight Ohio Valley Conference championship on March 9. “Because of that, we’re able to go home and get a good night’s rest and crank it up tomorrow.”

The Skyhawk women were selected as a No. 16 seed, and Notre Dame is a No. 1 and is ranked No. 2 in the country.

McMillan said he has seen Notre Dame a couple of times but still needs to do work on scouting them.

“I saw them a couple of times against Connecticut on TV this season, but to be honest I wasn’t really paying attention,” McMillan said. “So we’ll get to work on it pretty hard tomorrow.”

The Skyhawk women have been selected as a 15 seed the previous two seasons, and they expected a higher draw a year ago. McMillan said he could understand the lower seeding but could make a case for a higher seeding.

“They tell us every year they go by RPI, strength of schedule and your last 10 games,” McMillan said. “This year our RPI and strength of schedule are better, and we went 9-1 in our last 10 after winning all 10 last year.

“You’d figure we’d get at least the same seeding based on that, but the way we played in the middle of the season and some of the losses that we had, we probably deserve a 16 seed.”

No matter their seeding, the Skyhawk women still got to experience the excitement of the tournament selection show and finding out who they were playing.

“That never gets old – seeing yourself on ESPN and being named among the top 64 teams in the country,” McMillan said. “It’s certainly exciting, and I’ve been through it myself a few times.”
NCAA WOMEN: UT Martin falls to Notre Dame in NCAA first round

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UTM ended its season with a 19-15 record. The Skyhawks earned a berth in the NCAA tournament by winning the Ohio Valley Conference tournament earlier this month.

The region’s top seed and nation’s No. 2-ranked team, Notre Dame (32-1) advanced to the second round.

Check out JacksonSun.com and tomorrow’s print edition of The Jackson Sun for more on Sunday’s game.

44TH ANNUAL UT MARTIN RODEO APRIL 11 - 13

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MARTIN, Tenn. – The 44th annual UT Martin Rodeo will ride in at 7:30 p.m. April 11 – 13 at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex. Tickets are $8 in advance and $10 at the door. A weekend pass is $18.

The festivities will kick off with a crawfish supper at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 at the American Legion with crawfish, new potatoes and corn on the cob. Hamburgers and hot dogs will also be available. Tickets are $10 for individuals and $25 for families. The long weekend culminates into a hair-raising event with bucking broncos and steers, barrel racing, rodeo clowns and a free county-wide barbecue.

The 8th annual Tennessee National Guard Jr. Miss and Miss UT Martin Rodeo Pageant will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13 at the Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

For more information, visit www.utmsports.com.
UT-Martin gets grant to help pregnant mothers

MARTIN (AP) - The University of Tennessee at Martin says it is receiving a $706,000 state grant for the school's Healthy Families Initiative.

UT-Martin says the grant was awarded by the state Department of Health for work that will take place over a 3-year period.

The initiative seeks to increase the number of healthy pregnancies and births in at-risk communities by responding to the needs of children and families. The project will target women and at-risk children from Dyer, Lake and Lauderdale counties.

The counties were chosen based on risk factors such as high teen birth rates, high rates of child poverty and limited access to adequate health care.

The university says that the percentage of children living in poverty in each of the counties exceeds the Tennessee average of 26.3 percent.

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NOTRE DAME TAKES DOWN SKYHAWKS

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Summit to feature OC businessman

Obion County businessman Kelley Powers will be the keynote speaker at the upcoming Seventh Annual Mid-South Economic & Business Development Summit in Dyersburg. The summit is scheduled for May 14 at the Lannom Center and will include three morning sessions dealing with business development.

"Purpose Driven Success: Building a Better Business Community" is the theme for the one-day summit. Sponsors for the event include the Dyersburg State Community College and University of Tennessee at Martin Small Business Development Centers, the UTM Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center, WestStar Leadership, Ken-Tenn Regional Alliance and the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce.

There is a $50 registration fee to attend. The registration form is available online at www.utm.edu/midsouthsummit or for more information contact Landy Fuqua at the UTM REED Center at (731) 587-7333. The deadline to pre-register for the summit is May 3.

The May 14 summit will begin with registration and a continental breakfast set to begin at 8 at the Lannom Center, followed by a brief welcome address at 8:30.

At 8:45, Ken-Tenn Regional Alliance executive director Hollie Holt will discuss the work she is doing to promote economic development in the six county region of Obion, Lake and Weakley counties in northwest Tennessee and Hickman, Fulton and Carlisle counties in southwest Kentucky.

Her presentation will be followed by a session entitled "Doing the Right Thing FOR Your Business." The session will be led by Casey Wilson, retail and sustainability programs manager for the Small Business & Technology Development Center at the University of Maryland.

The summit's second session will also be led by Wilson and is entitled, "Doing the Right Thing WITH Your Business Community."

The third and final session is entitled "Current Trends Among Small Business & Community Success Stories" and will be led by Charles Alexander, director of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center at Volunteer State Community College.

Powers will be the keynote speaker at the summit luncheon. He has an impressive resume as a businessman, outdoorsman and humanitarian.

Powers has won the World Goose Calling Championship, the World Goose Champion of Champions, is a four-time winner of the World Open Meat Duck calling event and has won numerous other major waterfowl calling contests at the national and international levels.

He has also been honored by the Live For A Cure Foundation of Chicago, which named an award in his honor — The Kelley Powers Humanitarian Award. The award is presented annually to individuals who display outstanding outdoor humanitarian efforts. Powers has also been recognized by the governor and the state Legislature for his work with Tennessee's youth.

Powers is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin and is currently serving as a consultant for Higdon Decoys. He is also an outdoor representative for Under Armour.

He has been featured in several prominent outdoor publications, waterfowl videos and television productions, including ESPN, TNN, the Men's Network and the Outdoor Channel. He also co-hosts his own local outdoor radio show — West Tennessee Outdoors.

Powers is a part owner of Final Flight Outfitters, a mail-order catalog company that operates a retail store in the Midway community.

Final Flight specializes in high-end waterfowl products and was founded by Powers and his two brothers, Jon Ed and Tripp Powers.

The family business was started in 1998 out of a storage trailer. Final Flight now has a 25,000-square-foot showroom stocked with clothing, firearms, ammunition, decoys, footwear, hunting accessories and casual clothing.

Business consultations offered

Small business specialist Denny Sumner will help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with business advice from 9 a.m. until noon April 4 at the Obion County Chamber of Commerce at 214 East Church St. in downtown Union City.

Sumner is a small business specialist with the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneur and Economic Development Center and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center. He recently joined the TSBD after working more than 30 years in the banking industry as a commercial loan officer.

Sumner has taught several college classes in finance and economics and is currently teaching microeconomics at UTM.

He will be giving advice about business planning, financing options, marketing, customer service, cash flow and other topics. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments can be made by contacting the UTM REED Center/TSBDC at (731) 587-7333.
Butler is best against Notre Dame, but Skyhawks no match for Irish

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Not even Brittney Griner scored as many points against Notre Dame as UT Martin’s Heath Butler put up.

Butler had 37 points against the top-seeded Irish in a first-round NCAA tournament game Sunday, including a couple of banked in 3-pointers, but it wasn’t enough for the 16th-seeded Skyhawks in a 97-64 loss to Notre Dame.

The taller, longer, more athletic Irish dominated under the basket and moved one step closer to returning to the national championship game for the third straight year.

Butler certainly made it interesting, though.

“I think we list her at 5 (foot)-5. She’s really about 5-4 or 5-3,” UT Martin coach Kevin McMillan said. “What that young lady has done is absolutely amazing. I was fortunate to coach her in high school and fortunate she followed me to UT Martin. And I’m fortunate every day I get to be around her.”

Butler, seventh in the nation in scoring this season, shot 13-for-30 from the field, including 6-for-11 on 3s. She banked in a 3 from the left wing in the first half, then hit another off the glass from the top of the key less than 3 minutes later.

“When she banked the first one, I said we’re going to start throwing her the ball,” McMillan said. “Because she’ll be made because she banked it in and she’ll start putting them in and she did.”

Butler, who averages 22 points a game, gave a shrug after

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The Skyhawks dominated, outscoring the Irish 22-2 in the paint.

“We got destroyed on the glass,” Butler said. “That’s what killed us.”

Jewel Loyd scored 27 points for Notre Dame. Kayla McBride added 22 points and 10 rebounds, while Natalie Achonwa scored 16.

Notre Dame’s Skylar Diggins finished with just 10 points and six assists. But the Fighting Irish didn’t need much from their star in the rout because Loyd, McBride and Achonwa scored practically at will.

Notre Dame was up 10 in less than five minutes, hitting six of its first seven shots to take a 14-4 advantage.

But instead of folding, the Skyhawks put the ball in Butler’s hands.

She keyed a surprising 16-6 run, banking in her 3s and hitting a layup off a nifty back cut to make a game of it.

Butler had 23 points in just 16 minutes — or 21 more than her counterpart Diggins to that point — and the Skyhawks got as close as 38-31.

But Diggins had the help that Butler could have used.

Loyd and Achonwa combined for 31 first-half points, and Notre Dame’s closing run made it an 18-point game at halftime.

The Fighting Irish then scored 11 of the next 13 points to jump ahead 60-33.

Griner, the 6-8 Baylor sensation, scored 24 points in the only game Notre Dame has lost — 73-61 to the Bears in South Bend back in December.

The most anyone had scored against Notre Dame this season was 33 by South Florida’s Andrea Smith.

“To think that those two guards could go out as a 16 seed and combine for 52 points and one of them get 37,” McMillan said, “you can’t ask for any more.”
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UTM students attend wildlife conclave

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society attended the 2013 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave on March 4-8 and brought home first-place in the cervid-calling competition and third-place in the obstacle course event.

The conclave was hosted by North Carolina State University in Aberdeen, N.C.

Approximately 400 students representing 23 southeastern colleges and universities competed in the various academic and physical challenges.

Kaylee Resha, a senior from Rockvale, won the cervid-calling competition.

A cervid is an animal from the deer and elk family.

Jacob Martin, a senior from Collierville; Matt Moore, a senior from Bethel Springs; Brant Luker, a freshman from Smyrna; and Dylan Enochs, a sophomore from Finley, formed the UT Martin obstacle course team.

The event includes running, climbing and mud crawling, as well as various wildlife management tasks, such as identifying an animal or its sign. This year’s course took more than an hour to complete and ended in a 20-yard swim across an icy-cold stretch of lake.

The UT Martin team also placed 13th in the Quiz Bowl competition, finishing ahead of teams from larger universities, including Clemson and Mississippi State University.

Students were also able to participate in various field trips to gain hands-on experience and wildlife-related skills.

For more information on the UT Martin Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society, contact Dr. Eric Pelren, professor of wildlife biology and chapter advisor, at 731-881-7263, or by email at epelren@utm.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED — The UT Martin Faculty Women’s Club awarded three scholarships during this past week’s annual luncheon held in conjunction with Women’s History Month. Among the scholarship winners (from left) are Jessica Cobb of Cedar Hill, Penny Moser, chairperson of the Faculty Women’s Club Scholarship Committee, Heather Kee of Camden and Tonya Evans of Sharon.

UTM offers 20 scholarships for reading clinic students

The University of Tennessee at Martin Reading Clinic has scholarships available for students, ages 7-17, who demonstrate both the need and an academic need for individual reading assistance. Students chosen for the scholarship will be able to receive tutoring at the UT Martin Reading Clinic for one year.

The UT Martin Reading Clinic, under the direction of Dr. Beverly Hearn, is a joint effort of the Department of Educational Studies, Extended Campus and Continuing Education and the UTM Reading Center.

The clinic has assisted over 70 students with dyslexia and other learning disabilities with reading assistance since 2009.

The clinic will encompass seven sessions, starting in June and running from September, October, November, February, March and April. Students will need to attend all sessions, or the scholarship will be reassigned to another student.

The June sessions meet at the following times: 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.

During the June sessions, students can meet twice per week for one hour per meeting (Monday/Wednesday; Tuesday/Thursday) or four times per week for one hour per meeting, Monday/Thursday.

The scholarships, valued at $725 each, are open to any student, but preference will be given to students in the following schools: Martin Primary, Martin Elementary and Martin Middle School.

Once a student qualifies, the parents will coordinate with the Reading Clinic manager to set up a time and schedule that works best for the student.

The deadline to apply is Saturday, April 6. Awards will be made Monday, April 15.

Parents interested in obtaining a scholarship application for their child may call the Extended Campus and Online Studies Office at 731-881-7082.
NICE PRIZE — David and Meghan Corvin of Dresden were named among three runners-up for the Young Farmers and Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award at the American Farm Bureau Federation's 94th annual meeting recently in Nashville. He works at Tyson Foods in Union City. The award is presented to those who are active in community service and agricultural leadership in their professions. Part of their prize included a Case IH Farmall 45A, which was presented by Tim Mills and Russ Finney (not pictured), Case representatives. The couple is pictured in the University of Tennessee at Martin Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex with their daughter, Molly.

Scholarships offered for reading clinic at University of Tennessee at Martin

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Reading clinic awarded grants

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The grant — totaling $14,500 — will be used to support the UT Martin Reading Clinic and provide 20 year-long scholarships to those students who demonstrate academic and financial need.

The clinic is curriculum-based, which requires students to test into the program at the letter/sound, word, sentence, short text or extended text levels. Participating students are allowed to progress at their own speeds, depending on age, difficulties and current reading level.

Dr. Beverly Hearn, clinic director and a UT Martin associate professor of educational studies, expects participants to gain one or more grade level in reading during one year’s tutoring at the clinic.

“Reading is the foundation of academic success and educational advancement for every individual. Better readers can become independent learners in all subjects. They do better on tests and have larger vocabularies,” Dr. Hearn said.

“The power of reading has a profound effect on a student’s ability to qualify for college and to successfully complete it. That earned degree increases both the individual’s lifetime earnings and our region’s economic productivity.”

The UT Martin Reading Clinic is staffed primarily by UT Martin education students, who work with each participant in a one-on-one setting.

“This will provide a wonderful opportunity for our pre-service teachers to work directly with students to engage in intensive individualized instruction,” said Dr. Beth Quick, chair of the UT Martin Department of Educational Studies.

Dr. Quick also noted that participating pre-service teachers will be able to plan, implement and assess their impact on the students’ learning, thereby gaining invaluable experience in their own areas of study.

The Reading Clinic has served more than 70 struggling elementary school readers since January 2009. Student sessions consist of two one-hour lessons per week during the months of February, March, April, June, September, October and November.

The University of Tennessee Alliance of Woman Philanthropists created the Giving Circle Grants program in 2007. The alliance seeks to fund innovative projects and programs focusing on issues important to women as part of its mission to educate, empower and inspire women to be philanthropic leaders.

The grants program is funded by personal donations from the alliance’s 20-member board and has contributed $287,000 in support of 28 different projects since its creation.

For more information about the alliance, contact Debbie Mount, director of UT Martin’s Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies, at (731) 881-7104 or by email at dmount@utm.edu.

For more information about the UT Martin Reading Clinic and how a child can get involved, contact Dr. Hearn at (731) 881-7197 or by email at bhearn@utm.edu.
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Written by The Jackson Sun
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Bill Requiring Meningitis Immunization Passes House

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MARTIN, Tenn - Before stepping onto the campus of UT Martin this fall, new students may have to head to the doctor for a new requirement that state lawmakers say will save lives.

Today, the Tennessee House passed a bill 94-1 that could help prevent another death like Jacob Nunley's, who died last year less than 24 hours after contracting the disease.

"In the case of bacterial meningitis, a very serious disease and sometimes deadly, it's the best thing we can do for our students," said UT Martin Director of Media Relations Bud Grimes.

The bill is named after Nunley. And to some, adding this vaccination to a college checklist just makes sense.

"I think as a parent I'm going to be reassured that my student, their first time on campus, is going to be protected the best way we know how," said Grimes.

Many students say they are glad to see the bill being pushed forward because they think the impact will be great for the school.

"I think it's a really good idea. It's better to be safe than sorry," said student Allyssa Curtis.

"There are so many infections that you can get from just being in college, that I think it would be good," said student Katelyn Sego.

Sego was a friend of Nunley and was crushed when she learned of his death. She believes this bill would make campuses both safer and healthier.

"You can do stuff on campus and be involved with other people and know that if someone else had it, you would possibly be okay," said Sego.

The bill now heads to Governor Haslam's desk, where it looks to be signed into law.

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UTM to hold relay for life event

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For more information about the UTM Relay for Life, like the event on Facebook or follow it on Twitter under the name @utm relay.
Scholarships awarded to Obion County students

Two Obion County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2013-14 academic year at the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Andrea Coffman, who will be a junior, received the Patrick R. Taylor Scholarship and Trenton Mann, who will be a freshman, received the Chancellor's Award.

Coffman's parents are Cliff and Barbara Daniel of South Fulton and Mann's parents are Ronnie and Linda Mann.

UT board approves admissions standards increase for UT Martin

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees approved an increase in admissions requirements for UT Martin beginning in fall 2014. The action came Friday during the board's winter meeting in Chattanooga.

The university's current admissions standards require entering students to have an ACT score of 21 and a 2.5 high school grade point average, or an ACT of 18 and a 2.85 GPA. The new standards will require an ACT score of 21 and 2.7 GPA, or an ACT of 19 and a 3.0 GPA. UT Martin last raised admissions standards in fall 2008.

"The Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010 emphasizes outcomes over enrollments," said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. "Raising admissions requirements allows us to recruit more students who have a better opportunity to earn a college degree."

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Butler does much vs. Notre Dame

UT Martin falls to heralded Irish

UT Martin (19-15) matched the No. 2 team in the nation shot-for-shot for the majority of the first half, led by the prolific scoring of Butler.

Butler ended her day with a 13-for-30 shooting performance, adding five free throws in eight attempts.

Butler also drained six of her 11 three-point attempts, extending her NCAA records of consecutive games with a three-pointer (80) and in a season (34 games).

“Coming in here, nobody knows who UT Martin is,” Butler said. “And going against a No. 1 seed, you want to come out here and prove that we can play with Notre Dame. We are just going to give it all we got and we are a team that plays hard. It meant a lot and we definitely learned a lot from this experience.”

Butler’s 37 points are the most points scored in the 2013 NCAA Tournament first round with the results from four games still pending.

Butler passed Central Michigan’s Crystal Bradford in that category, as Bradford scored 36 points against Oklahoma in first round action on March 23.

Butler’s 37 points are also one point shy of the all-time record for an opponent against Notre Dame, nearly passing Latasha Byars’ 38 point performance for DePaul against the Fighting Irish on Jan. 16, 1995.

It is the most points any player has ever scored against Notre Dame in an NCAA Tournament game, passing Connecticut great Maya Moore’s 36 point outing against the Fighting Irish on April 3, 2011 in the Final Four.

“I thought Butler had probably the best individual game anybody’s had against us all year long,” Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. “She was phenomenal. I think we slowed her down for four minutes, but she played extremely well. What a great performance by her.”

“What that young lady does is absolutely amazing,” UT Martin head coach Kevin McMillan said. “She had an opportunity to play against All-Americans and I would think 37 points is a pretty good day against a No. 1 seed.”

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Noted researcher to speak today at UTM

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His presentation will be held in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center, according to a news release.

The release said Klemm is a distinguished alumnus of Auburn University and a distinguished member of Sigma Xi.

He pioneered in the development of Internet-based collaborative learning environments, co-creating a software program called FORUM that was the forerunner of Internet "wikis.”

He has authored much of the science curriculum material for middle schools on the website, peer.tamu.edu.

Each month, Klemm writes a newspaper column for baby boomers about memory, attentiveness, perception and similar topics that are based on studies in medical and neuroscience literature. He maintains a blog site, "Improve Your Learning and Memory," and also writes a blog for Psychology Today. His blog posts have drawn more than a quarter million reader views.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the UT Martin Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society and Honors Programs.
Art exhibition on display at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will continue its series of senior art exhibitions for 2012-13 with four student artists: Jessica Brawley, an art education emphasis student from Adams; Lacey Erwin, a visual art studio emphasis student from Morris Chapel; Allison Spray, an art education emphasis student from Jackson; and Lauren Suiter, an art education emphasis student from Indian Mound, according to a news release.

The release said the exhibition began with an opening reception Tuesday on the second floor of the Paul Meek Library.

Exhibitions sponsored by the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will continue on the second floor of the Paul Meek Library until the renovation of the Fine Arts Building is complete.

The exhibition will continue through April 5. It is free and open to the public.

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‘ELVIS: Grace and Grit’ photography goes on display at UT Martin

A photography display titled “ELVIS: Grace and Grit” will be featured at the University of Tennessee at Martin Paul Meek Library Museum beginning Monday and continuing through May 31, according to a news release.

An opening reception is scheduled from noon until 12:30 p.m. Monday.

“ELVIS: Grace and Grit” is the latest traveling exhibition from the CBS Television Photo Archive. Shot by various CBS photographers, the exhibition contains 35 candid images, a silent disco, the entertainment of Traveling Max, a musical performance by Jordan Stokes, live country musicians, and more.

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Handgun carry permit course
to be offered at UT Martin

A course on the requirements to carry a handgun in the state of Tennessee will be offered 8 a.m.-5 p.m. April 13 at the University of Tennessee at Martin main campus.

Terry Guthrie, a police officer and certified firearms instructor, will teach the course.

Participants will be instructed in the laws for the use of and state standards for carrying a firearm. The proper way to handle a firearm and training on proper techniques for better shooting accuracy will also be taught.

All participants must pass a written and practical test to receive a completion certificate. The state will issue a permit upon receipt of the certificate. Each student must be 21 years of age to participate in this specialized training and have no prior felony convictions.

All participants are required to bring their own firearm and 50 rounds of ammunition along with hearing and eye protection. Classes include four hours in the classroom and four hours on the range.

The registration fee is $75 per person.

The course is sponsored by UT Martin's Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies.

To register, contact ECOS at (731) 881-7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php.

Musicale set for April 7

Sigma Alpha Iota, the international music fraternity, will perform at 7:30 p.m. April 7 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

The group will perform works by Thompson, Beethoven and more.

The fraternity, chartered on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus in 1969, helps to promote music education through ongoing volunteerism, performance attendance and support of local programs.

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