(From left) Lilly Little, Megan Siler and Alexis Beam, Martin Primary School students, got hands-on sheep training while Allison Martinez, a University of Tennessee at Martin junior from Munford, helps out during the recent Farm Festival. The festival is an educational program for children, sponsored by the UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Center of Excellence for Experiential Learning in Agriculture. The festival, at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex on campus, included make a pig, wildlife identification, farm equipment, a petting zone with farm animals and games.

The Messenger, Union City, Tennessee, Monday, May 1, 2006

Consultant returning with advice

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will return to the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 11.

He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs.

This is an opportunity for existing business owners to get advice on marketing, customer service or cash flow issues. Budding entrepreneurs may receive advice on developing a business plan, marketing and record keeping.

Acree is knowledgeable about state and national resources that are available for businesses.

He will be available the second Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but the REED Center offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free.

Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at (731) 587-REED (7333).

The REED Center is located at 920 University St. in Martin.

For additional services offered by the REED Center, visit the Web site www.utm.edu/reed.
Small business seminars to be offered at center

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center is offering seminars for entrepreneurs at the Boling University Center.

"Starting a Home-Based Business" is from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday in Room 206AB, "Utilizing the Small Business Administration for Small Business Success" is from 9-11 a.m. May 9 in Room 206AB.

There is no fee for attending. Continuing education credits are available for $10.

"Government Contracting" will be instructed by Russell Toone, Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) counselor at the University of Tennessee. Toone will provide participants with the fundamentals of government contracting for small businesses. He will teach the skills needed to compete for government contracts and discuss small business and minority selection standards.

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"Utilizing the Small Business Administration for Small Business Success" will be instructed by Saundra Jackson, senior area manager for the Small Business Administration (SBA). This program will provide information on SBA loans and financing opportunities available through SBA.

For more information or to register, contact Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, at (731) 587-7333 or visit the Web site www.utm.edu/reed.

Summer Merrell awarded Vincent scholarship

Henry County High School senior Summer Merrell has been awarded the 2005-06 Vincent Implement Inc. scholarship. She is the daughter of Doretta Watkins of Paris.

Summer will enter the University of Tennessee at Martin this fall where she plans to major in secondary education and marketing.

At HCHS, she has been a member of the Interact and French clubs.

Students must plan to attend UTM to be considered for the scholarship.

UT graduate receives promotion to Senior Director of Wholesale Sales

Drew Bynum has been promoted to Senior Director of Wholesale Sales, reporting to Hugh Shannon, Vice President, Wholesale Sales. He will continue to manage the day-to-day operation of CMG's ANCO office, at the wholesaler's Knoxville, Tennessee, headquarters, as well as seventeen CMG field force representatives in the southeastern United States. For the past four years, as Director of Wholesale Sales, Bynum has overseen all CMG sales and marketing initiatives in the ANCO East business unit, and has spearheaded CMG's efforts to adjust to Anderson News' increasingly-centralized distribution procedures. Hugh Shannon described Bynum as "...one of the key people working to ensure that all of our talk about becoming a proactive sales and marketing company is supported by facts on the ground. I hope my CMG colleagues will congratulate Drew on his well-earned promotion."

Bynum has held a number of increasingly responsible management positions since breaking into the industry with TV Guide in 1984. At CMG's founding in 2000, he served as Senior Product Allocation Manager. From 1996 until joining CMG, he was Regional Sales Manager and, then, National Account Manager for Condé Nast Publications. From 1992 through 1996, he served as Territory Sales Manager for Hearst Distribution Group. Bynum is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin (1983).
Faculty members claim achievement awards

Six University of Tennessee at Martin professors were honored with awards during the recent Honors Day program for outstanding achievements in scholarship, citizenship, teaching and advising.

The recipients are:
- Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede, professor of English, and Dr. S.K. Airee, professor of chemistry, Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award.
- The Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award of $5,000 was established in 1993 by James R. Cunningham, who attended UT Junior College in the 1930s. It is awarded annually to faculty members who have demonstrated strength in teaching and made a contribution to the teaching profession through scholarly activities, extracurricular achievements and leadership responsibilities.
- Dr. Dan Pigg, professor of English, and Dr. Dan Tracy, assistant professor of management, University of Tennessee National Alumni Award (UTNAA) Outstanding Teacher Award.
- Each year the UTNAA presents awards of $2,000 to faculty members on each of the UT campuses who have been selected as outstanding teachers. Students, alumni and faculty nominate outstanding teachers, who are then evaluated on classroom performance, scholarship and service.
- Dr. Leslie LaChance, assistant professor of English, Outstanding Advisor Award.
- The Outstanding Advisor Award of $500 and a plaque is presented to the faculty member selected for demonstrating a caring attitude toward advisees, the ability to engage in developmental advising and other distinctive characteristics. The recipient also is eligible for the national award competition sponsored by the American College Testing Program and the National Academic Advising Association.
- Dorothea Norton, instructor of communications, Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award. The Coffey Outstanding Teaching award of $3,000 was established in 1998 by Mairy and Charlie Coffey and is awarded annually to a faculty member who demonstrates strength in teaching and contributes to the teaching profession through leadership qualities and scholarly activities.

Local doctoral student honored

by K.C. Jaehnig

Southern Illinois University Carbondale will honor Tammy E. Bahmanziari, a doctoral student in business administration, for superior achievement in this year’s “Excellence Through Commitment Awards Program.” She will receive $1,000.

These prizes reward ongoing contributions by tenured and term faculty, staff and graduate assistants throughout the University and reflect the University’s aim of encouraging outstanding work, one of the goals of Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment, the blueprint for the development of the university by the time it celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2019.

SIUC Chancellor Walter V. Wendler will host a dinner to honor all award recipients Thursday, April 27.

Bahmanziari won her award for teaching. Classes she has taught include accounting information systems, enterprise networks and communication, auditing, principles of accounting, and business statistics. Students praise both her classroom performance and the fact that she cares about them.

Bahmanziari, who has worked professionally as an accountant, earned two bachelor’s degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin, one in 1986 and one in 1996. She has a master’s in business administration received in 1988 from Murray State University. She expects to finish her doctorate this May and will begin teaching accounting at Middle Tennessee State University in the fall.

Bahmanziari, a native of Greenfield, is married to Nader Bahmanziari. They and their two children, Christopher and Layla, live in Carbondale.
Teaching institute offers ‘Best Practice’

The University of Tennessee at Martin recently hosted the 2006 Teaching Scholars Institute. Faculty representing academic colleges at UT Martin, Western Kentucky University and Murray State University attended.

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Faculty members receive award at UT Martin T.I.P. Banquet

Dr. Ted Mosch, professor of political science, of Martin, recently received the Charitable Service to the T.I.P. Program Award at the annual Tennessee Pre-Law and Pre-Health Science Fellowship Program (T.I.P.) Banquet hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. T.I.P is a cooperative program designed to increase the number of African-American students enrolled in and graduating from state-assisted professional law and health science programs in Tennessee. Presenting the award is Chancellor Nick Dunagan.

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Johnson, UT Martin assistant professor of psychology, said, “The day was, in a single word, ‘reinvigorating.’ It was a chance to learn from other talented teachers what works in their classrooms, disciplines and universities and to think about how such techniques could improve my own teaching. The day was set up to encourage discussion, collaboration, and offered plenty of time for reflection on what we were asked to discuss and produce.”

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Governor Bredesen will address record number of UT Martin graduates.

The University of Tennessee at Martin commencement will be May 13 with Gov. Phil Bredesen delivering the commencement address. Set for 11 a.m. in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center, a record number of graduates has prompted the need for complimentary tickets to organize seating for the event.

Dr. John Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee, will attend the ceremony to congratulate the 626 spring graduates. UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan will preside over the exercises and confer degrees. Dr. Paul Sharma, UT National Alumni Association Alumni Distinguished Service Professor, will be the mace bearer, and the processional marshals will be Dr. Robert LeMaster, faculty senate president; Dr. John Schommer, faculty senate vice president; Al Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration; and Lenora Solomon, vice chancellor for university advancement.

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Tickets for commencement will be distributed to graduates May 3 at the university’s Grand Finale Walk, an event at which soon-to-be graduates are honored with a picnic and walk through the quadrangle. A second opportunity to receive tickets comes later that day when students attend commencement practice. Students who miss these opportunities can secure tickets at the Office of Academic Records. Area residents may pick up two tickets each after May 3 at the Office of Academic Records while supplies last. Any excess tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at distribution points outside of the Elam Center on commencement day.

“Ticket admission to commencement is a common practice across the country,” said Dunagan. “Growing university enrollment contributed to the need for a change. Under this new system, we will do our best to accommodate as many as possible for this important event.”
Dr. David Coffey named Featured Scholar

Dr. David Coffey, center, chair of the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of History and Philosophy, was recently named the featured scholar for the spring semester. Joining Coffey at a reception are UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan, right, and Dr. Tom Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

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Local residents attend African American Leadership Conference

The recent Eighth Annual Leadership and the African American "Challenges and Opportunities Conference" in Jackson drew participants from UT Martin, including Vishnia Huery, left, Division of Student Affairs student conduct officer; Jackie Trice, Division of Student Affairs administrative specialist II; Magadalene Patterson Hampton, Head Start Program specialist III; and Natalie Dickerson-Boyd, Therapeutic Services program director. The conference was sponsored by WestStar Leadership Program in partnership with BellSouth, City of Brownsville, The Jackson Sun, USDA Rural Development, West Tennessee Healthcare and First South Bank, Brownsville.

Local residents active in UT Martin sorority

Paris residents Katie Sapp, Amanda Merrell and Brittany Wiles are serving as sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Sapp  Merrell  Wiles

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Ms. Sapp is the daughter of David and Phyllis Taylor of Paris. Initiated into the sorority in the fall of 2002, she has been involved in All Sing, lip sync, intramurals and service activities.

She has served as ritualist on the sorority executive council and assistant sisterhood chairman on the program council.

She is an elementary education major.

Ms. Merrell is the daughter of Mary Wilson of Paris.

Initiated into the sorority in the fall of 2004, she has been involved in All Sing and is currently the ritualist for the executive council.

Ms. Wiles is the daughter of Rusty and Lisa Wiles of Paris.

She was initiated into the sorority in the fall of 2005. She currently serves as house manager on the program council and has been involved in lip sync and service activities.

Ms. Wiles is a sophomore interior design major.
Local students participate in Middle School Math Competition

The 2006 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest recently was held at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The competition was sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. The contest was also held at Middle Tennessee State University, Austin Peay University and Pellissippi State Technical Community College.

At UT Martin, the contest drew approximately 400 people representing 19 different public and private schools in Northwest Tennessee. A total of 286 students sat for the exams and over 90 teachers, sponsors and parents participated in the contest.

University School of Jackson won the Sixth Grade Team Award, Fayette Academy and Martin Middle School tied for the Seventh Grade Team Award and Martin Middle School took home the Eighth Grade Team Award. The top four scores from a school constituted the team score.

In the sixth grade competition, the winners were: first, Chloe Meriwether, University School of Jackson; second, Zachary Tuller, University School of Jackson; third, Tae Yeon Kim, Martin Middle School; fourth, Eileen Emerson, Martin Middle School; fifth, Chase Nelson, University School of Jackson; sixth, Shane Vargas, University School of Jackson; seventh, Aaron Gurley, Huntingdon Middle School; eighth, Kelly Ables, Northview Middle School; eighth, Miles Gearin, Martin Middle School and tenth, Braden Duffey, Crockett County Middle School.

In the seventh grade competition, the winners were: first, Daniel Klein, Fayette Academy; second, John Hoppers, Trenton Rosenwald Middle School; third, Kuame Nako, Martin Middle School; third, Katie Davidson, Huntingdon Middle School; fifth, Noah Towe, Martin Middle School; fifth, Taylor Douglas, Holladay Elementary; seventh, Tyler Hilliard, Fayette Academy; eighth, Alex Savelly, Fayette Academy; eighth, Sameil Patel, Martin Middle School and eighth, Mark Maloney, Martin Middle School.

In the eighth grade competition, the winners were: first, Marianela D’Aprile, Martin Middle School; second, Tim Bergman, Martin Middle School; third, Colton Norton, University School of Jackson; fourth, Chelsea French, Big Sandy School; fifth, Dakota Betts, Greenfield Junior High; fifth, Connor Flynn, Jackson Christian School; Fifth, Jay Pierce, Huntingdon Middle School; eighth, Kylene Fawcett, Jackson Christian School; ninth, Rachel Coleman, Martin Middle School; ninth, Tyler Porter, Trenton Rosenwald Middle School.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Test Coordinator Dr. Desiree A. McCullough, assistant professor of mathematics and statistics, at desireem@utm.edu or 731-881-7362.

Hoppers places in UTM math contest

John Hoppers, a Trenton Rosenwald Middle School student, placed second in the seventh grade competition at the 2006 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The contest drew 286 students representing 19 different public and private schools in Northwest Tennessee. Presenting the award is Dr. J. Douglas Sterrett, Dean of Engineering at UT Martin. Tyler Porter, a Trenton Rosenwald Middle School student, placed ninth.
School chief candidate has been on both sides of bargaining table

Second applicant interviews for superintendent of local schools

By TAJJUANA CHERSHIER
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In 1995, Jerry Woods went before the Jackson-Madison County School Board in the hopes that it would name him its next superintendent. It didn't. Instead of Woods, the board selected Elzie Danley.

On Tuesday, Woods faced the School Board again. This time, he had significantly more experience, having held superintendent positions at school systems in West and East Tennessee. And he also had something he didn't have in 1995: PowerPoint.

Before the Board asked its 40 prepared questions, Woods was given the opportunity to address the board. He responded with a PowerPoint presentation on his four areas of focus: High

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What to know

• The public is invited to sit in on the interview sessions, beginning at 5 p.m. today through Friday in Jackson City Hall. However, only members of the board will be allowed to ask the candidate questions.

• Lake County Schools Superintendent Joel Hassell will interview today.

Candidate

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academic achievement for all students; effective leadership; quality relationships; and what Woods called "positive thinking/positive action."

"Education," Woods told the board, "should change and transform positively."

School board members were not the only ones asking Woods questions. Earlier Tuesday, Woods met with faculty and staff and fielded questions about internal promotion, open-door policy and collective bargaining.

"I've been on both sides of the bargaining table," Woods said.

While serving as superintendent for Covington City Schools, a district with collective bargaining, Woods served as the co-head of the system's negotiating team. Woods also served on the negotiating team while working for McNairy County Schools.

Nancy Jernigan, who serves on Jackson-Madison County Education Association's negotiation team, believes Woods' experience with bargaining is a plus.

"I was impressed with his resume," Jernigan said. "He's been involved with bargaining on both sides and has worked in two different cultural settings."

Woods has 18 years' experience working for JMCSS and currently works as an associate professor of Educational Studies at the University of Tennessee Martin's Graduate School of Education.

If he receives the position, Woods' vision for the school system would be to remain a positive, progressive system, loose a minimum amount of students to competitors for all schools to make adequate yearly progress under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

"We can achieve all that with teamwork and collaboration," Woods said.

School Board member David Clift asked Woods that, if faced with budget cuts, would he consider cutting middle and high school sports? Woods also was asked if he favored school uniforms.

"I believe in athletics, but I would make sure the funds were there for academics first," Woods said. "I would have to prioritize, we could consider not offering competitive sports in every area."

Although Woods said he liked school uniforms, he wouldn't necessarily recommend going to uniforms to the board. "I don't believe school uniforms improve student performance, but instead I would consider an effective dress code that is enforced."

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— TaJuana Cheshier, 425-9643
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CAREER DAY — Students attending area colleges, universities and high schools were invited to participate in a Criminal Justice Career Day recently hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin. Providing information to students were professionals who represent federal, state and local levels of law enforcement, as well as various facets of the judiciary and social service agencies. Among those taking part in the event were (from left) Andy Wilson of Wilson and Turner Investigative Consultants in Memphis and UT Martin criminal justice majors Erica Gossett of Camden and Joey Williams of Kenton.

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ANNUAL IAAP LUNCHEON – The International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) - Martin Chapter recently hosted its annual luncheon in honor of area administrative professionals. More than 200 people attended. Members and officers attending the IAAP luncheon included (sitting, from left) Trish Gonsowski, CPS; Dr. Kay Durden; Janet Bonar, CPS, secretary; Rebecca Baker; (standing, from left) Anita Milbrath, CPS; Judy Davis, CPS, vice president; Susan Lemond, CPS, president; Karen Hussey, CPS, treasurer; and Marcia Tuck, CPS, membership director.

Honored

Rosalyn Lake (left), a senior from Millington, was honored as a Harold Connor Scholar and a Black Student Association officer at the University of Tennessee at Martin Harold Connor Scholars Banquet. With Rosalyn is Teresa Woody, UT Martin office of Minority Affairs director.
Tuesday's News Summary is ready for viewing at:
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Today's Headlines

Tennessean: UT president sees help for near-graduates as hope for improved ranking
Knoxville News Sentinel: UT tuition increase may be smaller
Oak Ridger: UT trustees to target dropouts to boost graduation rates
Knoxville News Sentinel: Surplus money plans outlined, UT to benefit from budget
Nashville City Paper: Nashville Tech renovations part of Bredesen’s proposed budget amendment, two UT capitol projects mentioned
Knoxville News Sentinel: Pension plan raises questions, UT program referenced
WBIR-TV: Planning begins to boost Tennessee's college graduate population, UT President quoted
Tennessean: For No. 11, UT degree's a family tradition
Jackson Sun: Zambito top pick for schools, UTM expert mentioned
Knoxville News Sentinel: Glad to be a GRAD, UT program referenced
Knoxville News Sentinel: Senate Majority Leader Frist tells UTC students country needs to lock down borders
WBIR-TV: Frist speaks at UTC graduation, says US borders should be "locked down"
WVLTV: Frist Wants to "Lock Down" Borders
Commercial Appeal: Conservation outside class, UT program mentioned
Commercial Appeal: Handorf to lead state doctors, UTHSC mentioned
Commercial Appeal: Gabor Tigy was named the Harriet S. Van Vleet professor of oncology research at the UTHSC
Newday: A little wedge’ll do ya, UT expert comments
Knoxville News Sentinel: Mrs. Reese, widow of former UT chancellor, dies
WVLTV: Asheville Buys Beetles from UT to Battle Bothersome Bug
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Stephanie Kolitsch, UT Martin associate professor of mathematics and statistics. "The infusion of technology, the inclusion of engineering applications and the creativity of the teachers will combine to make middle school mathematics classrooms a more exciting place to learn. Middle school students will reap the ultimate rewards of this project."

Dr. Mary Lee Hall, dean of the UT Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, said, "With the critical need for mathematicians, scientists and engineers, it is necessary that teachers of mathematics for middle schools be secure in their knowledge of the content they teach and also be able to encourage and mentor young students to consider careers in these fields."

"I am so excited about this opportunity for math, engineering and education faculty to work together. For much too long on college campuses, we have each worked in our own departments without cross-fertilization," Hall added. "P-12 teachers need to understand something about engineering and potential careers in order to encourage their students to consider careers in the field. Elementary and middle school teachers must be able to understand the process of teaching math so that they can help their students develop an appreciation for mathematics and why it is so important to think mathematically. This is an opportunity to build professional development for middle school teachers that can have a long-term impact by giving them the knowledge, skills and resources to deliver high-quality instruction to their students."

The grant and Project IMPACT also will benefit the UT Martin McNairy County Center in Selmer. "By including the UT Martin McNairy County Center, the grant will provide access to high-quality professional development for middle school mathematics teachers in southwest Tennessee," said Joyce Swan, educational studies instructor at the center. "Professors in the mathematics, engineering and education departments of the Martin campus will collaborate to emphasize the interconnected relationships and applications of mathematics. I am excited about the opportunity to be involved in the process."

Funding for this grant is made available from the federal government through Public Law 107-110, Title II, Part B. UT Martin was one of three public institutions in Tennessee receiving funding through the Tennessee State Department of Education for this project.

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UT Martin Establishes Center in Ripley — A UT/TBR Partnership

Wheels have begun to roll with the establishment of a UT Martin Center in Ripley, TN. Great things are to come with this new addition to the Office of Extended Campus & Continuing Education. With plans in motion to renovate a “state of the art”, 21,000 sq. ft. facility, students will enjoy the convenience of day, night, and weekend classes.

Youlanda Jones was hired in November 2005 as the Center’s first Director. Youlanda is a graduate of the University of Memphis where she received a BBA in Management and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree in Strategic Leadership. She brings with her experience in management, development, and customer relations. Previously, she was the Director of Community Education in the Division of Continuing Education at Dyersburg State Community College.

Bill Duffy, Executive Director of UT Martin’s Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education states, “Educating students is Youlanda’s passion and she has BIG, BIG plans for the new UT Martin Ripley Center. Her positive leadership, “can-do” attitude, and tremendous initiative will ensure both the success of the Center and UT Martin’s continued success in meeting the educational needs of the residents in West Tennessee!” The center is now temporarily housed in the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley until renovations are completed on the new facility. Duffy added, “This is
another great example of successful partnerships between UT and TBR in serving the public. The Technology Center’s leadership, James King, Vice Chancellor for the Tennessee Technology Centers, and Brian Collins, Ripley Tennessee Technology Center Director, are to be commended for their support of this initiative!” Spring semester classes, including graduate and undergraduate classes, started January 2006. The service area for the center includes Dyer, Lauderdale, Tipton, Haywood, and Crockett counties.

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Kid College set

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To register online, or for more information, visit www.utm.edu/ecce/kidcollege.html. Classes are $40 each, with some requiring supply fees paid to the instructor the first day of class. Supply fees are noted in the class descriptions. A Kid College t-shirt is also available for an additional $10.

Payment may be made by check, cash, VISA, MasterCard or Discover Card. To register by phone, pay by credit card or to receive a brochure, call 881-7082 or 881-7940. Checks should be made payable to UT Martin and mailed to Kid College, 110 Gooch Hall, Martin, TN 38238. Registration forms may be faxed to 881-7984.

UT ALUMNI MEET

Studying the program agenda for the Gibson County Chapter University of Tennessee National Alumni Association annual meeting held last week at the Agri-plex in Trenton were: (left to right) UTM football head coach Jason Simpson, guest speaker; Joe Brasher of Milan, incoming president; Carol Kirkland, West Tennessee Director of Alumni Affairs and Shawn Wortman of Trenton, outgoing president.
AGR HELPS LIBRARY — The C. E. Weldon Public Library recently moved their used book collection to a different location. Several members of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity assisted in this move. The library staff and the Friends of the Library would like to thank these young men for their time and effort. They also thank the Color Shop for the temporary storage space. Helping move the books were (back, from left) Blake Kee, Caycee Dillehay, Dustin Williams, Drew Jeffers, Nathan Doss, and Brandon Martin; and (front) Daniel Beard.

BRIAN BROWN MEMORIAL 5K RUN—The University of Tennessee at Martin’s SHAPE Club recently sponsored a Brian Brown Memorial 5K Run with proceeds benefiting the Brian Brown Greenway Foundation Inc. Among those involved were (back, from left) Kevin Creech of Columbia, race marketing coordinator; Dr. Tim Johnston, associate professor of marketing and president of the Brian Brown Greenway Foundation Inc.; and Jude Miller of Kingston, treasurer of SHAPE; (front, from left) Ashley Ruggles of St. Louis, secretary of SHAPE; and Allison Holder of Paris, vice president of SHAPE. Club advisers are Mark Walton and Dr. Laura Brown, UT Martin assistant professors of health and human performance.

HENSLEY HONORED — Cadet Sarah Hensley, of Humboldt, recently received the Col. Tom Elam Alumni Scholarship Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC Awards Ceremony. Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, professor of military science, presented the award.
African-American students invited to annual activity

African-American high school students will get a taste of college life during the fifth annual Young Scholars Academy set for June 4-10 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs at UT Martin.

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Extracurricular activities will include a community picnic, a community service activity, movie night, talent revue and a field trip to the Yeiser Art Museum in Paducah, Ky.

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The goal of Kid College is to provide children an opportunity to have a fun learning experience through the many interesting and exciting courses. The program is sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE).

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Special to the State Gazette

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On this Mother's Day . . .

Seng family exhibits a love for all ages

By Elizabeth R. Jones

This past Saturday, for her 84th birthday, Victoria Griffin Strickland (Vicki for short) awoke to a freshly landscaped patio overlooked by her apartment window.

The idea, according to her daughter, Dr. Victoria Strickland Seng, was to "find a really special way to say Happy Birthday to someone who is such an important part of the household." Mrs. Strickland, with failing eyesight from the disease of macular degeneration, was able to watch from the inside as her daughter and granddaughters turned the outside into a beautiful flower garden.

Mother's Day this Sunday will no doubt be spent in a similar fashion. A joint celebration where three generations of Strickland women will honor the day with time spent together at church and whatever else the holiday brings.

"It's such fun getting to see the children every day" reflects the grandmother of three from the sitting room of what her son-in-law, Dr. Lee Seng, named the Grandmother Suite in the family home in the Deepwood subdivision of Fulton. "To be a part of their lives is what I consider a privilege. People are so scattered these days. So many of my friends don't live close to any of their family. To be able to share in the daily activities of this home and watch my granddaughters grow up is an immense blessing." Laughs her daughter (and namesake) Victoria, "Mom says the chaos around here has added years to her life!"

Mrs. Strickland quickly adds, "Being around the girls is better than any pill medicine has to offer!"

Doctors Lee and Victoria Seng have opened their hearts and their home to an multi-generational living arrangement. Dr. Lee Seng designed the plans for the addition that brought his mother-in-law to the house in 1998. In 2003, the Sengs added Dr. Seng's father, Louie, to the mix as well. Most evenings, this extended family of six, ranging in age from 9 to 80-something, sit down to an evening meal together. While it might not always be like a Norman Rockwell painting, it seems to mesh.

"We might eat at 6 p.m. or it might be 8:30 p.m., but we always try to share a meal together," explains Victoria.

Growing up with a father who was disabled at an early age, and watching her mother having to take charge of the family financially, Victoria Seng explains that she developed a life philosophy that has served her well. "I'm practical about matters. I tend to look at things with the approach of where are we now and where do we need to go?" It has been most helpful for her not to worry about the details in-between. In regard to the multi-age household she now is a part of, she calmly states, "I don't think just anyone could do it."

She is the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Students at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Her husband, Dr. Lee Seng, has a private internal medicine practice in Fulton. Together, their work days are long and she finds her mother an immeasurable support with the girls, Tori (named after her mother and grandmother) who is in third grade at Carr Elementary School and Holly in the third grade. While it was never intended that her mother be a 'live-in' child care source, a familiar routine has developed over the years. The children arrive home from school and head directly to "Gram" in her section of the house to tell about the day. "In fact, if things seem too quiet in our part of the house when I get home, I'll likely not find both girls curled up on the couch or sharing the chair with Gram" smiles Victoria. Mrs. Strickland also keeps busy with the loads of laundry generated by two active kids and enjoys starting supper in the afternoons before everyone gets home.

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Seng family has multi-generational living arrangement

"Our situation just works. I can't really remember a time that I decided to move in with Victoria and Lee -- it just happened. I've always had the policy not to mess in the life of my children once they married (Strickland also has a son, Larry, who resides in Lexington). I think that my 'no interference' policy as well as keeping a sense of humor about things are the keys to successfully combining households," she adds.

And once you meet the family, you couldn't imagine it any other way. In this age of changing demographics where so many are living so much longer than ever before, many of the Baby Boomer generation will find themselves faced with the responsibility of caring for elderly parents. Independence and financial security clash with sickness and the ever rising cost of living. Alternative creative solutions agreeable to both the child and parent will be sought.

"It's a wonderful life!" says Mrs. Strickland and perhaps that sums it up best. She and her granddaughters were preparing to continue an audiotapec version of the Harry Potter series of which she has become the newest fan. "They all keep me from sitting here just rotting on the vine that's for sure!" she exclaims. But like the freshly planted flower garden outside her window, one comes away with the idea that love will bloom with this arrangement. Seeds of beauty, dignity, respect, and honesty have been sowed, and will grow throughout coming generations of Strickland women, because hearts, as well as a home, were open to the possibilities.

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13th Annual Fulton-South Fulton Rotary Community Scholarship Program

JON MEACHAM
Son of Jon Edward Meacham & Agnes Hicks Gish
South Fulton High School
$300
- University of Tennessee at Martin
- Turner Dairy - $250
- Community Scholarship - $50

LYDIA MUDD
Daughter of Bryan & Pamela Keg and William & Jessica Bowles
South Fulton High School
$1,900
- University of Tennessee at Martin
- Ward Animal Clinic - $250
- All Kraft Erectors - $1,000
- Community Scholarship - $650

ALEX GAMMON
Daughter of Stanley & Bonita Gammon
South Fulton High School
$750
- University of Tennessee at Martin
- Dr. Lee Seng - $500
- Evelyn Mann Memorial - $250

JESSICA CURTIS
Daughter of Chuck & Kim Curtis
South Fulton High School
$1,250
- University of Tennessee at Martin
- All Kraft Erectors - $1,000
- Community Scholarship - $500
WESTVIEW PARTICIPATES IN MATH CONTEST AT UT MARTIN - Martin Westview students recently participated in the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association 2006 High School Mathematics Contest at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Representing the school are, from left, front row, Margaret Greer, teacher, Greg Curd, Europe Hall, Kelsey Johnson, Megan Witherspoon, Paige King, Zalak Patel, Sunji Jeong, Nicole Jones, Jennifer Ruff, Missy Tracy; second row, Joseph Hicks, Derek Ahn, Heather Higgs, Thomas Hester, Valerie Huery, Michelle Bergman; third row, Joseph Thomas, Jordan Skoda, Elizabeth Williams, Cayce Mobbs, Nick Moore, Jane Gullett, Whitney Jones, Lori Beth Wilson, Jayda Erkal, Ashley Newton; back row, Matthew Fitzgerald, Robert Davis, Jungsae Park, Seung Oh, Lewis Whiteman, Ezra Nance and Matt Brewer.

DRESDEN PARTICIPATES IN MATH CONTEST AT UT MARTIN - Dresden High School students recently participated in the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association 2006 High School Mathematics Contest at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Representing the school are, from left, front row, Tristan Parks, Adelicia Hamilton, Cassie Nobles, Carrie Hagen, Sabrina Pittsley, Emily Moon, Karen Rickman, teacher, Breanne Oldham, teacher; second row, Rick Herron, Mandy Mansfield, Graham Oliver, Wyatt Whitworth, Dana Sharp, Kenra Caldwell, Shanna Parker, John Johnson; back row, Randy William, Drew Vernon, Derrick Hansen, Jeremey Robinson, Eric Suratt, Matt Newsom and Jarrod Bonar.
St. Thomas

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of life with the constant motto and focus that her children were going to have the opportunities she was never afforded to have thus far.

"But, I had two strikes against me. I had no educational life," she stated. "But, I put all that aside. Now, I have two grown daughters with bachelor's and master's degrees. My older daughter has an MBA from the University of Tennessee at Martin and my younger daughter got a BFA from UT Martin and a master's in humanity from Central Michigan University in Traverse City."

St. Thomas also has a son who is an entrepreneur and has a business in Atlanta.

As a person never having control of her own life, St. Thomas saw education as a way to escape terrible circumstances and gain control.

After seeing her daughters experience success in college, she suddenly felt it was time to "pick up where I left off."

In 1998, she took at class at UT Martin after coming to stay with her younger daughter when another marriage had failed. St. Thomas then proceeded to go through another bad relationship before taking the advice of her younger daughter to come back to school for good.

Making the ultimate decision to return to UT Martin in 2000, St. Thomas went to school full-time and took a job at Wal-Mart. Taking both classes on campus and online, she finished up this semester and will take her home run trot across the stage of the Elam Center this Saturday at the spring graduation, complete with cap and gown.

At the age of 59, St. Thomas will receive a B.A. in university studies and two days later, will celebrate her 60th birthday, but she will not be content to stop at her undergraduate degree.

Now that she has rediscovered the joy of education and life, she already harbors plans of getting a master's degree.

"I would like to get into counseling," she concluded.

"Or, I would like to speak and write on my problems so that others might be helped."
Bredesen to speak at UTM graduation

Gov. Phil Bredesen will deliver the commencement address at 11 a.m. Saturday at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The ceremony in the Elam Center is expected to include a record number of graduates.

John Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee, will attend the ceremony to congratulate the 626 spring graduates.

UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan will preside over the exercises and confer degrees. The University Singers, under the direction of Mark Simmons, will perform special music and lead the alma mater. Immediately following commencement, a reception will be hosted in Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

Bredesen is the 48th governor of Tennessee, having been in office since 2003. Before entering public service, he was a successful health care entrepreneur.

In 1980, he created HealthAmerica Corp., a Nashville-based health care management company that eventually grew to more than 6,000 employees and traded on the New York Stock Exchange. He sold the company in 1986.

Surplus property auction scheduled at UT Martin Ag Research Station

University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan and University of Tennessee Interim Vice President for Agriculture Buddy Mitchell recently announced plans to transfer the land, buildings and equipment of the UT Experiment Station's Martin Research and Education Center to UT Martin's Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

As a result of this realignment, the UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources has developed plans to expand the experiential learning opportunities for its students by identifying new uses for some of the buildings acquired in the transfer. In order to accomplish this task, a large quantity of equipment currently housed in the former swine research facility will be made available to area producers through a surplus auction scheduled for May 23.

The service facility and equipment were completed in 2000. This equipment is like new and some never used. All equipment can be inspected before the auction at the university or it can be viewed on Alexander Auctions & Real Estate Sales Web site.

This auction will include items such as gestation and farrowing crates, feeders, nursery pens and associated waterers and feed drops. Also, a large number of feed bins and augers will be available along with feed grinders, mixers, electric generators plus tractors, stock trailers, pumps and a skidsteer loader.

Income generated from this sale will assist the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources in establishing new teaching thrusts in areas such as alternative fuels, companion animal management and field crop production.

The auction will be conducted on site. Auction will be held 3 blocks east of the university at 123 Church Street, Martin, TN. The auction will be broadcast live on the internet through Proxibid. Purchasers can bid from home, office, etc. by registry with Proxibid at www.proxibid.com or Bidder Support (402) 505-7770 or (877) 505-7770, and for additional information, contact Alexander Auctions & Real Estate Sales, Martin.

A complete listing of equipment and how producers can inspect and bid on the items is available by contacting Tara Woods at the facility (731-881-1071 or twoods@utm.edu) or by contacting Alexander Auction and Real Estate Sales (731-587-4244 or alexanderauctions@frontiernet.net).
Fennel honored as Distinguished Educator

Ridgemont Elementary School teacher Alice Fern Fennel has been honored by the Tennessee Education Association as a recipient of this year’s Distinguished Educator awards.

The award was one of several presented last week to Tennessee educators and education supporters at the TEA’s annual awards luncheon at TEA headquarters in Nashville. It was held on the opening day of the representative assembly held later in the evening at the Nashville Convention Center.

In addition to Obion County’s Mrs. Fennel, other 2005-06 Distinguished Classroom Teachers are Joe Thomas Frensel of Henry County, Amy Clark Grassham of Cheatham County, Dr. Michael Plumeley of Bradley County, Jill Speering of Metropolitan Nashville, Vonda K. Stevens of Bristol, Nancy S. Thompson of Williamson County, and Terry M. Uselton of Knox County.

The Tennessee Book Company, a co-sponsor of the awards to distinguished educators since 1990, presented each honoree with a certificate and a $100 gift certificate. The honorees will also be feted with a dinner at the company’s parent headquarters in Nashville.

Mrs. Fennel was nominated for the honor by the Obion County Education Association. Now in her 36th year in the classroom, she teaches kindergarten at Ridgemont Elementary.

She received both her bachelor of science and master of science degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin and also successfully completed additional graduate coursework through Lambuth University.

Following in the footsteps of her “Aunt Fern” into the teaching profession, Mrs. Fennel has made her love of early childhood education the No. 1 force in her life, according to a profile from the TEA, which also quoted Ridgemont principal Randy Pitts as saying that the activity level of Mrs. Fennel’s students has been contagious and she exhibits “seemingly unbounded energy.”

“Ms. Fennel’s reputation as a ‘let’s do it person’ gets her tabbed by fellow teachers when help and advice are needed,” Pitts told the TEA, which also noted it is apparent that Mrs. Fennel’s guiding force is always her love of children.

Mrs. Fennel’s interest in technology has led her to seek opportunities for the students in her classroom, as well as for the entire school, which brings experiences to students who otherwise may never have such opportunities. Colleague Peggy Kendall, also a teacher at Ridgemont, told the TEA, “All grade levels at Ridgemont Elementary have benefitted from the time she has spent working with other teachers to obtain grants to provide funds for technology.”

Pitts told the TEA that Mrs. Fennel is known by many UT Martin students for allowing her classroom to serve as a frequent training ground for future teachers, with many getting practicum and student teaching experience under her guidance. It is for these same qualities that Mrs. Fennel is viewed as the No. 1 choice for mentoring in her school, the TEA noted.

Mrs. Fennel has also mentored many aspiring 4-H members, with Tim Smith of the Obion County University of Tennessee Extension Service telling the TEA, “She has served in numerous capacities and volunteered many hours to our organization. She has served as a leader and helped conduct many 4-H events and activities.”

According to the TEA, Mrs. Fennel says she is deeply rewarded by living in her community, “watching my students succeed in a profession, become a loving parent and exhibit leadership qualities.”

A CONNOR SCHOLAR
Kimberly Bailey, a sophomore from Millington, was honored as a Harold Connor Scholar and Delta Sigma Theta sorority vice president at the recent University of Tennessee at Martin Harold Connor Scholars Banquet. Pictured with her is Teresa Woody, UTM office of Minority Affairs director.
Summer swimming

It won't be long until the children are out of school for the summer and parents will be frantically trying to find activities to occupy their time. Recreational swimming is a lifelong activity that is beneficial for cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength and endurance, as well as weight management. The best part of all is that it is fun. Although as parents it is important that we follow a few safety rules in order to ensure our children's safety around the water.

According to the American Red Cross there are many things to consider this time of year when dealing with swimming pool safety. One of the most important things we can do as parents is to teach our children to swim. Swimming lessons at an early age are beneficial to children as they develop an appreciation of the water. Swim lessons begin as early as 6 months of age and extend through adult -- it is never too late. It is important to understand that the purpose of lessons available for infants 6 months of age and to get them comfortable with the water and to teach the parents how to work with their children in the water. They will not be ready to join a swim team, yet.

Two of the most popular swimming programs would be the American Red Cross and the YMCA. Swim lessons are generally available at a variety of locations such as city pools, country clubs and universities. When selecting the location that is right for your children, it is important to ask if the teachers are certified water safety instructors, this will help ensure quality lessons.

Additional concerns for swim safety involve flotation devices. Parents do not need to substitute their presence with such items as arm floaties or kick boards. These items can lose air or become unstable resulting in a dangerous situation for the child. It is also important to keep an eye, or two, on your child while he/she is in the pool. If you tend to get caught up in a book or get busy talking to other moms it is beneficial to use the buddy system.

Learning to swim is a gift for a lifetime. To make that lifetime gift a reality, sign up for your lessons early in the summer so that your child will have the remainder of the time to practice and develop the skills they have learned. Also, register soon so that you will be guaranteed the class level and the time that you want. It is time to get your bathing suits, towels and flip-flops ready. Remember to be safe, get out there and go swimming!

Dr. Laura Brown has been an assistant professor of pedagogy at the University of Tennessee at Martin for three years. She received her B.S. from UT Martin, her M.A. from Murray State University, and her doctorate from Union University. She teaches people to be physical education teachers. She's the mother of two children.

Red Cross swim lessons

Jimmy Carmichael has been teaching swimming for 43 years in Jackson and now it's a family event with his son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Kelly Nye, and his daughter, Katie Pedde, coaching.

They teach five two-week sessions on this schedule: May 30-June 8; June 12-22; June 26-July 6; July 10-July 20; July 24-Aug. 3.

One class is for ages 3 and up and in the Moms and Tots class, the moms get in the water with their toddlers.

"For the advanced swimmer, there is a 500-yard checkout swim, which is the top skill level so they can take Red Cross life-guarding," said Carmichael. "We teach from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m."

The younger swimmers are taught at his home and the older swimmers meet at the Jackson Recreation and Parks Dept. pool at the Westwood Center.

Cost of the American Red Cross swim classes is $65 per class. To register, call 424-7259.

Jacque Hillman, 425-9679
Pets need annual visit to vet

The old saying, 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure' is as true for our animal friends as it is for us. I recently had my yearly physical, and to be honest, I'm just like everyone else. I hate going to the doctor. I go, however, because if there is a problem, I want it caught early.

I also want to talk to my doctor about current health news and make sure that I am doing what I can to stay healthy and if possible, prevent any problems.

Our pets are no different. Prevention and early detection of disease can make all the difference in your family's pocketbook and the health and life of your pet. Prevention is always less costly than treatment and is always less stressful to your pet's health and well-being.

Take vaccinations for example. Many of the diseases we commonly vaccinate against are life-threatening for your pet, can cause recurrent health problems, and are usually very difficult and expensive to treat. Simple vaccination programs tailored by your veterinarian are usually very effective in preventing these diseases and come with a much lower price tag and a healthier pet.

Many of our pets have their yearly physicals and vaccinations given this time of the year. Just like my medical doctor talked with me, your veterinarian will talk with you about your pet's health and current health issues which may affect your pet. This is the time to you as a pet owner to voice your veterinarian questions or voice concerns you may have for your pet. Your veterinarian can discuss a wide range of topics with you at this time ranging from house breaking your new puppy to performing senior pet wellness exams.

I fully realize that no one likes going to the doctor whether they be two-legged or four, but for the health of your pet and your own peace of mind, make that appointment and go. You and your pet will both be glad you did.

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Dyer county students like advantages of UT Martin dual-Credit program

MARTIN - Dyer County High School dual-credit students are quick to say what they like about the dual-credit history class offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin that earns both high school and college credits. Their reasons for pursuing dual-credit range from becoming accustomed to college life to getting a head start on a college degree.

Currently, there are 49 courses being taught in cooperation with 21 area high schools. UT Martin set an all-time record with dual credit/concurrent spring enrollment at 468, besting the previous record of 356 set in fall 2005. The spring 2008 enrollment is a 33 percent increase over the spring 2005 figure of 353. And, UT Martin ranks third in Tennessee for dual-credit students receiving lottery funds this year D 337 awards for more than $100,000.

'These students are generally very, very bright,' said Brent Cox, UT Martin instructor of history, who serves as the dual-credit instructor for DCHS. Cox thinks dual-credit courses are valuable and it is a growing trend. 'They get an opportunity to interact with UT Martin for the first time and, of course, we hope they attend college here.'

The course is delivered to DCHS via interactive television. DCHS partnered with UT Martin on a USDA Rural Utility Services (RUS) grant which provided a $100,000 'distance learning' room in the high school so the students and community could take advantage of UT Martin courses.

Cox said he treats the dual-credit students just like the college students in his classroom at UT Martin. They hear the same lectures, are responsible for covering the same material and meeting all course requirements. Sometimes, he visits their high school classroom and other times, they come to the UT Martin campus. Cox also is available to confer with students.

'I registered, of course, for the extra credit, and I'll have college already under my belt. I'm less intimidated about going to college now,' said Danielle McBeth, a junior.

Juniors, Jamie Garrison and Phillip Via, want to be prepared for college life, but also saw the monetary value of getting a head start. 'It's cheaper to get it taken care of while you're in high school,' said Via.

Currently, courses are offered in English composition, algebra, pre-calculus, agriculture, geology, foreign language, history and art. Dual-credit scheduling depends upon the high school's needs and schedule. Close coordination between UT Martin and high schools ensures academic quality, student services and faculty support.

Contact the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at (731) 425-9277 or 1-888-UTM-GRAD or email ece@utm.edu for more information.

GIVE IT SOME GAS

Katie Childress of Brighton drives the vehicle designed by the University of Tennessee at Martin Mini-Baja team that participated in the Society of Automotive Engineers Mini-Baja competition in Auburn, Ala.
Gov. asks grads to help UT

By ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE — Gov. Phil Bredesen urged University of Tennessee graduates at commencement on Friday to support the school now they are alumni through donations and praise.

On a lighter note, he also passed along advice he received from former first-graders on things a governor must know, including "how to not get arrested."

Bredesen said public universities around the country are becoming more dependent on the private sector for support.

The university has raised tuition annually for years to offset the lagging amount of funding from the state. UT President John Petersen has said tuition will have to go up another 8 percent to 10 percent beginning with the fall term unless there is additional state money.

"Just as the university has nurtured and supported you, you now undertake an obligation to nourish and support it in the years ahead. Speak well of it, help it recruit good students and faculty, support it financially," the governor told graduates.

"I'll do my part as governor to support the University of Tennessee for the few years that I am here in this job. You have many years ahead of you, and I ask you today to make a commitment to this university."

Bredesen, who as governor is chairman of the UT Board of Trustees, left after his speech to host a luncheon at the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival in Humboldt. He was set to speak today at the University of Tennessee Martin.

West Tennessee observes commencement

By AMY MCDANIEL

All across West Tennessee on Saturday, hundreds of high school and college students donned their caps and gowns, soaked in some words of wisdom and accepted their ticket to their next destination in life.

Among those receiving diplomas were a record 626 graduates at the University of Tennessee Martin, 255 at Freed-Hardeman University, 72 at the University School of Jackson and 38 at Trinity Christian Academy.

At Freed-Hardeman's ceremony that morning in Loyd Auditorium, at least one face was missing from the crowd, but her name was not forgotten. A bow was placed in the seat where Misty Romine would have sat.

Romine, a 23-year-old senior from Haleyville, Ala., died Jan. 17 after lifelong heart complications. When her name was called at graduation, her bachelor of science degree in education was to be presented to her mother, Beth McAlpine.

"I think it's wonderful," Dr. Karen Cypress, Romine's academic adviser and one of her education professors, said in a news release. "She worked so hard, and she was so close to finishing."

Cypress said she remembered Romine as "a little fighter."

"She never was a quitter," she said. "I don't care how hard she felt or what she was going through, she always pushed the mark, and she wanted to do it. That's one thing I remember about her: her tenacity."

Wayne Scott, FHU vice president for enrollment management, said "it just made sense" to present Romine's degree posthumously.

"She had worked so hard and overcome so many obstacles to get to this point, and she was excited about it," he said.

FHU conferred degrees upon 197 undergraduates and 58 graduate students, according to a news release. The guest speaker for the ceremony was Andrew Gregory, of Houston, a member of the FHU President's Advisory Board. Gregory, a 1995 graduate of FHU and a 1998 graduate of Harvard Law School, is a partner in the law firm of Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP.

Meanwhile in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center at UT Martin, Gov. Phil Bredesen encouraged graduates to bring credit on the university by bringing credit on themselves. "You've accomplished something that is significant and all too rare," he said, according to a release.

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Later Saturday afternoon, Trinity celebrated its graduation in the chapel at Union University, and USJ seniors received their diplomas at West Jackson Baptist Church.
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Using an analogy about how the nation's pioneers saw the land as "young, fresh and the stuff of dreams," Bredesen said, "I want you to imagine and to recapture the sense of awe and wonder and humility that those pioneers must have felt in the presence of the new land God had given them on which to write their own lives and, in the process, write the story of a new nation.

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Local School Participates in Math Contest at UT Martin

MARTIN, Tenn., May 1, 2006 - McKenzie High School students recently participated in the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association 2006 High School Mathematics Contest at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Representing the school are, from left, front row, Christie Plunk, Hannah Scruton, Sarah Owen, Tanner Brooks, Paula Doster; second row, Brandon Tyler, Will Merrick, Rachel Chandler; third row, Andrew Webb, Matt Foster, Kari Sydnor, Samantha Doster; back row, Lee Barham, James Lee, Brice Priestley and Chris Ventura.
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In a press conference held after his commencement speech, Gov. Bredesen addressed the issue of the increasing number of spring semester graduates in universities across the state and expressed hope for the continuing trend.

"A number of universities across the state are seeing this increasing trend and what I attribute it to is our coming to understand that if people want to take advantage of what life has to offer, a college education is something that will take them a long way down that road," he stated. "I think the lottery scholarships have helped some students have access to schools here, but most of all, it's just a change in the way people see it. A lot more people are seeing it as right."

"I think there are a lot of job opportunities out there for graduates right now and different students will do different things. I think, after you get out of college, it sometimes takes students a few years to settle down. I think they'll get out, they'll get experience and they'll begin making job decisions on where they really want to put themselves in their lifetime career. They're still young — most of them are — and are trying new things along the way and I would encourage them to," he added.
Bobby Duck to receive highest honor

Bobby Duck, professor emeritus at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will receive Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity's highest honor Aug. 15 in Breckenridge, Colo. Alpha Gamma Rho, the national agriculture fraternity, with more than 60,000 members nationwide, will induct Duck into the organization's Hall of Fame, which now includes 49 members of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity with this year's four inductees. This year's other three inductees include Zane Akins, Missouri; Robert Oehrtman, Ohio State; and Gerald Puppe, North Dakota State.

Philip Josephson, executive director of the fraternity, in announcing Duck's selection said, "Bobby has contributed a great deal to the university system, development of agriculture learning, and Alpha Gamma Rho. Serving as a chapter adviser, and through chapter and national volunteer positions, he has greatly influenced undergraduate and alumni members alike. Bobby stands tall as a brother who is a true gentleman and tremendous example for all to emulate."

Duck was born in Reagan in 1939. He became a charter member of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter at UT Martin in 1966 and was one of the "Founding 20" of the chapter's student group that organized the colony for the Alpha Upsilon Chapter.

Duck received his bachelor of science degree in agriculture in 1961, master's degree in agronomy in 1963, and Ph.D. in agronomy in 1964. During college he was president of the UTM Agriculture Club, associate editor of the student newspaper, president of the All Students Association, selected to Who's Who in American High Schools and Universities, received volunteer award in 1961 as an outstanding graduate, and graduated summa cum laude.

Duck has served as the adviser for Alpha Upsilon Chapter from 1966-1971 and 1987-1999. He was a workshop facilitator for five leadership seminars, chairman of the workshop "Rituals and Values" at the 1994 national convention, and workshop facilitator at the 1996 and 1998 national conventions. He also served as a member of the national task forces on the Revision of the Ritual, Liability Insurance, and Improvement of Leadership seminars.

Currently Duck is a professor emeritus at UT Martin. His career has included serving as an assistant professor at the University of Florida; assistant dean for the college of agriculture, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He has served on numerous committees on departmental, school, campus and UT system levels. He is author or co-author of 112 publications (research reports, agriculture experiment station bulletins, journal articles, symposium proceedings). He has also taught thousands of students in diverse courses from 1966 to present; many have subsequently excelled in graduate studies and the agriculture industry.

Duck is one of AGR's Brother of the Century award recipients, receiving the Outstanding Chapter Adviser award in 1990, 1994 and 1998. In 1997, he received the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association "Distinguished Service Professor" Award. He was the first faculty person in the College of Agriculture to be selected to receive this award. Selection for the award is based upon career achievement, teaching, research and other educational and career accomplishments. He has also received many other honors from universities he has been affiliated with and the agriculture and academic industry. Duck is married with one daughter. He resides in Martin.

Alpha Gamma Rho is the national agricultural fraternity with 66 chapters. Membership exceeds 60,000 men in 50 states and 54 countries. The fraternity's goal is to make better men and to promote the increasingly important and versatile field of agriculture.

UTM to host academy

African-American high school students will get a taste of college life during the fifth annual Young Scholars Academy, set for June 4-10, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event is sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs at UT Martin.

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

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

From dorm life to the classroom to a culminating graduation ceremony, the academy offers a cross-section of college life, with a variety of activities designed to develop creative and intellectual skills. Students will attend classes throughout the week, with about two-thirds of class time in an area of special academic interest. All participants will have the opportunity to spend time with each of the UT Martin colleges, exploring the academic opportunities available to them when they attend college. Students will choose two special aptitude areas from the following courses: mass communication, philosophy, economics and finance, English composition, literature, biology, health and human performance, education and history. Extracurricular activities will include a community picnic, a community service activity, movie night, talent revue and a field trip to the Yeiser Art Museum in Paducah, Ky.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Minority Affairs at 881-7282.
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AREA RESIDENT HONORED AT UT MARTIN ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY — Cadet Garrett Davis, of Martin, recently received the ROTC Alumni Scholarship Fund Award at the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC Awards Ceremony. Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, professor of military science, presented the award.
OVERTONS HONORED BY UT MARTIN — Nancy and Dale Overton, of Martin, received the Tennessee Society pylon from Dr. Nick Dunagan, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor (center) at a recent UT Martin Development Committee meeting. The UT Tennessee Society recognizes alumni and friends for their generous contributions to the university. Nancy Overton is an emeritus member of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees and retiring member of the UT Martin Development Committee.

Record UTM commencement includes 31 Dyer Countians

Thirty-one Dyer County students are among the record 639 graduates scheduled to receive undergraduate and graduate degrees Saturday, May 13, at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen delivered the commencement address. Commencement was held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

“This Saturday was an exciting day at UT Martin,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. “We are proud of the Dyer County students who are among the university’s largest-ever graduating class.”

He added, “UT Martin maintains strong relationships with Dyersburg and Dyer County schools and with Dyersburg State Community College. Those relationships help bring excellent students to our university as they continue their education in Northwest Tennessee.”

One reason for the record graduate numbers points to the University of Tennessee initiative requiring college degree programs to set a maximum of 120 hours for completion.

“Most UT Martin degree programs have met the 120-hour requirement, so students are

I expect this trend to continue.”

Bredesen, the 48th governor of Tennessee, took office Jan. 18, 2003, with a promise to “focus energy on real results by leaving behind predictable and stale political debates.” In one of his first acts as governor, he opened the door to administrative budget hearings, allowing taxpayers to see for the first time the decisions that are made on how their money is spent. His first three executive orders established the toughest ethics rules in the history of Tennessee’s executive branch. He managed the state through a fiscal crisis without raising taxes or cutting funding for education. Most of all, he instilled a renewed confidence that government can work on behalf of its citizens for the betterment of the entire state.

In years two and three, Bredesen pushed measures to improve education, including raising teacher pay above the southeastern average and expanding Tennessee’s pre-kindergarten program as part of a statewide initiative. To recruit new industry and jobs, he worked with the General Assembly to reform Tennessee’s workers’ compensation system and invest in retraining programs to help laid-off employees develop new skills in the rapidly changing economy. He launched Tennessee’s war on methamphetamine abuse by focusing on treatment, prevention and public awareness as well as enhanced criminal penalties and resources for law enforcement.

Bredesen took control of TennCare — the state’s financially troubled Medicaid-expansion program — by preserving full enrollment for children and pursuing innovative initiatives, such as making better use of health information technology.

Before entering public service, Bredesen was a successful health care entrepreneur. Between research trips to the public library, he drafted a business plan at the kitchen table of his apartment that led to the creation in 1980 of HealthAmerica Corp., a Nashville-based health care management company that eventually grew to more than 6,000 employees and traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

He sold the company in 1986. Bredesen and his wife, first lady Andrea Conte, are active members of the community, locally and statewide.
UTM hosts Memorial Day observance; area veterans to be recognized

Brigadier General Jimmy Welch, of Dyersburg, a University of Tennessee at Martin alumnus and a member of the UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame, will be the guest speaker at the seventh annual Memorial Day Commemoration at UT Martin. The event is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., May 26, at the Hall-Moody Administration Building entrance.

Area veterans are asked to call Janice Sims, at 731-881-7150, to confirm attendance so they can be recognized during the event.

The observance will include a display of the names of military personnel killed during the War on Terror.

Lt. Joe Dacus of Dukedom, a spring 2006 UT Martin graduate, will serve as master of ceremonies. The national anthem will be performed by Madison Tate, UT Martin student, and the invocation, by Vietnam veteran and chaplain, Mace Jett Jr. Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor and Tennessee National Guard retired colonel, will give the benediction. The Tennessee National Guard will present the colors prior to the ceremony.

The UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department will honor area veterans with a gun salute.

The event is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Hardy M. Graham Stadium parking lot directly across from the Hall-Moody Administration Building. Eastbound and westbound traffic on University Street, in front of the administration building, will be stopped briefly as the flag ceremony begins and during the gun salute. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the Glenn Gallien Auditorium in Gooch Hall on the UT Martin campus.
UTM teacher leads tutor team at Carr

Tim Hacker of Fulton, overseen when Kay Williams, an elementary school teacher, asked someone to serve as a reading tutor. That was fall 2001, and that was all it took. Hacker, a University of Tennessee at Martin instructor of English, has tutored almost every week for the past five years.

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

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

As a College of Humanities and Fine Arts representative to the Honors Council, the oversight body of the University Honors Programs, Hacker learned that many members of the Honors Programs have a service-learning requirement. “I immediately thought of Kay and her ongoing need for tutoring help at Carr Elementary School in Fulton, where she teaches,” said Hacker. “In the fall, we had four students who tutored regularly for an hour or so every week. This spring, we've added four more. Next fall, when I teach a section of First-Year Initiative (formerly known as Freshman Studies) for a group of honors programs students, I hope to make tutoring a class project.”

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

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

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

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

Rachael Funston, an education major from Murfreesboro, has found that she benefits as much as the students she tutors. "Listening to these kids read and watching them learn and sound out the words is very rewarding," said Funston. "As an education major, getting this experience... is very beneficial. She added, "Illiteracy is an epidemic that college students can actually have a large impact on. It's our duty to use our education and youth to help not only our own generation, but those generations that are coming after us. Tutoring is a very easy way to do that.”

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Selmer resident honored by UT Martin Katherine Scott, Selmer, receives the University of Tennessee Benefactors Society pylon from Dr. Nick Dunagan, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor, at a recent UT Martin Development Committee meeting. The UT Benefactors Society recognizes alumni and friends for their generous contributions to the university. She is an emeritus member of the UT Martin McNairy County Center Higher Education Committee and attended University of Tennessee Junior College, UT Knoxville and received a master’s degree at UT Martin.

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Students volunteer as tutors

Tim Hacker of Fulton overheard when Kay Williams, an elementary school teacher, asked someone to serve as a reading tutor. That was fall 2001, and that was all it took. Hacker, a UT Martin instructor of English, has tutored almost every week for the past five years.

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

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As a College of Humanities and Fine Arts representative to the Honors Council, the oversight body of the University Honors Programs, Hacker learned that many members of the Honors Programs have a service-learning requirement. "I immediately thought of Kay and her ongoing need for tutoring help at Carr Elementary School in Fulton, where she teaches," said Hacker. "In the fall, we had four students who tutored regularly for an hour or so every week. This spring, we've added four more. Next fall, when I teach a section of First-Year Initiative (formerly known as Freshman Studies) for a group of honors programs students, I hope to make tutoring a class project."

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Students to attend scholars academy

African-American high school students will get a taste of college life during the fifth annual Young Scholars Academy, set for June 4-10, at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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“Our purpose is to educate, enlighten, expose and encourage African-American students to pursue their education after high school,” said Vishemira Huery, YSA camp director and UT Martin student conduct officer.

From dorm life to the classroom to a culminating graduation ceremony, the academy offers a cross section of college life, with a variety of activities designed to develop creative and intellectual skills. Students will attend classes throughout the week, with about two-thirds of class time in an area of special academic interest. All participants will have the opportunity to spend time with each of the UT Martin colleges, exploring the academic opportunities available to them when they attend college. Students will choose two special aptitude areas from the following courses: mass communication, philosophy, economics and finance, English composition, literature, biology, health and human performance, education and history. Extracurricular activities will include a community picnic, a community service activity, movie night, talent revue and a field trip to the Yeiser Art Museum in Paducah, Ky.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Minority Affairs at (731) 881-7282.

Students named to Dean’s list

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

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

From South Fulton, the dean’s list includes:
- Tammy M. Bivens, high honors
- Paula J. Boley, highest honors
- Emily L. Clark, high honors
- Michael D. Crockett, honors
- Mary E. Grissom, highest honors
- Quintin L. Haskins, high honors
- Alisha A. Hedge, highest honors
- Ethan P. Herman, honors
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- Lauren N. Macklin, honors
- Joel D. Malin, high honors
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- Delana J. McDaniel, honors
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- Charles E. Mulcahy, highest honors
- Edward A. Phipps, high honors
- Tara L. Rudolph, honors
- Rachel N. Sanders, honors
- Jacqueline D. Tuck, high honors
- Elizabeth C. Watts, high honors
- Kevin D. Whitten, honors
- Anna E. Williams, highest honors
- Laura A. Williams, high honors

UTM Dean’s List students from Kentucky are listed as follows:
- Karen C. Dean, Fulton, high honors
- April S. Faulkner, Fulton, honors
- Kelly M. Greer, Fulton, highest honors
- Datheia F. Jones, Fulton, high honors
- Eli W. McClanahan, Fulton, high honors
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- Terry D. Tidwell, Fulton, high honors
- Jordan F. Tinkle, Fulton, highest honors
- Kimberly D. Ward, Fulton, honors
- Alex M. Davis, Hickman, honors
- Beth L. McClure, Hickman, high honors
- Brandy D. Whitten, Hickman, honors
- Georgia M. Sams, Water Valley, honors
- Sarah E. Dublin, Wingo, honors
- Lauren A. Wray, Wingo, honors
Kids college celebrates 22nd anniversary

Kid College at the University of Tennessee at Martin celebrates its 22nd anniversary, June 5-15, offering area youth the opportunity to explore space, expand knowledge of history and science, learn about animals and enjoy painting and creating. The theme is "Inspire the Desire to Inquire."

"Chem4Kids,“ "Awesome Authors,“ "Karate,“ "Hands-on Grossology Experiments,“ "Historical Fact Finders,“ "Amazing Animals,“ "Super Science and Cheerleading" are just some of the courses offered. Plus, one lucky student will win a scholarship, worth approximately $900, to attend a week of astronaut training at Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be enrolled in one of the following classes: "Senior Space Camp,“ "Moon Shot,“ or "Senior Space Challenge - Mars," be at least nine years old and complete the required "Space Project." Details of the project will be provided in class.

Kid College is a nine-day program that includes classes from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for children who will be enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade in fall 2006. Each class is one hour in length, and parents should help select classes based on age and grade level. Children may enroll in one to five classes. One hour of free time may be scheduled, in addition to lunch, if a child is enrolled in four or more classes. This is a supervised period when children play indoor and outdoor games or watch videos.

Children are supervised at all times, including lunch. They will be escorted to and from class each period and class rolls will be checked for attendance. Teachers will meet children for each class in the Gooch Hall lobby or auditorium. To assist with safety precautions, parents are asked to deliver children 10 minutes prior to their first class.

To register online, or for more information, visit www.utm.edu/~ecce/kidcollege.html. Classes are $40 each, with some requiring supply fees paid to the instructor the first day of class. Supply fees are noted in the class descriptions. A Kid-College t-shirt is also available for an additional $10.

Payment may be made by cash, check, VISA, MasterCard or Discover Card. To register by phone, pay by credit card or to receive a brochure, call (731) 881-7082 or (731) 881-7930. Checks should be made payable to UT Martin and mailed to Kid College, 110 Gooch Hall, Martin, TN 38238. Registration forms may be faxed to (731) 881-7984.

UT Martin faculty inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Dr. Jeffrey Scott McCullough, Georgia Baskett and Dr. David Barber, all of Martin, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper 10 percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10 percent of their class and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent of their class. Also eligible are faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements.

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Tennessee scholars honored

Dr. Nick Dunagan, Chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Martin, presented medallions and certificates to 46 seniors from South Fulton, Union City and Obion County Central High Schools May 19, in recognition of their completion of the Obion County, Tennessee Scholars Program. The ceremony and reception, held at Union City's Civic Auditorium, honored students who completed the more challenging Scholar's curriculum, maintained a minimum "C" average in all courses and completed a minimum of 20 hours of community service.

The program is a partnership between the school district, local Chamber of Commerce and the business community to better prepare graduates to enter a university, community college, technical or vocational school, the military or the workforce.

South Fulton Obion County Tennessee Scholars were Jon Meacham, Brittany Cox, Alex Gammon, Emily Oliver, Amber Waggoner, Brandie Bransford and Lydia Mudd.

Receives degree

Lakisha Nicole Harris received a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work in commencement exercises held Saturday, May 13, at the University of Tennessee at Martin in the Tom and Kathleen Elam Center. She was named to the National Dean's List several times. She is a 2002 honor graduate of Gibson County High School. She is the daughter of Keith and Willie Harris of Dyer and granddaughter of Bob and Mary Harris of Dyer and Cora Austin of Humboldt and the late James Austin.
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Greenway to benefit from 5K Run

The University of Tennessee at Martin's SHAPE Club recently sponsored a Brian Brown Memorial 5K Run with proceeds benefiting the Brian Brown Greenway Foundation, Inc. Among those involved were (from left, back row): Kevin Creech of Columbia, race marketing coordinator; Dr. Tim Johnston, associate professor of marketing and president of the Brian Brown Greenway Foundation, Inc.; and Jude Miller of Kingston, treasurer of SHAPE; (front row): Ashley Ruggles of St. Louis, secretary of SHAPE; and Allison Holder of Paris, vice president of SHAPE. Club advisers are Mark Walton and Dr. Laura Brown, UT Martin assistant professors of health and human performance.

Abbey Carothers earns degree at UT Martin

Elizabeth Abbey Carothers received her bachelor's degree during the May 13 commencement at the University of Tennessee Martin.

She is the daughter of Skip and Debbie Carothers of Paris.

At UTM, she was a psychology major with a marketing minor.

Carothers

While in college, she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, where she served as assistant recruitment chairman and activities chairman.

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She also was a member of Rho Lambda; was a UTM student ambassador; did a research study on autism; participated in the Applied Behavior Analysis program in psychology at the UTM Children's Center; and was a server for Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

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UT Martin announces local graduates, dean's list students

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- Elizabeth Abbey Carothers, Stephen Joshua Hart, Melissa Kay Hopkins, Lana Jan Mathis, Robin Medlock, Annie Kanti Naik, Scott David Smith and Elizabeth Ann Wimberley, all of Paris; Christy Nicole White of Buchanan; Jeffrey Wayne Peach of Cottage Grove; and Carolyn Camper of Puryear.

Dawn Marie Clement and Cynthia Leigh Hutchens, both of Paris, received graduate degrees during the ceremony.

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In addition to receiving degrees, Mrs. Mathis, Ms. Hopkins, Ms. Naik and Ms. White were all listed with highest honors and Ms. Medlock was listed with high honors on the university’s spring semester dean's list.

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Students with a grade-point average of 3.2-3.49 are listed with honors; those with 3.5-3.79 are listed as high honors; and those with 3.8-4.0, highest honors.

Highest honors — Stephen C. Allbritton, Nicholas Ryan Aston, Teresa G. Byrd, Nickl J. Paris, Clifford N. Peeler, Joanna L. Robbins and Andrew G. Whitfield, all of Paris; Emily F. Fuqua of Cottage Grove; and Michelle L. Roberts of Henry.

High honors — Ashley L. Bruce, Whitney L. Glass, Thomas J. Kinsland, Justin L. Muller, Justin S. Stutzman, Kristen M. Vanvorkings, Deborah Wiles, Jacob B. Wilson and Elizabeth A. Wimberley, all of Paris.

Richard J. Ellison and Kayla R. Parsons, both of Buchanan; Gabrielle L. Jilberti of Cono; Emma D. Bishop, Meagan D. Drye, Keri L. McClure and Amanda J. Qualls, all of Henry; Zachary T. Sawyer of Puryear; Rilla Dean Skye Boudrie, Steven B. Elliott and Holley M. Mason, all of Springville.

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- Hornbeak — Tina M. Adams, highest honors; and Brandon W. Orr, high honors.
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- Obion — Jon B. Kendall, highest honors; Valery Lewis, high honors; and Donald J. Qualls, high honors.
- Rives — John K. Bay, high honors; Joseph C. Caldwell, high honors; Dustin L. Hickerson, high honors; Kevin O. Jones, high honors; Megan L. McCullough, high honors; Jennifer D. McWherter, high honors; and Zachary T. Ward, high honors.
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- Fulton — Karen C. Dean, high honors; April S. Faulkner, honors; Kelly M. Greer, highest honors; Datheia F. Jones, high honors; Eli W. McClaanahan, high honors; Bradley M. Nanney, highest honors; Yevgenyi L. Radetskiy, high honors; Clara D. Sanders, highest honors; Jennifer M. Smith, high honors; Courtney B. Stroup, high honors; Terry D. Tidwell, high honors; Jordan F. Tinkle, highest honors; and Kimberly D. Ward, honors.
OC and Fulton students graduate from UT Martin

Thirty-one Obion County residents and four from Fulton were among the students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent spring commencement, held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on campus.

Among those who received undergraduate degrees were:
- Kenton — Tiffany LeAnne Franklin, Jenna Leigh Litton and Bethany Jo Vinson.
- South Fulton — Paula Jean Boley, Mary Elizabeth Grissom, Alisha Ann Hedge, Lauren Nicole Macklin, Mark Steven Malin Jr., Cecil Richard May IV, Charles Earl Mulcahy and Anthony Michael Reynolds.
- Troy — Lindsey Ann Buchanan, Samuel Scott Hays and Thomas Dale Killion.
- Fulton — Kelly Michelle Greer, Christie Lynn Harris, Clara Dawn Sanders and Courtney Beth Stroup.

Included in the students who received graduate degrees were:
- Union City — Jacob Corey Cross and Elizabeth Ann Wright.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen was the keynote speaker for the commencement and Dr. John D. Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee, attended the ceremony and congratulated the graduates. Chancellor Nick Dunagan presided and conferred degrees.

UT Martin has low crime rate, ranks high in cases resolved

University of Tennessee at Martin students and their parents, as well as faculty and staff, can take comfort in the most recent statewide crime statistics that continue to record a low crime rate for the campus.

Additionally, for crimes that are committed, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety has a crime clearance rate that is substantially above the state average.

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

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

The most recent crime statistics released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for 2005 cite an eight per 1,000 “index” crime rate compared to a state average of 16 per 1,000. Index crimes include murder, rape, robbery, burglary, theft, auto theft, aggravated assault and arson, as benchmark offenses. The rate is calculated based on the total campus population of students, faculty and staff. The campus also has a 22 percent crime clearance rate that is based on the number of cases solved. The state average clearance rate is 9 percent.

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

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

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

“Most of our students don’t want to do anything that might take away from their potential to be successful. They come here with good intentions to better their lives,” he said, noting that key university services are available to help students get acclimated to college life. “Those few students who do commit a crime or have a lapse in judgment also have an array of services, including counseling, available to help them work through unresolved issues.”

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

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

The City of Martin, with a 27.8 index crime rate, ranks below the state average of 51.7.
UT Martin celebrates Memorial Day

2006 GRADUATE LEADS MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE – Lt. Joe Dacus of Dukedom (second from left), a spring 2006 University of Tennessee at Martin graduate, was master of ceremonies for the seventh annual Memorial Day commemoration at the university Friday. With him are Dr. Nick Dunagan (from left), UT Martin Chancellor; Dr. Stan Dunagan, online university studies assistant director and Tracie Stewart of Dresden, UT Martin accounting assistant in the physical plant administration.

Brigadier General tells crowd support of military men and women is most powerful weapon

By RITA MITCHELL
Special to the Press

Brig. Gen. Jimmy Welch of Dyersburg, a University of Tennessee at Martin alumnus, told guests at the seventh annual Memorial Day commemoration at UT Martin, “Your support of our military men and women is one of the most powerful weapons we have. In addition to honoring the memory of those who gave their lives for this country, I urge you to reach out to their families. Reach out to our living veterans and to the service men and women who continue to defend our American way of life.

Those we honor today loved the ideals and values upon which this nation was founded. And I’m proud to say that today’s military men and women continue to live those values—the values of loyalty, duty, respect, unselfish service, honor, integrity and personal courage.” Welch, Tennessee National Guard adjutant general, is commander of the 194th Engineer Brigade, Tennessee Army National Guard in Jackson and just returned from a year in Iraq. Lt. Joe Dacus of Dukedom, a spring 2006 UT Martin graduate, was master of ceremonies, and Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor and Tennessee National Guard retired colonel, welcomed guests. The Tennessee National Guard presented the colors prior to the ceremony that included recognition of area veterans who were invited to attend the ceremony. The observance included a display of the names of military personnel killed during the War on Terror. The UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department closed the observance and honored area veterans with a gun salute.
This is the complete text of Brig. Gen. Johnny Welch’s speech at the Memorial Day 2006 Commencement.

Thank you for allowing me to join with you today in honoring the memory of more than 500,000 Americans in uniform who have given their lives for our country.

I would like to ask that you join me for a brief moment of silence, in remembrance of all of those military men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Ladies and gentlemen, in today’s military, our mission to defend freedom continues to live on, made stronger by our memory of those who gave their lives to preserve peace and democracy for future generations.

Words cannot adequately describe the sacrifice of those we honor today. But there are some poignant words, etched on a Memorial in Burma, that have special meaning this Memorial Day.

The Memorial was erected during World War II to honor the many valiant American soldiers who never returned home.

Sixty-one years later, these inscribed words are just as relevant. Just as powerful. “When you go home, tell them of us. And say — ‘For your tomorrow, we gave our today.’”

I ask you to think about those simple words: “For your tomorrow, we gave our today.” Thanks to those in our military, freedom endures today, and it will endure for our future generations.

They defended the future of freedom at places like Bunker Hill and Yorktown, Gettysburg and Antietam, the trenches of France, Guadalcanal and Normandy, the Korean War, Vietnam, and now Southwest Asia.

As we pay homage to our nation’s fallen men and women, let us make strong our commitment to keeping the freedom torch burning for tomorrow.

Let us support those who are defending freedom as we speak. In places like Afghanistan and Iraq, our troops are putting their lives on the line right now — even as we gather here today — this very moment.

That’s why your attendance at this Memorial Day ceremony is important. It sends a clear signal that America stands united behind the men and women of our military. Just as we have in the past. Just as we will in the future. It says that you care enough about your country to gather to “remember”.

I can understand how it’s sometimes easy to forget the significance and symbolism of Memorial Day when the All-American traditions of summer are beckoning us. After all, who can resist a day off from work for fishing, or a picnic, or hamburgers, hot dogs and potato salad?

But we must never forget that Memorial Day is more than a just a holiday. It is a day when we should be expressing gratitude to our military men and women who give real meaning to the phrase, “All American.”

Sadly, the terrorist attack on this country on September 11, 2001, was a reminder that we must never take our blessings or our freedom for granted.

In the years to come, I hope that even more Americans will join together for ceremonies just like this. We owe it to our friends, neighbors and loved ones who died so that we might enjoy everything we have today.

For more than 200 years, Americans have distinguished themselves on the battlefields in places far from American soil, just as they are today. Representing every race, religion and creed, these men and women have willingly put on the uniform and defended this country. And they knew the risk.

But, they did not let their fear of risks overcome their mission. As the late Senator Adlai Stevenson once said: “Men who offer their lives for their country, know that patriotism is not the fear of something; it is the love of something.”

Those we honor today loved the ideals and values upon which this nation was founded. And I’m proud to say that today’s military men and women continue to live those values. The values of loyalty, duty, respect, unselfish service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

Our military in “Operation Iraqi Freedom” demonstrate their commitment to these enduring values as they restore liberty and human dignity to those who suffered under the oppression of Saddam Hussein. Often they’re risking their lives to help innocent Iraqis.

This was the case when three U.S. soldiers, all still in their early to mid twenties, made an attempt to help an Iraqi woman. The three were manning a checkpoint in Western Iraq. Suddenly a pregnant woman stepped out of a car and shouted for help. As the soldiers approached, the car exploded, taking the lives of the pregnant woman, the car’s driver and all three soldiers.

These soldiers knew they were vulnerable to such attacks while serving at that checkpoint. But they put aside their own safety to help a pregnant woman — and made the ultimate sacrifice for their act of kindness. They lost their lives trying to help civilians, but their heroism will continue to inspire others now and in the future.

This is but one story of those who have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today, thousands of U.S. servicemen and women remain in Southwest Asia and over 120 countries around the world. The mission to stamp out terrorism and inhumane atrocities continues, supported by the resolve of Americans like you.

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- Greenfield - Lesia Lynne Bills, Lindsey Boone, Amy Cathryn Box, Deborah Burke, Savannah Lynn Grooms, Amber Rae McAdams, Lanae McKelvy, Joshua Ray Puckett, Delbra Stacy and Leah Waddell Trevathan.
- Palmersville - James Harold Reynolds.
- Sharon - Laura Lavance Mueller, Travis Ryan Reaves and Tami Sue Seat.

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- Dresden - Penny Elaine Bell, Gretchen Rozeboom.

Gleason - Erin Mathis.
Martin - Diana Kay Braziel, Gwynne Fleener and Ji-Hoon Park.

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Consultant returns with advice

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will return to the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center (REED) from 9-4 p.m., June 8. He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs.

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

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

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

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I want each of you to enjoy this day with your families, with those you love. But I also want you to remember the words that adorn the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, where so many of our service men and women are buried.

These words speak volumes about the bravery of those who gave their lives for their country ... for your country.

"Not for fame or reward. Not for place or rank, not lured by ambition or goaded by necessity, but in simple obedience to duty as they understood it. These men suffered all, sacrificed all, dared all ... and died."

May the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for this country live on forever in our memories. And may we honor them by doing everything we can to protect freedom for the generations to come. Whenever.

Wherever ... that freedom is threatened.

Again, I thank you for the privilege of being here with you today, for it indeed is my privilege.

May God bless each of you. Our beloved state of Tennessee. And the United States of America.
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Area Graduates Take Order of the Engineer Oath

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Local residents receive degrees from UTM

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- Medina - Janet Elizabeth Hodge, Ashley Kathryn Kinkade;
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From Medina: Justin B. Chapman-High Honors, Emily M. Tanner-Highest Honors


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A special ceremony was held on the Weakley County Courthouse lawn in Dresden Monday morning to honor the sacrifices of those who gave their lives for their country.

The event opened with a welcome by Weakley County Veterans Service Officer Sue McCadams, followed by invocation given by Keith Dublin. Next, Mike McCadams led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Special music was also provided at the event by Brian McWherter, who sang the beloved, patriotic song, "God Bless America."

The guest speaker for the Memorial Day observance was former Dresden Mayor Allen Strawbridge, Jr., a retired Brigadier General, who served as a...

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A 21-gun salute was provided by members of the Weakley County Sheriff Department, including: Art Cason, Randy Crocker, Derek Coble, Candice Floyd, Steve Fulcher, Danny Browning, Bryan Chandler, Gary Eddings, and Josh Rogers.

As the service drew to a close, Jackie Darnell played the solo trumpet tune "Taps" which is played at the close of each day, as well as at the funerals of deceased troops. Specialist Brandon Spain and Specialist James Owens then took part in the flag raising part of the ceremony. The services ended with benediction given by Larry Clark.

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The observance included a display of the names of military personnel killed during the War on Terror.

The UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department closed the observance and honored area veterans with a gun salute.

U.S. Veteran Dan Honeycutt reads the names of those killed in the Korean Conflict. Other speakers taking part in the service included: Dave Bradley, Larry Tackett, Charlie Smith, Larry Clark, Keith Dublin, Mike McCadams, Bobby Scott, Sue McCadams, and guest speaker Allen Strawbridge, Jr.

Remembering fellow veterans - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walker, of Martin, attended the seventh annual Memorial Day commemoration at the University of Tennessee at Martin Friday. Area veterans were recognized during the event. Walker served in the U.S. Army during WWII.
Gov. Bredesen tells graduates hard work still makes a difference

Gov. Phil Bredesen congratulated and encouraged University of Tennessee at Martin graduates to "bring credit on UT Martin by bringing credit upon themselves. You've accomplished something that is significant and all too rare.

Bredesen used his commencement address as a time to honor a longstanding tradition of passing on advice - but this time it was advice he received from a group of Tennessee first graders. After sharing several of the youngsters' lighter suggestions - a governor must know how to tie his shoes, how to carve meat and how not to get arrested - he offered more serious fare.

"As is always the case when you talk to children, there are some other nuggets of insight that, through their sheer simplicity, really hit the nail on the head," said Bredesen. "Whether you're governor or a new graduate or a grandparent, it's advice all of us can use, out of the mouths of innocents."

Work seriously hard. "I know you've spent these past years of school feeling like you've worked seriously hard. Today, celebrate the results of all that hard work. Tomorrow, you start over with a clean slate, and a whole new world of seriously hard work awaits."

He added, "In a world of business and entrepreneurship, for every hundred people who have a good idea, there is maybe one who actually makes something happen, and that one is not the person who is smartest or got the best grades or went to the best school or had the most advantages. It is almost always the person who rolls their sleeves up, who focuses and who does the hard work that it takes to make something happen."

Know how to do important stuff. "Remember that one," Bredesen said. "Everyone needs to know how to do important stuff. "Graduation is a milestone, and those life milestones are times when we pause for a moment and think about the road ahead. When you think about the future, you naturally think about what you want out of life. Some of these things are commonplace: a nice home, family vacations, security. These ambitions are common and perfectly proper," the governor told graduates. "But this is also a time to think about what a well-spent life really is - what is the important stuff that you need to do?"

Bredesen encouraged the graduates to think beyond the obvious and conventional goals and think about what will give their lives meaning. "Is it doing something lasting for your community or your country? Is it creating a loving and successful family? Is it something else you've dreamed but haven't shared with anybody up to now?"

Using an analogy about how the nation's pioneers saw the land as "young, fresh and the stuff of dreams," Bredesen said, "I want you to imagine and to recapture the sense of awe and wonder and humility that those pioneers must have felt in the presence of the new land God has given them on which to write their own lives and, in the process, write the story of a new nation."

He added, "America is still that new land, that land of opportunity and possibility, with many chapters in its story yet to be written. In a world of too much noise and too much living for today, we just have to reach inside ourselves and remember that, first of all, America was the land of limitless dreams."

A record number of graduates and their families and friends heard Bredesen's remarks and were congratulated by Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president, who introduced the governor. Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, presided over the exercises and conferred degrees.

The University Singers closed the ceremony by singing the alma mater.

Criminal Justice Career Day held at UT Martin

Students attending area colleges, universities and high schools were invited to participate in a Criminal Justice Career Day recently hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin. Providing information to students were professionals who represent federal, state and local levels of law enforcement, as well as various facets of the judiciary and social service agencies. Among those taking part in the event were UT Martin Criminal Justice Society faculty adviser Dr. Tina Lee, left, and criminal justice majors, Candace Pittman, Martin; Joey Williams, Kenton; and Kelli Todd, Big Sandy.
UT Martin hosting two Governor’s Schools; students can earn college credit

High school students attending the Tennessee Governor’s School for the Humanities and Tennessee Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Martin will have the opportunity to earn six hours of college credit during the summer programs.

Students in the humanities program will arrive on campus June 4-5 and will depart July 7-8, while the agricultural sciences students arrive on May 28 and depart on June 20.

The Tennessee Governor’s School for the Humanities, located on the UT Martin campus since 1985, will host 80 students, while the third Tennessee Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences - one of four in the nation - has 32 students. The schools are staffed by faculty from UT Martin and universities throughout the United States.

Participants in the Governor’s School for Agricultural Sciences will again receive Gateway wireless, portable tablet computers to use while on campus. The computers, which have been loaded with special software to help students organize their work, will make all learning environments a laboratory, according to Shannan Burgin, UT Martin director of information technology services. Students will electronically submit their homework to faculty and prepare presentations using the computers.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for our students,” said Dr. Phillip Martin, assistant professor of natural resources management. “The computer works like a typical notebook computer and with a twist of the screen, it can be used in notebook mode. When in tablet mode, instead of typing, a special pen is used to take class notes on the computer. These organized notes can be searched or converted into conventional text.”

UT Martin will help introduce high school students to a myriad of agricultural careers at the school for the agricultural sciences. High school students from across the state will be involved in research, living laboratories and study opportunities. The students will expand their knowledge of food, genetics, agriculture, engineering and the sustainable use of renewable natural resources, be exposed to scientific and land stewardship concepts and sharpen communication, problem-solving, and leadership skills.

A new addition this year is the opportunity for students to manufacture biodiesel from waste cooking oil and then use their product to operate diesel engines on campus.

“We are trying to impress upon these students that there are a lot of career opportunities in agriculture and natural resources,” said Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and governor’s school director. “We are trying to change the perception that agriculture is solely about production agriculture. There are many allied fields of study.”

The humanities immersion program includes high school juniors and seniors from across the state who have been selected to participate based on academic achievements, writing skills, school and community service and the recommendations of high school principals, counselors, and teachers. As part of the program, students explore subjects as diverse as philosophy and music literature, develop creative writing skills and participate in afternoon seminars specially designed to experience academic challenges with the “best and brightest” fellow students in Tennessee.

“We believe the Tennessee Governor’s School for Humanities is the most extraordinary intellectual experience you can have as a high school student, and we do everything we can to encourage scholarly interaction between the scholars and our national faculty,” said Dr. Jerald Ogg, dean of the UT Martin College of Humanities and Fine Arts and governor’s school director.

Local residents receive degrees from UT Martin

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

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:

* Dukedom - Joseph Daniel Dacus;
* Greenfield - Lesia Lynne Bills, Lindsey Boone, Amy Cathryn Box, Deborah Burke, Savannah Lynn Grooms, Amber Rae McAdams, anae McKelvy, Joshua Ray Puckett, Delbra Stacy, Leah Waddell Trevathan;
* Martin - John Samuel Barber, April Dawn Laney Boals, Gavin Miles Breeden, Judy Harris Chappell, Anson Tremain Couch, Kristen Carole Crocker, Natasha Victoria Dalton, Jennifer Ann Ellis, Sara Elizabeth Nadas Stevens Fortner, Erik Todd Fuqua, Jennifer Rene Furevell, Geronimo Garcia, Charles Andrew Jahr, Edward Andrew Jennings, Jeffrey John Mehan, Crysral Dawn Oliver, Thomas Gunn Page, Kasey Prince, Aubree Lenore St. Thomas, Amy Carol Tims, Tyvonna Darkses Wright;
* Palmersville - James Harold Reynolds;
* Sharon - Laura Lavance Mueller, Travis Ryan Reaves, Tami Sue Seat.

Among students receiving graduate degrees were:

* Dresden - Penny Elaine Bell, Gretchen Rozeboom;
* Gleason - Erin Mathis;
* Martin - Diana Kay Braziel, Gwiyne Flemer, Ji-Hoon Park.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen was the keynote speaker, and Dr. John D. Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee, attended the ceremony and congratulated the graduates. Chancellor Nic Dunagan presided and conferred degrees.
UT Martin has low crime rate, ranks high in cases resolved

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

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

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

The most recent crime statistics released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for 2005 cite an eight per 1,000 "index" crime rate compared to a state average of 16 per 1,000. Index crimes include murder, rape, robbery, burglary, theft, auto theft, aggravated assault and arson, as benchmark offenses. The rate is calculated based on the total campus population of students, faculty and staff. The campus also has a 22 percent crime clearance rate that is based on the number of cases solved. The state average clearance rate is 9 percent.

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

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

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

"Most of our students don't want to do anything that might take away from their potential to be successful. They come here with good intentions to better their lives," he said and noted that key university services are available to help students get acclimated to college life. "Those few students who do commit a crime or have a lapse in judgment also have an array of services, including counseling, available to help them work through unresolved issues."

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

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

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

Local students inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Allison Bukeavich, Ryan Harrison, Lindsay Holder, Sara McIntosh, Brenda Quinn, Sarah Roberts, Becky Smith, and Lindsey Sutherland, all of Martin, and John Sipes, of Sharon, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper 10 percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10 percent of their class and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent of their class. Also eligible are faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements.

An internationally respected honor society, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and most selective organization that recognizes and promotes academic excellence in all fields of higher education. The society was founded at the University of Maine in 1897 and currently has chapters on the campuses of 282 colleges and universities in the United States, the Philippines and Puerto Rico.
UT Martin names local students to spring semester Dean’s List

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

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

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

**Dresden** - Gary D. Anderson with highest honors, Allicia D. Austin with honors, Carol P. Barker with highest honors, Robert W. Browning with high honors, Kristin N. Copeland with highest honors, Adam S. Corum with highest honors, Cristy L. Cranick with high honors, Jake H. Doster with honors, Orrin T. Eaves of highest honors, Wendy D. Elliott with honors, Jennifer A. Ellis with highest honors, Boyd J. Erwin with high honors, Tiphanie M. Erwin with high honors, Linda M. Farmer with highest honors, Nathan E. Garrett with honors, Tessica L. Houston with honors, Edward A. Jennings with high honors, Clint B. Jolley with high honors, Katie L. Kelley with honors, Ashley R. Mansfield with high honors, Rachel L. Mansfield with highest honors, Ted W. McWhorter with highest honors, Ryan H. Searce with highest honors, Sheena L. Scott with highest honors, Jennifer B. Sheaffer with honors, Rachel A. Stout with highest honors, Katrina D. Torres with high honors, Andrea F. Wade with high honors, Brooke L. Whaley with honors, James B. Whaley with high honors, Farrah R. Winstead with honors, David A. Wynn with honors, Amand A. Young with honors.

**Dukedom** - Matthew T. Dacus with high honors

**Gleason** - Joshua E. Carey with highest honors, Lucas A. Carey with honors, Debra A. Castleman with honors, Jamie O. Dillard with highest honors, Dustin R. Frazier with honors, Haley A. Hudson with high honors, Carrie C. Joyner with high honors, Joseph R. Morrissett with highest honors, Crystal L. Oliver with highest honors, Kristyn D. Robert with highest honors, Lesley M. Sawyer with highest honors, Kristin R. Todd with high honors.

**Greenfield** - Clint A. Ary with highest honors, Lesia L. Ary with highest honors, Lindsey B. Boone with high honors, Amy E. Boye with honors, Monica D. Collins with high honors, Adam G. Dowland with high honors, Sarah P. Easley with high honors, Chelsea P. Engler with high honors, Shelley C. Featherston with highest honors, Savannah L. Groom with highest honors, Amber N. Harris with highest honors, Patricia L. Hutchison with highest honors, Jerri A. Lewis with high honors, Robert L. McCall with high honors, Lanie McKelvy with high honors, Michelle L. Medling with high honors, Felecia N. Morgan with high honors, Susan L. Newbill with high honors, Sarah E. Robinson with high honors, Jonathan C. Shepherd with high honors, Delbra J. Stacy with highest honors, Kelly A. Stewart with honors, Jenny B. Stout with honors, Leah R. Trevathan with high honors, Trina M. Turner with high honors, Anna M. Waddell with high honors.

**Martin** - Abdulla Abdulla with high honors, Alyssa E. Aggere with honors, Joseph S. Anderson with highest honors, Gustavo A. Anzola with high honors, Shannon M. Ary with high honors, Zona J. Ascensio with highest honors, Charles F. Atkinson with honors, Brandon Baker with honors, Ashley F. Barker with highest honors, Misty D. Barker with honors, Megan E. Beam with high honors, Brandon N. Beck with honors, Christopher N. Bell with highest honors, Julie A. Bell with honors, Shereese E. Boyd with highest honors, Michelle C. Brasel with highest honors, Griffin M. Breed with highest honors, Jennifer L. Brooks with highest honors, Kyle H. Brooks with high honors, Brian C. Brouse with high honors, Allison C. Buzacott with highest honors, Ginger F. Burch with highest honors, Hannah S. Burcham with high honors, Jada L. Callis with honors, Robert B. Capps with honors, Christopher M. Cates with high honors, Rachel E. Chadwick with high honors, Scott O. Chadwick with high honors, Andrea K. Childress with high honors, Kelly W. Church with honors, Alexis J. Cole with high honors, Shawn A. Coleman with highest honors, Matthew R. Cook with highest honors, William R. Cook with high honors, Whitney D. Cooner with highest honors, Charles Covington with high honors, Randol S. Crittendon with high honors, Charles A. Crowe with honors, Phillip L. Darnell with high honors, Jason C. Davis with high honors, Selena E. DeSantis with honors, James T. Defreeze with highest honors, Melissa R. Dixon with high honors, Miranda C. Doyle with honors, Jeremy S. Duncan with honors, Kellie D. Duncan with highest honors, James C. Eisterhold with high honors, Lynne N. Etter-Rossen with.
Jammie Roberson graduates from UTM

William Dolosic is proud to announce the graduation of his daughter Jammie Yevonne Roberson. She graduated Cum Laude from the University of Tennessee at Martin on May 13, 2006 with a Bachelor of University Studies in Human Behavior.

Jammie is the wife of Jeffery Lynn Roberson and the mother of Crystal Lynn and Jeffery Jay Roberson of Stantonville. She is employed with Southwest Human Resource Agency/Head Start.

Congratulations!
WTWP offers ‘Every Child Has a Story: Rethinking Curriculum Through Art’

“Every Child Has a Story: Rethinking Curriculum Through Art” is the theme of a workshop for teachers of all grades and subjects, August 19, at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Offered from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at Boling University Center, the workshop has been approved by 21 area school districts as an opportunity for professional development and renewal. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available. Pre-registration is $45; after August 11, $55. The workshop will include a continental breakfast, lunch and certificates of participation. Mail registration to the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, 110 Gooch Hall, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238, fax to 731-881-7984, or call 731-881-7082. Register online at www.utm.edu/cece/non_credit_registration.php.

The workshop will feature Diane Shaw, UT Martin assistant professor of art. Shaw, a professional artist and writer, has a 14-year background in K-12 art education. By combining her interests in visual art and writing, she has produced a series of teaching methodologies, which allow students at any grade level to find their own stories through art.


The workshop is sponsored by the West Tennessee Writing Project, University of Tennessee at Martin English Department and Barnes and Noble’s Bookstore in cooperation with the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Lt. Joe Dacus, of Dukedom, a spring 2006 University of Tennessee at Martin graduate, was master of ceremonies for the seventh annual Memorial Day commemoration at the university Friday. With him are, Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin Chancellor; Dr. Stan Dunagan, online university studies assistant director; and Tracie Stewart, Dresden, UT Martin accounting assistant in the physical plant administration. (Photo submitted)
Local students inducted

Jeffrey P. Hildebrand of Idlewild, Rebecca Whitworth of Rutherford, and Jenny Lannom of Bradford were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper 10 percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10 percent of their class and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent of their class. Also eligible are faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements. An internationally respected honor society, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and most selective organization that recognizes and promotes academic excellence in all fields of higher education. The society was founded at the University of Maine in 1897 and currently has chapters on the campuses of 282 colleges and universities in the United States, the Philippines and Puerto Rico.

Dodd takes oath

University of Tennessee at Martin engineering graduates were inducted into the Order of the Engineer at a ceremony prior to spring commencement. Graduates pledged to be ethical and impartial and adhere to safety codes as they enter the engineering profession. Among those taking the oath and receiving a ring and certificate was Jonathan Dodd of Trenton. Making the presentation was Dr. Robert LeMaster, associate professor of engineering.
Scholarships with $1.2M+ potential value awarded

Eighty-three Class of 2006 Peabody High School seniors received diplomas at commencement exercises, Friday. In addition, scholarships having the potential value of over $1.2 million were awarded. Principal Tim Haney cited the tenacity of Guidance Counselor Judy Nunley, coupled with efforts of the faculty, for this feat at which time a standing ovation from the crowd followed. The principal alluded to two empty chairs reserved for two deceased classmates, Andrew Stovall and Travis Barnett.

Scholarships, speeches and praises filled the gymnasium as faculty, students, parents and friends of Peabody seniors gathered for the ceremonies on a perfect May evening.

Seniors marched into the gymnasium to “Pomp and Circumstance,” played by the PHS Band of Gold. Chance Lewis, class co-vice president, led the pledge of allegiance, followed by the national anthem. Emily Rogers, class treasurer, gave the invocation.

Prior to the presentation of scholarships, Ms. Nunley recognized the top ten in the class as follows: Levi Lancaster, Megan Petty, Emily Rogers, Ashley Morris, Josh Joyce, Madison Sturgeon, Aneitha Fowler, Ben Dodd, Michael Schoonover and Leslie Bell.

Among scholarships and monetary awards presented were:

- University of Tennessee Martin, Emily Rogers, Matt McNabb, Madison Sturgeon, Ben Dodd, Michael Schoonover, Mickey Coffman, Megan Petty, Ryan Lomax, Adam Luman, Julie Joyner, Mack Ashburn, Corbin Gibson, Carla McCoy, Antonio Bufford, Samantha Cole;

Local residents receive degrees

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

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:

- Trenton: Rebecca Marie Byrre, Autumn Kacie Cunningham, Jonathan Lee Dodd, Chelsea Leann Elliott, Erica Faye Howell, Jeri Lee Jones, Julia Maddox Manning, Perry Franklin Reeves, II, and Bryan Stoots;

- Bradford: Ashley Leighann Horne, Patricia Lynn Hutchison, and Andrew Lynn Rutherford;

- Dyer: Tommy Wade Crawford, Melissa Ann George, Lakisha Nicole Harris, Jessica Leigh Livingston, James Dewey McCurry, Kevin Kyle Pack, Victoria Lee Shaw, Joseph Hutchinson Tucker, and Erica Darsha Woods;

- Humboldt: Adam Heath Blackwell, Jason Alexander Britt, Jayme Denise Crawford, Ashley Marie Dillingham, William Doyle, Adam Luckey Johnson, Katherine Blair Pfafford, and Heather Nicole Privitt;

- Medina: Janet Elizabeth Hodge and Ashley Kathryn Kinkade;


Among students receiving graduate degrees were:

- Trenton: Kevin Easley, Amy McCurdy Richardson, Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen was the keynote speaker, and Dr. John D. Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee, attended the ceremony and congratulated the graduates. Chancellor Nick Dunagan presided and conferred degrees.
Local residents graduate

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

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:
- South Fulton - Paula Jean Boley, Mary Elizabeth Grissom, Alisha Ann Hedge, Lauren Nicole Macklin, Mark Steven Malin Jr., Cecil Richard May IV, Charles Earl Mulcahy, Anthony Michael Reynolds:
  - Four Fulton, and one Hickman, residents were among students who received degrees.

Among those receiving undergraduate degrees were:
- Fulton - Kelly Michelle Greer, Christie Lynn Harris, Clara Dawn Sanders, Courtney Beth Stroup.

Among those receiving graduate degrees was:
- Hickman - PaTrice Renee Tucker.

Two Clinton, residents were among students who received degrees.

Among those receiving undergraduate degrees were:
- Darrin Cooper McClure, Georgia Marie Sams.

Horton receives $500 scholarship

Jessica Horton, daughter of David and Peggy Horton of Cottage Grove, is the latest recipient of a $500 scholarship award from the Cottage Grove Alumni Association.

Beginning this fall, she will attend the University of Tennessee at Martin to seek a nursing degree.

Since 1992, the association has awarded 15 scholarships to graduating seniors who attended Cottage Grove School at some time during their school years. Grades, extracurricular activities, a desire to further their education and other factors are considered in determining the yearly awards.

Officers for the association are Carolyn Chandler, president; Bobby Barrett, vice president; Rita Gean, secretary; Joy Call, treasurer; and Vicki Kesterson, scholarship chairman.

The association will have its annual dinner and program on Nov. 25 at Paris Landing State Park Inn. Anyone associated with Cottage Grove School is invited to attend.