The Tennessee Higher Education Commission honored a University of Tennessee at Martin staff member for outstanding community service work, April 26, in Nashville. Chris Brinkley, communications coordinator in the university’s Office of Sports Information, received a Love Community Service Award after being selected from a group of Tennessee college and university nominees.

Brinkley has broadcasted UT Martin Skyhawk football and basketball games for the past five years and is longtime co-host with Paul Tinkle for the popular “Good Times in the Morning” radio show on WCMT-AM/FM in Martin. He was honored for his work with the Weakley County Reading Railroad and other community service activities.

Ten individuals, including five faculty/staff members and five students, received the awards during a reception and program at the Millennium Maxwell House.

Awards go to individuals who excel in volunteer work and community service activities. The Tennessee General Assembly created the recognition programs for faculty, staff and students at public and private two- and four-year post-secondary institutions in 1991. In 1993, the General Assembly funded the program by presenting $1,000 cash awards to future recipients.

In 1996, the commission adopted a recommendation by its awards task force to rename the awards for the late Tennessee Rep. Harold Love, who sponsored legislation to create the program.

“Chris uses his high-profile status as a local and regional radio personality to promote this outstanding reading program,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. “His unselfish volunteer work helps children develop a love for reading and supports a program that’s doing a lot of good for this region.”

The Weakley County Reading Railroad is a part of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, which provides a new, age-appropriate, hardcover book each month to children from birth to age five at no cost the family, regardless of income.

“I am really surprised that I was selected for the award,” said Brinkley, who also received the Reading Railroad’s 2006 Volunteer of the Year Award. “My motives for doing volunteer work in the community certainly don’t involve being awarded with a wonderful honor like this. I am grateful and appreciative to have been selected.”

Brinkley’s love for reading started at an early age and motivated his volunteer service to Reading Railroad. “My mother read books to me every day when I was young child,” he said. “I loved books before I even knew how to read. My son, Grayson, has received books through the Reading Railroad program since its inception in Weakley County.

“One of my favorite things to do now is to read books with him. We read together almost every day. Reading Railroad is a program that puts quality books into the hands of our young people. I believe the program motivates parents to read to their children and will give the young people in our community a passion for reading that will stay with them throughout their lives,” he said.

Brinkley, who has lived in West Tennessee his entire life, sees how the community service work of others impacts the region’s quality of life, and he encourages others to get involved. “From those involved in coaching youth league sports to those working in the Reading Railroad program, many people come together to make a difference and make our community a better place to live,” he said.

Brinkley’s recognition brings the total to 22 UT Martin students, faculty and staff members recognized by the THEC Love Community Service Awards programs.
Meek set for UT Martin graduation

The University of Tennessee at Martin commencement will be May 12 with Anne Meek, UT Martin alumna, delivering the commencement address. Set for 11 a.m. in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center, a record number of graduates has prompted, for the second consecutive year, the need for complimentary tickets to organize seating for the event.

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The UT Martin saxophone quartet will perform special music. Immediately following commencement, a reception will be hosted in Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

Anne Meek received a bachelor's degree from UT Martin, and master's degree and doctorate from UT Knoxville.

She is coordinator of Virginia State Action for Education Leadership Project, Commonwealth Educational Policy Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Also, she is consultant/adviser for the Old Dominion University Program for Research and Evaluation in Public Schools, Norfolk. Since 1998, she has served as vice president of Enterprise Assistance Inc., Norfolk, and CEPI Eastern Virginia representative, Richmond, Va.

Meek has been an Education Statistics Services Institute senior program specialist in Washington, D.C., Virginia Beach (Va.) City Public Schools assistant superintendent/special assistant/executive assistant, the Developmental Studies Center Child Development Project director of publications in Oakland, Calif., and a supervisor, principal and reading specialist.

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Any tickets not claimed by 5 p.m., May 11, will be distributed to the general public at a designated area outside the Elam Center by 9 a.m. prior to the spring commencement ceremony, May 12.

YMBC SCHOLARSHIP — A $50,000 scholarship endowment has been established at the University of Tennessee at Martin by the Young Men's Business Club with proceeds from the sale of club-owned land to Weakley Farmers Co-op when the club dissolved. Even though the club ceased to exist, the legacy of work and service can continue at UT Martin. First priority for these awards will be made to the dependents of those families who had membership in the YMBC. Making the endowment presentation to Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, center, are, from left, David Tuck, Bill Harrison, Johnny Tuck and Larry Damron. To apply for this scholarship, contact the UT Martin Development Office at 881-7628.
New exhibit at UT Museum

The longstanding market for anti-black racism, as portrayed in common material objects is the focus of the new exhibit at the University Museum, sponsored with cooperation of the UT Martin Division of Student Affairs and the Office of Minority Affairs.

"Hateful Things," from the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, is a traveling exhibition curated by a collector and faculty member at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich.

The Jim Crow Museum represents one of the largest publicly available collections of such material and is dedicated to confronting and countering negative stereotypes.

"Our mission is to promote racial tolerance," reads the museum's mission statement, "by helping people understand the historical and contemporary expressions of intolerance."

Because the exhibit contents are negative and confrontational, viewers are encouraged to do one of two things — visit the collection website at www.jimcrow.museum, or visit the documentary about the museum and its mission — before coming to see the exhibit. Collector/curator Dr. David Pilgrim explains who Jim Crow was, presents a discussion and interpretation of stereotyping and explains the rationale and message behind his collection.

The film was featured this past February as part of the UT Martin Civil Rights Conference and has been seen by a number of student groups on campus since then.

During the run of this exhibition, the DVD "Jim Crow's Museum" is available publicly as DVD 586 and can be seen on the environment in Media Services at UT Martin.

Museum hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by special arrangement. For more information, call 881-7464.

ECCE to offer weaving, knitting

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Campus and Extended Education is offering three sessions of classes in loom weaving and knitting. All sessions are from 6-9 p.m. and cost $60 per session. Grace Eckert, fiber artist, is the instructor.

The loom weaving sessions will have the following schedule: Session I, Tuesdays, June 5-19; Session II, Tuesdays, June 10-24; and Session III, Tuesdays, Aug. 7-21.

Participants will have open access to the "Loom Room" (weaving studio). Eckert will aid beginners in weaving on a loom and help experienced weavers in whatever ways necessary. Ten table and floor looms will be warped and ready to use.

Students will complete at least one project of their choice. A $25 supply fee for warp and yarn should be paid to the instructor at the beginning of the first class. Class limit is 10 participants.

The knitting sessions have the following schedule: Session I, Thursdays, June 7-21; Session II, Thursdays, July 12-26; and Session III, Thursdays, Aug. 9-23.

Participants will learn to spool knit first. Then, they will learn to cast on, knit, purl and cast off by using knitting needles. More experienced knitters also are welcome. A $25 supply fee for needles and yarn should be paid to the instructor at the beginning of the first class. Class limit is 10 participants.

To register or for more information, call ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.

Business consultant will be available

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will be available in May at the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center in Martin. He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., May 10, and 1-6 p.m., May 17.

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Public invited to senior walk, May 2

The University of Tennessee at Martin will celebrate the accomplishments of its spring graduates at the Grand Finale Celebration and Senior Walk, hosted in the Quad. Graduates will begin the walk at 1:45 p.m., May 2, in the Quad and continue to the Elam Center. The public is invited to join faculty, staff and students in these areas as they show support for the graduates.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 881-7610.
American history showcase slated

Teaching traditional American history with concepts that are anything but traditional is the focus of a multistate conference sponsored by the Professional Development Center in Dyersburg, and the University of Tennessee at Martin. It is funded, in part, by the U.S. Department of Education.

“Teaching Traditional American History Showcase” is slated, June 18-22, at the Professional Development Center. Administrators, K-12 social studies and American history teachers, as well as the public, from Southeast Missouri, Southwest Kentucky, Northeast Arkansas, North Mississippi and throughout Tennessee are invited to attend this event.

“All participants will leave the conference with a CD of teacher-designed instructional units for immediate implementation in the classroom,” said Danny Walden, Professional Development Center director. “That’s just one of the many benefits of this conference that will stress the use of technology in the classroom and innovative teaching methods for social studies and American history classrooms.” Conference speakers and their topics include:

- Jane White, Winthrop University professor, “Anthropology in the Classroom”;
- Ken Vogler, University of South Carolina assistant professor, “What Do You Mean? The Importance of Questions in the Classroom.”

Other speakers include representatives from Tennessee State Library and Archives, State Department of Education and UT Martin covering such topics as technology in the classroom, teaching methodologies for social studies and using primary historical documents.

Breakout sessions during the conference will focus on technology in the classroom, teacher-designed instructional units, Tennessee state curriculum standards and Tennessee State Library and Archives.

The cost is $45/day for registration. Participants may register for one day or a combination of days. For more information, go to: http://pdc.dyerburg.howtomaster.com/ or call (731) 286-3611 or 881-7097.

Milan prof honored at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) recently honored five West Tennessee residents during its sixth annual awards ceremony. The event was hosted to honor individuals, both on and off campus, who have made extraordinary contributions to UT Martin off-campus and continuing education offerings during the past year. Brent Cox of Milan, was one of the recipients.

“ECCE has had tremendous growth in recent years and has played a major role in expanding UT Martin’s footprint in West Tennessee,” said Dr. Nick Dungan, UT Martin chancellor.

This year’s honorees included:

- Brent Cox, who is a lecturer in the Department of History and Philosophy at UT Martin. He has been a UT Martin faculty member since 1999 and started out teaching for the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer. Prior to UT Martin, he worked as a salesman. He received a bachelor’s degree in history at UT Martin and a master’s degree in history at the University of Memphis. He and his wife, Susan, have three children.

- Brent is the ‘workhorse’ of dual-credit,” said Bill Duffy, UT Martin executive director. “He does a fantastic job teaching five or six sections each semester, and he never complains about the workload. He always adjusts his schedule to work with everybody. Brent works great with the high school faculty and students, and he is always looking for new opportunities.” Duffy added, “Just recently, he was instrumental in securing faculty to teach in high schools in the Memphis area. Brent also invites all of his history students to participate in Native American Day at UT Martin each year.”
Meek will address record number of UTM graduates

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Meek, of Norfolk, Va., is the daughter of Paul and Martha Meek. Paul Meek served as executive officer and chancellor of UT Martin from 1934-67. Anne Meek received a bachelor's degree from UT Martin and master's degree and doctorate from UT Knoxville.

She is coordinator of Virginia State Action for Education Leadership Project, (See Page 12, Col. 1).

DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee, May 2, 2007

Business consultant’s May visits to REED Center announced

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Dresden students receive awards at Foreign Language Day

Three Dresden High School students recently won second place with their video, "Cocinero de Hierro," in the Spanish Slits contest at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. Pictured (left to right) are: Brittany Duggin and Erica Collins. Not pictured is Keely Adams. Pictured with the students are Dr. Daniel Nappo, interim chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, left, and Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, right.

Shannon Burgin

Burgin receives Statewide Information Technology Award

Shannon Burgin, UTM assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief information officer, was awarded the Tennessee Higher Education Information Technology Distinguished Service Award at the recent statewide IT Symposium at Fall Creek Falls.

Burgin has a bachelor’s degree from Purdue University and a master’s degree from UT Martin.

‘Introduction to Digital Photography’ eases hassles of taking pictures

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is making digital photography less intimidating by offering an “Introduction to Digital Photography” class from 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, May 1-22, at UT Martin.

The course will help participants understand the digital camera controls and assist them in taking better pictures. Whether participants just make family snapshots or have a true creative side, the course will help them feel confident in making great photos in any situation. Photographic composition and use of the histogram will be discussed.

Participants should take a camera, camera instruction manual and a small notebook for taking notes. Supplemental handouts will be provided.

The course is primarily for novice digital photographers, but solutions and ideas for photographers with intermediate skills also can be discussed.

Tom Gallien, who has had more than 10 years of digital photography experience, is the instructor. Gallien has studied personally with numerous prominent photographers and has had pictures selected for various publications. The fee is $55. Payment for the course may be made by debit/credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover) or by check.

Advance registration is required. To register or for more information, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.
Gleason students receive awards at Foreign Language Day

Four Gleason High School students recently won third place in the Spanish Culture Bowl with their teacher, Jennifer Weddington, at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. Pictured (left to right) are: Desire Petering, Amanda Kline, Kayla Hudson, Tyler Verdell, and Weddington. Pictured with the students are Dr. Daniel Nappo, interim chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, left, and Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, second from right.

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Wednesday, May 2, 2007

Economic-Business Development Summit scheduled May 8

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center is partnering with Dyersburg State Community College to offer the Mid-South Economic and Business Development Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., May 8, at DSCC. Co-sponsors include Tennessee Small Business Development Center, First Citizens National Bank, WestStar Leadership Class of 2007 and First State Bank.

Registration and a continental breakfast are scheduled at 8:30 a.m., in the DSCC Student Center, followed by welcoming remarks at 8:45 a.m., in the First Citizens National Bank Auditorium. Summit sessions will follow and will be held in the FCNB Auditorium.

A luncheon featuring keynote speaker, Glen Gabardi, Walmart regional general manager vice president, will begin at 12:15 p.m., in the DSCC Learning Resource Center.

Registration fee is $50 and includes breakfast, materials and luncheon. Make checks payable to UT Martin REED Center, P.O. Box 112, Martin, TN 38237, or by fax, 731-587-7334. For alternative methods of registration or more information, contact Holly Elliott, administrative support assistant, at 731-587-7333. More information and registration are available at www.utm.edu/reed.

Receives award

Kerrie Crossnoe of Trenton recently received the Robert V. Ellis Memorial Scholarship Award at the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences Spring Awards Banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
Sturgeon named Outstanding Student at University of Tennessee at Martin

Clint Sturgeon, of Trenton recently received the Outstanding Student in Cell-Molecular Concentration with a Major in Biology Award at the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences Spring Awards Banquet. The event was hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Attends S.O.A.R.

Patrick Cayson, son of Michele Jones and Barney Cayson of Trenton, recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. A Peabody High School senior, he will attend UT Martin in the fall. Students met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about Freshman Welcome Week (an orientation for freshmen before classes). For more information about S.O.A.R., call the UT Martin Office of Admissions at 731-881-7020 or 1-800-829-UTM1.

Local residents inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Jolene Cunningham, Betty Cox, Rachel Payne, Whitney Ward, Judy McMorries, Joseph Travis, Ervin Briones, Sandy Orr, Andy Nielsen, and Brian Wagner, all of Weakley County, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin. 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, and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent. 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. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Cunningham, Cox, Payne, Ward and McMorries; back row, Travis, Briones, Orr, Nielsen, and Wagner.
Twin Cities’ seniors to don caps and gowns

Fulton City and South Fulton high schools seniors are gearing up for what could be the most important day in their lives – graduation.

On this pivotal point, the next phase of their lives will focus on their career path choices - higher education, military, getting into the workforce or pursuing other ideas.

The Fulton City High School graduation is May 18 at 7 p.m. at the high school gym.

Other important dates scheduled around the Fulton City High School graduation include: Honors Night - May 8 at 6 p.m., at the school gym; Prom - May 12, 7:45 p.m. at the high school gym; Baccalaureate, May 13, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Fulton.

South Fulton High School seniors graduate May 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the South Fulton High School gymnasium.

Andrew Moore
South Fulton Valedictorian

Joshua Lyn Potts
South Fulton Salutatorian

The South Fulton High School commencement speaker May 25 will be David Huss, superintendent of Obion County Schools.

The South Fulton class valedictorian is Andrew Hoyt Moore, son of Hoyt and Leigh Ann Moore of South Fulton.

He plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, majoring in chemistry and piano performance. His career goal is to be a physician.

His awards and certificates include: 2007 National Beta Scholar, University Scholar at UT-Martin; county and district winner of the 2006 Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy Speech Competition, winner of Tennessee Music Teacher Assoc. State Piano Auditions, received a “Superior-PLUS” at performances for National Piano-Playing Auditions; United States Achievement Academy All-American Scholar Award Winner and 2006 Tennessee Boys’ State Delegate.


The South Fulton High School salutatorian is Joshua Lyn Potts, son of Patsy Potts.

He plans to attend UT-Martin and major in engineering.

Potts was a member of the Beta Club, FBLA and Drama Club.

He won the e-commerce award and the Ray Kosuda website development award in his sophomore year at the FBLA state conference.

Also, Potts is a Tennessee scholar, challenge student and ranked second in his class.

Acree will offer services to prospective entrepreneurs

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UT-Martin begins Phase II of apartment-style housing

A groundbreaking ceremony was conducted on April 25 to mark the official start of construction on Phase II of the apartment-style housing at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Located on the site of McCord Residence Hall, three, four-story buildings, with controlled access, will accommodate approximately 400 freshmen. The complex will feature four-bedroom floor plans with shared efficiency kitchen, living room, washer and dryer. The new complex is scheduled to open fall 2008. The complex was designed by TLM Associates, Inc., of Jackson, Tenn., and Lyle, Cook, Martin, of Clarksville, Tenn., in a joint venture. Total project cost is $28 million.

Helping to "break ground" are, from left, Mark White, vice president of A & K Construction, Inc., Paducah; Lane Lyle, president of Lyle, Cook, Martin, of Clarksville, Tenn.; Frank Wagster, vice president of TLM Associates, Inc., of Jackson, Tenn.; Tim Nipp, UT Martin director of physical plant; James Orr, Student Government Association president; Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor; Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president; Randy Brundige, Martin mayor; Earl Wright, UT Martin director of student housing; John Schommer, UT Martin Faculty Senate president; and Howard Carman, engineer with UT Facilities Administration.

STUDENTS FARE WELL — Seven Obion County Central High School students recently won third place with their video, "L'estranger," in the French skits contest at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. On hand for the recognition were (front row) OCCHS students Rachel Roberson, Alyssa Crews, Brittney DeMoss and Samantha Curry; (back row) Dr. Daniel Nappo, interim chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages; OCCHS students Jonathan Nolan and Erin Bing; and Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. Not pictured is OCCHS student Israel Gómez.
**CURRY HONORED** — Samantha Curry (center), an Obion County Central High School student, recently won third place in the French food contest at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. She was congratulated by Dr. Daniel Nappo (left), interim chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, and Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor.

**OCCHS STUDENTS WIN** — Four Obion County Central High School students recently won third place in the French Culture Bowl with their teacher, Sherri Bing, at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. On hand for the presentation were (from left) Dr. Daniel Nappo, interim chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages; OCCHS students Alyssa Crews, Rachel Roberson, Erin Bing and Jonathan Nolan; Ms. Bing; and Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor.

Randal Lamar Huff, the son of James and Stephanie Marshall of Union City and the grandson of Willie D. and Agnes Sue Huff of Woodland Mills, will graduate cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in social work from the University of Tennessee at Martin during commencement exercises May 12 at 11 a.m.

While at UT Martin, Huff excelled academically and served in various organizations. He was president of Alpha Delta Mu, the social work honor society; served as a senator on the Student Government Body; was recipient of the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Awards; was named Outstanding Social Work Student of the Year; participated in the Department of Children's Services Stipend Program; was a member of the Professional Practice Advisory Council, the UTM Gospel Choir, the Student Social Work Association Chair of Minority Affairs, the Psychology Club, the National Association of Black Journalists and Holy Young People Empowered; and completed several hours of community service.

Huff serves as the minister of music and adult choir director at the Anointed Church of the Living God, located at 112 South Miles Ave. in Union City.

He will be moving to Memphis this summer to pursue a master's degree in social work and to study mental health at the University of Tennessee Medical Center.
Local Student Gets A Jump On UT Martin Fall Registration

Brian Fullwood, of Michie, recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. An Adamsville High School senior, he will attend UT Martin in the fall. Students met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about Freshman Welcome Week (an orientation for freshmen the week before classes). Students should attend both S.O.A.R. and Freshman Welcome Week to get the jump on fall semester. For more information about S.O.A.R., call the UT Martin Office of Admissions at 731-881-7020 or 1-800-829-UTMI.

Local student inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Megan King of McNairy County was recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin. 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, and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent. 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.

Students receive awards at Foreign Language Day

Four McNairy Central High School students recently won second place in the Spanish Culture Bowl with their teacher, Wanda Hobson, at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Drew Wheeler; front row, Hobson, Holli Howell, Jonathan Jones and Daniel Hamm. Pictured with the students are Dr. Daniel Nappo, interim chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, left, and Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, right.
WestStar program grooms leaders
to improve community

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Paul Durr was planning to get out of the political arena in 2004 after serving as an alderman for two years in the city of Guya, in southern McNairy County.

"I was just going to get out of politics and mind my own business," said Durr, 52, on Tuesday afternoon.

But then he attended one of WestStar's "Leadership and the African American" conferences, where Harry Fields, of Fields and Associates, spoke about politics. Durr said after he heard what Fields had to say, he was moved to make a major decision in his life.

"He spoke about politics and about how African Americans should stay in politics," Durr said. "I made a decision then to go back home and run for mayor. I did and I won."

Durr is now the second mayor of Guya, which has been an incorporated city for 22 years. He attended the ninth annual "Leadership and the African American Conference" on Tuesday. The conference, held at the Carnegie Center for Arts and History in Jackson, centered on the theme of "Challenges and Opportunities."

Durr hopes this year's attendees were motivated to do something new and challenging to make West Tennessee a better place to live.

"WestStar puts you in a position where you can make a difference in your community," Durr said. "There are a lot of challenges, but someone has to do it."

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WestStar also offers conferences such as the one held Tuesday. Other conferences this year have focused on topics including economic development and working women, according to the program's Web site.

WestStar participants "are already leaders in their communities," said Belote, who is the university's assistant vice networking. It shows what we tell kids about all the time: you're never too old to learn and you never stop learning."

Williams said that the conference provided valuable information that all African Americans need to know, such as networking and entrepreneurship.

"There are a lot of things we don't know that we need to know," Williams said. "I recommend this conference for others to attend."

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chancellor for student affairs and a 2003 WestStar graduate. "That is a prerequisite to be in the program."

One of those who met the prerequisite was 1997 WestStar graduate Anne Banks, who attended Tuesday's conference. Banks is Brownsville Mayor Webb Banks' executive assistant and is also director of the Office of Community Development.

She said that the conference inspires attendees to step forward and take action.

"We have so many leaders in the community, but for whatever reason, they're shy and don't step forward," she said. "This conference is so motivating. There are challenges, but don't let that deter you. Find the opportunities in those challenges."

Dexter Williams, basketball coach at Liberty Technology Magnet High School and a first-time conference attendee, spoke on "Teaching Leadership."

Williams led his team to a second consecutive Class AA state title and was named The Jackson Sun's All-West Tennessee Basketball Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year. He said that he wanted people to know that leadership is needed in every area of life.

"I'm going to talk to them about the importance of leadership that fits in the business life as well as everyday life," said Williams, moments before speaking. "The majority of people here are of an older age, and it's good to see them

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Native American history class planned
Brent A. Cox shares, "The public should be aware of the desecration of sacred sites, burial sites and the truth about U.S. history." Native American History 480 will be offered in the first term of the summer semester at the Jackson site of University of Tennessee Martin.

The class will be offered at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The CRN number is 30529, and it is History 480 Section TT1. There are no prerequisites, and the class may be taken as an elective.

For dates of the classes, call Cox, an instructor of U.S. history, Tennessee history and Native American history, at (731) 881-5759. Send an email to Cox at bcox@utm.edu.
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ARTISTIC SOUVENIR — As part of its open house celebration earlier this semester, the University of Tennessee at Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education awarded Jorge Leal (center) of Union City a $500 scholarship for his painting, “Le vieux Quebec” (Old Quebec City). The center plans to make a similar award annually to a student who undertakes an international travel-study experience and, after returning to campus, chooses to paint a scene reflecting this experience as a major project in a course in applied art. The award-winning canvas will be added to the center’s collection and will be displayed in its foyer. “What better way to encourage our students to travel and study abroad and, at the same time, to recognize their artistic talent,” said Dr. Paul Crapo, center director. Leal completed the painting in a recent Art 311 course offered by Diane Shaw (right) assistant professor of art, who will oversee the selection process in the years to come. The painting stems from a trip Leal made to Quebec City in the summer of 2005 while he was studying in a French immersion program at the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi. Currently, Leal is a senior who plans to graduate in December with a major in French and a minor in art. Leal and Ms. Shaw were joined for the presentation by Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor.

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UT Martin to host Young Scholars Academy for select group of West Tennessee students

Underrepresented high school students will get a taste of college life during the sixth annual Young Scholars Academy set for June 10-16 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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

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

From dorm life to the classroom to a culminating graduation ceremony, the academy offers a cross-section of college life, with a variety of activities designed to develop creative and intellectual skills. Students will attend classes throughout the week, with about two-thirds of class time in an area of special academic interest. Students will be exposed to two special aptitude areas from the following courses: mass communication, computer science, English composition, nursing, psychology, sociology, education and history.

Extracurricular activities will be a community picnic, community service activity, movie night, talent revue and a field trip to Yeiser Art Center and Museum of the American Quilter’s Society in Paducah, Ky.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Affairs at (731) 881-7703.

LOCAL STUDENTS INDUCTED — Jennifer Sanchez (left) and Kristin Chandler, both of Obion County, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin. 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 and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent. 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.
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UTM small business consultant available

MARTIN, Tenn. — Tennes-see Small Business Development Center consultant Ron Acree will be available twice this month at the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center, 406 Lindell St.

Acree will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and from 1 to 6 p.m. May 12.

Business owners will get advice on marketing, customer service or cash-flow issues. Budding entrepreneurs will learn about developing a business plan, market and record keeping. Acree is knowledgeable about state and national resources available for businesses.

The center also offers free, confidential, one-on-one consulting by appointment any time, any day. Appointments: 731-587-7333. Visit www.utm.edu/reed to find additional services.

Jennifer Coffee (left) of Millington and Jessica Jordan of Atoka recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Coffee and Jordan are Bolton High School seniors and will attend UT Martin in the fall. Students met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about Freshman Welcome Week (an orientation for freshmen the week before classes). Students attend both S.O.A.R. and Freshman Welcome Week to get the jump on fall semester. For information about S.O.A.R., call the UT Martin Office of Admissions at (731) 881-7020 or (800) 829-UTMI.
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"It is this combination that makes Tom a unique and ideal choice for Martin at this important time. We're pleased he is seizing this critical opportunity for the university to continue and build on the momentum under way here at Martin. We welcome Tom to the task and appreciate very much Nick's continued contribution to this transition," Petersen said.

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"I am excited about President Petersen's appointment of Tom Rakes as UT Martin's next chancellor," Dunagan said. "Tom knows and appreciates this region; he knows and understands the faculty, staff and students of this campus; and he has

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Other session topics and speakers include:
- 9:00 a.m.: Session I, sponsored by WestStar Leadership Class of 2007. "Developing the Workforce: Industry and Education Partnerships" will be presented by Michael Wilcox of the Southern Growth Policy Forum and Beth Phillips, University of Tennessee economic development specialist.
- 9:50-10:40 a.m.: Session II. "Technology: Broadband and High Speed Internet: Its Importance to Economic Development" presented by Steve Holt, director of Web services at the University of Tennessee at Martin and Dr. John Moore, vice president of technology at Dyersburg State.
- 11:40 a.m.: Session IV. Dr. Ernie Nichols, University of Memphis Fed Ex Institute director, will discuss "Supply Chain Management and Rural Communities." Door prizes will be awarded.

Registration checks are payable to UT Martin REED Center, PO. Box 112, Martin, TN 38237. Online registration is available at www.utm.edu/reed.

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Leadership Milestones at Martin, Memphis

The University of Tennessee noted two leadership milestones today. First is selection of a successor for soon-to-retire UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Nick Dunagan; and second is selection of a search committee to find the next UT Health Science Center chancellor.

Following a national search, Dr. Tom Raikes, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost at UT Martin, has been selected to become the ninth chancellor for that campus on July 1. Dr. Nick Dunagan retires on June 30 after six years as chancellor and a total of 34 years on the Martin staff.

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We are fortunate to have in Dr. Raikes someone known and respected on the Martin campus, who understands the Martin mission and can move seamlessly into the leadership role. At the same time, he has demonstrated his commitment to pursuing excellence and to continuing to raise the bar. We welcome him to the task and appreciate very much Dr. Dunagan’s continued contribution to this transition.

In seeking the next UT Health Science Center chancellor, we formally begin the task today by announcing members of the search committee and charging them with their responsibilities.

Ms. Janie Amonette, member of the UT Board of Trustees and a longtime Memphis resident, will chair the search committee. Other committee members are: Neal Beckford, MD, board member, Regional Medical Center at Memphis (The MED); Phillip Burns, MD, professor and chair, College of Medicine, Chattanooga; George Cates, longtime Memphis businessman and community leader; Wisdom Coleman, associate professor and associate dean, College of Dentistry; William Evans, PharmD, director and CEO, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital; James (Chris) Fleming, MD, a UTHSC alumnus who is vice chair for clinical affairs in the Health Science Center’s Department of Ophthalmology; Dean Dick Gourley, College of Pharmacy; Margaret Hartig, Ph.D., professor and chair, Primary/Public Health Department, College of Nursing; J. R. (Pitt) Hyde, Memphis entrepreneur and philanthropist; James Neutens, PhD, dean of the Graduate School of Medicine (College of Medicine), Knoxville; Stephen Reynolds, president and CEO, Baptist Memorial Health Care; Gary Short, president and CEO, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare; Steve J. Schwab, MD, executive dean for all three UTHSC College of Medicine campuses (Memphis, Knoxville and Chattanooga) and interim dean for the College of Medicine in Memphis; Paul Tennant, incoming president of the UTHSC Student Government Association Executive Council; Stanley Tyler, senior grounds maintenance, UTHSC Mechanical Services Department; Philip Weenk, DDS, president and CEO, Delta Dental of Tennessee; and Diane Wyatt, associate professor in the UTHSC College of Allied Health Sciences.

The search process is expected to last several months, with finalists possibly named in the fall.

I am grateful to UTHSC acting chancellor Dr. Pat Wall for his leadership through this transitional period. We will continue to build an academic health science center providing the best in preparation for careers in the medical field while providing service to the state, region and nation through teaching and research.

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University of Tennessee Martin system president

UT Martin provost named chancellor

MARTIN (AP) — Thomas A. Rakes was selected Monday to become the ninth chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Martin, UT President John Petersen said.

Rakes, 60, came to Martin in 2002 as vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of educational studies. He has been provost since 2005. He will assume his new duties on July 1, after confirmation by the UT Board of Trustees, to succeed retiring Dr. Nick Dunagan.

Terms of his salary and compensation package, which must be approved by the trustees, were not disclosed. "I am very pleased and very honored to be selected as the next chancellor," Rakes said.

With an enrollment of 6,893, Martin is the smallest of UT’s three undergraduate campuses.

Rakes was a professor and administrator at the University of Memphis and later the University of Louisiana at Monroe, where he was interim president before coming to UT-Martin.
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Parents: Separate your goals from your kid's sports performance

I recently attended a wonderful session at the American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. The session was titled, 'Successful Sport Parenting: How Coaches, Parents and Administrators Can Best Work Together to Support Young Athletes.'

The presenters were members of USA Swimming and United States Ski and Snowboard Association. These organizations, with the aid of others such as soccer and lacrosse teams, worked together to help sport clubs, coaches and parents. There is an excellent CD that is available at http://www.successfulsportparenting.com/.

The session speakers discussed the fact that parents are often critical of coaches as well as other players. It is important to note that parents do not intend to cause problems. Seldom do they sit in the stands and think to themselves, 'I wonder how many other parents I can make mad in the next five minutes and maybe I will get lucky and be able to embarrass my child at the same time.'

Parents also tend to place the major focus on winning. Think about what happens when you leave the ballpark. Someone will ask you, 'How was your game?' The typical answer is, 'We won' or 'We lost.' Maybe it should be, 'Our team lost, but I went 2 for 3.'

The more financial investment we have, the higher expectation we have for our athletic outcomes. If we pay for pitching lessons, we expect our children to be good pitchers. We must remember, we don't always get what we want. The lessons will definitely pay off for skill and technique; however, you may not see a drastic change immediately because repetitive practice is needed to change performance levels.

I am finding that my body is getting older. I continue to exercise regularly, but I am not capable of playing as hard as I once did. In high school and college, people would come up to me and say, 'Great spike in the game.' They do not come up to me now and say, 'Wow, you looked good on the treadmill, great workout!' Therefore, we tend to relate our children's sport performance to our competency as a parent. If we can separate our children's sports performance from our own personal goals as we live vicariously through our young athletes, we will have a much better time as a spectator.

As the weather is warming up there are many opportunities for us to observe our children participating in spring sports. At the ballpark this summer, try not to be the parent that the other parents try to avoid. Remember you are there for your children and they are very proud to have your support especially if you are on your best behavior.

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.
You can reassure your pet during frightening storms

Last night, Crow and I were settling in to watch the Lady Vols win their seventh national championship (YEAH) while also keeping a close eye on the weather station. The storm was coming, so Crow suggested I take Lacy outside one last time for the night because once the storm arrived, there was no way she would go out. She happily ran outside and down the deck steps as Crow and I looked up to the sky.

To the left, the sky was blue with white fluffy clouds and the sun was slowly setting. To the right, the storm was moving in. The sky was a dark blue-black and lightning could be seen off in the distance.

Lacy usually meanders around for awhile outside, but not tonight. When she went around the house, she was a happy, prancing dog. When she came back around the corner approximately two minutes later, her ears were back, tail was tucked, and she wasn’t prancing. Lacy has a fear of thunderstorms and loud noises. It was going to be a long night.

Dogs and cats can have noise phobias. Sometimes, it can be traced back to a particular event, but usually, there is no explanation.

Thunderstorms, fireworks, gun shots, or loud noises may trigger their fear. Animals with noise phobias may be like Lacy. She is nervous and trembles during a storm. Often times, depending on the severity of the storm, she will quietly retire for the night in either the guest bathroom, or one of two inner closets in the house she considers safe.

Some animals, however, exhibit much more severe signs such as urinating, panting, vocalizing, digging, and trying to chew through a door to escape. These animals may be very destructive, and when one of these animals is yours, thunderstorm season is a nightmare in more ways than one. Their behavior during these times depends on the severity of the phobia and the severity of the storm, but their behavior also depends on you.

With the many terrible storms West Tennesseans have seen in the last few years, it is normal for us all to be cautious during this season.

I will the first to admit that storms make me more nervous now than they once did.

Lacy, like all pets, is very aware of my emotions. If I project to her that I am nervous, she is going to become more nervous. If I project to her that I am scared, she is going to become more scared. Remaining calm, confident and upbeat around your pet during a storm may lessen their phobia.

Not only do I try to stay calm during a storm, but I also try to not notice that she is afraid. I want to comfort and assure her by petting her and holding her, but if I do this, I am actually rewarding her fearful response and confirming that a storm or firecracker is something to be afraid of. I also never punish her during these storms because that would only increase her anxiety about storms in general. Animals should never be punished because of their fear of storms or loud noises, but they should also not be comforted which, I know, is very hard.

Lacy always goes to one of her safe places during a bad storm. If your animal has not picked out their own safe place in your home, try to create one for them. Most animals feel more comfortable in a small room, under the bed or in their crate. A blanket may also be draped over the crate to increase the feeling of security. Rooms without windows or closets where noises aren’t as loud are good choices.
Don't ever close your pet in the room or crate because this could increase their anxiety, but give them access to these areas during a storm.

Finally, there are many medications and several behavior modification techniques such as desensitization and counterconditioning which can help your animal with their phobias. Talk to your veterinarian about the different medications that are available as well as behavior modification techniques that may work best for you and your animal.

Even those animals which have severe noise phobias many times can be helped with a combination of the tips above, medication and behavior modification.

So, don't give up on your pet during this thunderstorm season. Try some of the ideas mentioned above and remember, the season will soon be over and everything will get back to normal - just in time for those noisy July fireworks!

Dr. Janet Bailey is a veterinarian and assistant professor of animal science at Freed-Hardeman University and a D.V.M. from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Bailey, who is married to Jim 'Crow' Bailey, has two dogs, Lacy, Bedford and Kate. Lacy, the senior citizen, runs the household. Dr. Bailey was formerly in private practice at the Huntingdon Animal Clinic before moving to UT Martin in January 2005.

The Messenger, Union City, Tennessee, Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Youree Rochelle Maddox, the daughter of Teresa Lockridge of Union City and Terrence Maddox of Dallas, will graduate from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a family and consumer science degree and a concentration in fashion merchandising during commencement exercises Saturday at 11 a.m.

She is the granddaughter of Ardell and Mary Maddox of Union City and Loreta Robinson of Tupelo, Miss.

While at UT Martin, Miss Maddox served in various organizations. She was a member of the Fashion Merchandising Association, Black Student Association and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, as well as a member of the UTM Gospel Choir and an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

STUDENT HONORED — Whitney Angel (center) of Union City recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. She is the Student Dietetic Association treasurer, a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron and a member of the UT Martin Women's basketball team. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Jerald Ogg (left), interim vice chancellor of student affairs, presented the award. Also on hand was Lauren Witty, Lead Academy facilitator.
ECCE presents outstanding achievement awards

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) recently honored five West Tennessee residents during its sixth annual awards ceremony. The event was hosted to honor individuals, both on and off campus, who have made extraordinary contributions to UT Martin off-campus and continuing education offerings during the past year.

“ECCE has had tremendous growth in recent years and has played a major role in expanding UT Martin’s footprint in West Tennessee, said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. “Our single goal is to grow the educational opportunities for our citizens. West Tennessee must enhance the education level of its work force, and I sincerely appreciate what our ECCE staff members are doing to make this happen.”

All awards were announced by Bill Duffy, ECCE executive director, and presented by Chancellor Dunagan. This year’s honorees included the following people.

Brent Cox is a lecturer in the Department of History and Philosophy at UT Martin. He has been a UT Martin faculty member since 1999 and started out teaching for the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer. Prior to UT Martin, he worked as a salesman. He received a bachelor’s degree in history at UT Martin and a master’s degree in history at the University of Memphis. He and his wife, Susan, have three children.

“Brent is the ‘workhorse’ of dual-credit,” said Duffy. “He does a fantastic job teaching five or six sections each semester, and he never complains about the workload. He always adjusts his schedule to work with everybody. Brent works great with the high school faculty and students, and he is always looking for new opportunities.”

Duffy added, “Just recently, he was instrumental in securing faculty to teach in high schools in the Memphis area. Brent also invites all of his history students to participate in Native American Day at UT Martin each year.”

Keon Falkner is the administrator/CEO of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Lauderdale County. He has served in many capacities for Baptist Memorial Corporation, which is based in Memphis. He received a bachelor’s degree in business administration at Fogelman College of Business and Economics at the University of Memphis and a master’s degree in health administration at Washington University School of Medicine at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

“Keon grabbed the reigns and took charge to establish the first Lauderdale County Dual-Credit Scholarship program,” said Duffy. “In just two weeks, he raised more than $7,000 for dual-credit students at Halls and Ripley high schools. He continues to be a key leader involved with the UT Martin Ripley Center Higher Education Committee and a tremendous supporter of the center and its goals.”

Kara Hooper is UT Martin university publications coordinator, a post she has held for five years. Prior to UT Martin, she worked as a graphic designer at Edgewood College in Madison, Wis. She also worked with the Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program of the University of Wisconsin. Hooper earned an undergraduate degree in English from Rhodes College in Memphis and a graduate degree in public communications from American University, Washington, D.C. She and her partner have been together for 18 years.

“Kara prepares all of our brochures and flyers with creativity in a timely manner,” Duffy said. “In addition, she prepares all ECCE paid advertisements. In 2006, Kara developed 62 brochures for ECCE, in addition to 27 ads.”

Dr. Johnny L. Mattox is chair of the Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences and an associate professor of Biology at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss. Previously, he was an instructor of biological sciences at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville, Miss. He has been teaching at the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer since the fall 2000. Mattox earned an associate’s degree at Northeast Mississippi Community College and bachelor’s and master’s degrees and doctorate at the University of Mississippi. He and his wife, Jean, have three children.

“Dr. Mattox is our biology, microbiology and anatomy and physiology instructor. He has been with us for years and consistently challenges our students,” said Duffy. “He also has referred many instructors to teach at the Selmer center.”

Bob Moseley worked as an information technology consultant at UT Martin Information Technology Services from 1999-01. He taught computer science courses from 2001-03 and has been the video conferencing distance-learning support since 2003. Prior to UT Martin, he worked at a family hardware, furniture and appliance business in Greenfield. He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in electrical engineering at Rice University in Texas. He is married to Alaine and has three stepdaughters.

“Bob is the glue that holds our distance-learning classes and meetings together,” Duffy said. “He is invariably patient, pleasant, methodical and, most of all, gets the job done. He is skilled in working with diverse entities – K-12 technology directors, faculty, staff and fellow technology experts within EDNET. Bob is a creative problem-solver. He does a wonderful job communicating with the non-techies in the world.”
RILEY RECEIVES AWARD AT SOCIAL WORK ALUMNI BANQUET — Jane Riley, of Martin, received the National Association of Social Workers, Tennessee Chapter, Mid-West Branch, Bachelor of Social Work Student of the Year Award at the recent Social Work Alumni Banquet at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Riley is a native of Trenton.

RASBERRY RECEIVES AWARD AT SOCIAL WORK ALUMNI BANQUET — Betty Rasberry, of Martin, received the National Association of Social Workers Lifetime Achievement Award at the recent second Social Work Alumni Banquet at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Rasberry is the founder of the social work program at UT Martin.

BELL RECEIVES CARL SEALE STUDENT TEACHER AWARD — The recipient of the University of Tennessee at Martin Carl Seale Student Teacher Award for spring semester 2007 is Dana Bell, of Camden. The Carl Seale Student Teacher Award is given in memory of Dr. Carl Seale, who served the university from 1971 to 1992 in numerous capacities. The recipients are chosen by the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Scholarship Selection Committee from students with a major in education/teacher licensure, who have been nominated for exhibiting exceptional classroom instruction, excellence in classroom management, professionalism and potential for leadership in the teaching profession. The presentation of the award was made at the recent student teacher recognition reception held at the Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus. Pictured from left to right are Susan Steele-Woods, of Camden Junior High School, cooperating teacher; Bell, Carl Seale Student Teaching Award recipient; Diane Shaw, assistant professor of art.
Kid College celebrates 23rd year

Kid College at the University of Tennessee at Martin celebrates its 23rd anniversary, June 4-14, 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.”

The following classes are being offered: grades kindergarten through second,”Amazing Animals and Precious Pets,” “Beginning Guitar: Picking and Strumming,” “Creepy Crawlies and Spooky Spiders,” “Draw like DaVinci,” “Junior Space Challenge - Mars,” “Karate for Kids;” grades third and up, “Awesome Authors,” “Exploring Ancient Egypt,” “Frontier Life,” and “Hands-On Grossology Experiments.” 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.

Because of age restrictions from Space Camp, all students in Diane Bell’s “Space Classes” are too young to participate in the scholarship will have the opportunity to win an astronaut suit by turning in the required project.

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 2007. 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 the first class.

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).

To register online, or for more information and a complete class list, visit www.utm.edu/~ecce/kidcollege.php. 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 881-7082 or 881-7081. 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.

JODI WOODS MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENT SELECTED - The Jodi Woods Memorial Award was established at the University of Tennessee at Martin in memory of the late Jodi Woods, a special education major, who died June 24, 2006. The award is given each semester to one graduating special education major who excels in student teaching by including and building self-esteem in students with special needs. The award was established to typify the warm and caring demeanor that Woods exemplified. Tara Newsom, of Sharon, is the spring semester recipient. The funds from the award are given to assist the graduating teacher in stocking his/her new classroom. Pictured are, Newsom, left, Jodi Woods Memorial Award recipient, and Dr. Crystal Whitlow, instructor of special education at UT Martin.
LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE WHO'S WHO HONORS – The above students recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Brundige is president of the Interior Design Group. Glover is the travel chair of the History Club and a LeBonheur Marathon committee member. Holder is president of the University Scholars and coordinator of the Graduate School Workshop. Hudson is the vice president of the 2008 nursing class. Newsom is president of the Council for Exceptional Children and a member of Gamma Beta Phi. McGregor is vice president of the Visual Communication Society.

Yoga is back
May 22-June 26
The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering “Yoga – All Levels,” from 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, May 22-June 26. The fee is $55 and the instructor is Ken Zimmerman. Whether you’ve studied yoga before or not, this course is designed to fit your needs. Nationally certified yoga teacher Ken Zimmerman will guide you through this ancient practice at a level tailored to serve each individual. Yoga can aid strength, endurance and flexibility as well as increase energy. Many people find that a yoga practice can improve their concentration and at the same time help them deal more effectively with stress. Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and in bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights).
To register, call ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.
Rakes named new UT Martin chancellor

By ELIZABETH WATTS
Staff Writer

Dr. Thomas Rakes was announced as the new University of Tennessee at Martin's new Chancellor on Monday by UT President Dr. John Petersen.

When announcing Rakes as the new UT Martin Chancellor, Dr. John Petersen, president of the UT system said, "Not only was he the best candidate, but he was also the internal candidate."

Before being appointed as UT Martin's ninth Chancellor, Rakes was Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UT Martin.

Current UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan recognized Jerry Jackson and Barbara Castleman for their hard work on the search committee. Dunagan then introduced Petersen to make the announcement.

When talking about the search processes, Peterson said that his and the search committee's goal was to, "Go out and find the best possible person to lead as the ninth chancellor."

Peterson then explained how the search committee inter-viewed the final three candidates after the search was narrowed.

"We interviewed three candidates, all of which would make good chancel-lors," Petersen said.

After a dramatic pause, the over-crowded room erupted in cheers and applause when Petersen announced that Rakes was chosen to lead UT Martin as the new Chancellor. Rakes talked about his vision for UT Martin as Chancellor.

"UT Martin is a proud member of the University of Tennessee system. We're flourishing in many ways. As ninth chancellor, I hope to expand on this. We'll work very hard to maintain our strengths and expand in other directions."

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Rakes said.

Many times during his speech, Rakes recognized and thanked the faculty, staff and students at UT Martin, the Board of Trustees and the search committee. He also talked about Chancellor Nick Dunagan and his leadership at UT Martin.

"I would like to acknowledge Chancellor Dunagan and Cathy for the legacy they left here," Rakes said.

After talking about his hopes for the college, Rakes concluded with, "I am very proud to be the ninth chancellor."

Petersen returned to the podium and clarified that the Rakes will officially become the next Chancellor when the Executive Board of the UT system approves the appointment. Peterson then went on to say that Rakes, Dunagan and himself set July 1 as Rakes' starting date.

After the official announcement was over, Rakes and Peterson took questions from the audience.

When asked what would be first on his agenda, Rakes said, "I will spend the next couple of months reviewing the budget with the Chancellor Dunagan to get ready for next year."

Rakes also said that his number one goal was to, "Ensure security and raise academic excellence."

Before the announcement was adjourned, Dunagan said, "The campus is in for a real treat with Tom Rakes."

This appointment comes after current Chancellor Nick Dunagan announced his plans to retire in September.

Dunagan has served as Chancellor for six years and has worked for UT Martin for 34 years.

When the search was first announced, Baker Parker Global Executive Search Inc. from Atlanta, Ga. was hired to assist the search committee.

Initially, 63 people sent applications to UT Martin and to Baker Parker.

At the beginning of April, the chancellor search was narrowed down to four candidates including Dr. Thomas Rakes, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UT Martin; Dr. John Schween, Vice President for Academic Affairs Emporia State University of Emporia Kansas; Dr. Kaylene Gerbert, Executive Vice President and Provost from MTSU and Dr. Roosevelt Newsom, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost for the University of North Alabama.

The chancellor search committee consisted of: Jerald Ogg, Barbara Castleman, Jerry Jackson, Dr. Ann Duncan, Dr. Nell Gullatt, Dr. John Schommer, James Orr, Caroline Tippens, Youlanda Jones, Lt. Steve Sherfield, Shannon Burgin, Dr. Jim Byford, Dr. Michael Bobo, Joe Brashe and Gary Daugherty serving as the consultant from Baker Parker.

BURGIN RECEIVES STATEWIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AWARD — Shannon Burgin, University of Tennessee at Martin assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief information officer, was awarded the Tennessee Higher Education Information Technology Distinguished Service Award at the recent annual statewide IT Symposium at Fall Creek Falls. In accepting the award, Burgin credited all of UT Martin's Information Technology Services staff members for the way they lead in technology and share their expertise and experiences with others across the state.
Young Scholars Academy set

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

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

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

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

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Affairs at 881-7703.
Weaving, knitting classes offered at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Campus and Extended Education is offering three sessions of classes in loom weaving and knitting. All sessions are from 6-9 p.m. and cost $60 per session. Grace Eckert, fiber artist, is the instructor.

The loom weaving sessions are:
- Session I, Tuesdays, June 5-19;
- Session II, Tuesdays, June 10-24;
- Session III, Tuesdays, Aug. 7-21.

Students will complete at least one project of their choice. A $25 supply fee for warp and yarn should be paid to the instructor at the beginning of the first class. Class limit is 10 participants.

The knitting sessions are:
- Session I, Thursdays, June 7 – 21;
- Session II, Thursdays, July 12 - 26;
- Session III, Thursdays, Aug. 9 – 23.

Participants will learn to spool knit first. Then, they will learn to cast on, knit, purl and cast off by using knitting needles. More experienced knitters also are welcome. A $25 supply fee for needles and yarn should be paid to the instructor at the beginning of the first class. Class limit is 10 participants.

To register or for more information, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.
Rakes is ninth University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor

Dr. Thomas A. Rakes was named the ninth University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor in an announcement on May 7 by University of Tennessee President Dr. John Petersen. Rakes will begin his new role on July 1, succeeding Dr. Nick Dunagan, who will retire June 30.

"This is a critical time in the continued growth and excellence of our Martin campus," said Petersen. "Identifying and selecting the individual capable of leading UT Martin through this transition from the strong leadership and demand for excellence of Chancellor Dunagan has been a challenging but vital task.

"In Tom Rakes, we are fortunate to have an individual who is known and respected on this campus; who understands the Martin mission and can move seamlessly into the leadership role. At the same time, he has demonstrated his commitment to pursuing excellence and to continuing to raise the bar," added Petersen.

"It is this combination that makes Tom a unique and ideal choice for Martin at this important time. We're pleased he is seizing this critical opportunity for the university to continue and build on the momentum under way here at Martin. We welcome Tom to the task and appreciate very much Nick's continued contribution to this transition," Petersen said.

Rakes joined UT Martin as vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of educational studies in May 2002. He was named provost in 2005.

"I am pleased and very honored to be selected as the next chancellor. We have a tradition of excellence and a host of opportunities for growth, expanded research and outreach as a student focused institution," said Rakes.

Dunagan added, "I am excited about President Petersen's appointment of Tom Rakes as UT Martin's next chancellor. Tom knows and appreciates this region; he knows and understands the faculty, staff and students of this campus; and he has been a highly effective provost with great leadership skills. UT Martin is going to be in good hands."

Rakes' wife, Dr. Glenda Rakes, is a UT Martin professor of education. The couple has two children, Karee and Patrick.

Rakes received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Milligan College, a master's degree in reading from East Tennessee State University and a doctor of education from UT Knoxville.

Before coming to UT Martin, he was interim president at University of Louisiana at Monroe. He began his employment at Monroe in 1995 as College of Education and Human Development dean and professor. Also, he served as vice provost and Graduate Studies and Research dean. He became UL Monroe provost and vice president for academic affairs in 2000. Rakes previously served as a University of Memphis professor and director of the Division of Research and Development in the College of Education. He also served as chair and professor in the Department of Instruction and Curriculum. Also, the new chancellor has been a UT Knoxville instructor, and University Reading Center assistant director. His first education position was as a Johnson City, Tenn., teacher and basketball coach.

Rakes has completed a variety of scholarly activities including more than 160 refereed presentations and publications. He is a member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission Performance Funding Standards Review Committee, Tennessee P-16 Mathematics Curriculum Alignment Committee and the National Forum of Educational Administration and Supervision Journal editorial board, a recipient of the Tennessee Institute for Pre-professionals Outstanding Service Award and chair of the UT Martin Enrollment Management Task Force, among numerous other honors and leadership appointments. Additionally, he has been involved in consultation and presentations for professional development and accreditation for more than 40 different institutions of higher education. Since 1978, he has been associated with 11 training programs that have been developed for business or nonprofit organizations operating in six states. Corporate consulting has involved communications improvement and human resources evaluation for hotel, manufacturing and retail businesses.

The announcement culminated a seven-month search spearheaded by an advisory committee Petersen named last October. The committee, chaired by Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, began with more than 60 applicants and was assisted in the search by the firm of Baker Parker Global Executive Search of Atlanta, Ga.

UTM offers Yoga classes

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering "Yoga - All Levels," from 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, May 22-June 26. The fee is $55 and the instructor is Ken Zimmerman.

Nationally certified yoga teacher Ken Zimmerman will guide participants through the ancient practice at a level tailored to serve each individual.

To register, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.
Orientation program available for freshmen

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

S.O.A.R. dates have been scheduled for: June 21-22 and July 20 and 21.

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

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

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Local Student Receives Who's Who Honor at UT Martin

MARTIN - Brandi Barnes, center, of Trezevant, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Barnes is a member of the Pre-Professional/Graduate Section of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, is involved in Phi Upsilon Omicron and a UT Martin band member. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Jerald Ogg, left, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, presented the award. Pictured with them is Lauren Witty, right, Lead Academy facilitator.
Meek will address record number of UT Martin graduates

The University of Tennessee at Martin commencement will be May 12 with Anne Meek, UT Martin alumna, delivering the commencement address. Set for 11:00 a.m. in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center, a record number of graduates has prompted, for the second consecutive year, the need for complimentary tickets to organize seating for the event.

"Commencement is always a special time, and I am extremely proud of our May graduates," said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. "They represent our future, and that future looks very bright. This will be a bitter-sweet graduation because it will be my last one as UT Martin's chancellor."

Last fall, Dunagan announced plans to retire in June 2007 with 34 years of service at UT Martin.

Dunagan will preside over the exercises and confer degrees to 734 spring graduates. Dr. Paul Sharma, UT National Alumni Association Alumni Distinguished Service Professor, will be the mace bearer, and the processional marshals will be Dr. John Schommer, faculty senate president; Dr. Elaine Harriss, faculty senate vice president; Al Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration; and Lenora Solomon, vice chancellor for university advancement.

The UT Martin saxophone quartet will perform special music. Immediately following commencement, a reception will be hosted in Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

Anne Meek

Meek, of Norfolk, Virginia, is the daughter of Paul and Martha Meek. Paul Meek served as executive officer and chancellor of UT Martin from 1934-1967. Anne Meek received a bachelor's degree from UT Martin, and master's degree and doctorate from UT Knoxville. She is coordinator of Virginia State Action for Education Leadership Project, Commonwealth Educational Policy Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University. Also, she is consultant/adviser for the Old Dominion University Program for Research and Evaluation in Public Schools, Norfolk. Since 1998, she has served as vice president of Enterprise Assistance Inc., Norfolk, and CEPI Eastern Virginia representative, Richmond, Virginia.

Meek has been an Education Statistics Services Institute senior program specialist in Washington, D.C., Virginia Beach (Va.) City Public Schools assistant superintendent/special assistant/executive assistant, the Developmental Studies Center Child Development Project director of publications in Oakland, California, and a supervisor, principal and reading specialist.

Each graduate will receive up to six free tickets to admit his or her guests. Overflow seating with a video and audio feed of the ceremony will be provided in the fieldhouse for all guests without tickets. Graduates can get their tickets at the Grand Finale Senior Walk on May 2 and later that afternoon at the Student Commencement Practice in the Elam Center. Tickets for graduating students will remain available in the Office of Academic Records until 5:00 p.m., May 11.

A limited number of additional complimentary tickets will be available to graduates (up to an additional six tickets) and to faculty and staff and the general public (up to two per person), on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last, beginning May 3, in the Office of Academic Records in the first floor of the Administration Building. Any tickets not claimed by 5:00 p.m., May 11, will be distributed to the general public at a designated area outside the Elam Center by 9:00 a.m. prior to the spring commencement ceremony, May 12.

Local student receives Who's Who honor at UT Martin

Tara Newsom, center, of Sharon, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Newsom is president of the Council for Exceptional Children and a member of Gamma Beta Phi. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength of character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services.

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Dr. Thomas A. Rakes was named the ninth University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor in an announcement on Monday by University of Tennessee President Dr. John Petersen. Rakes will begin his new role on July 1, succeeding Dr. Nick Dunagan, who will retire June 30.

"This is a critical time in the continued growth and excellence of our Martin campus," said Petersen. "Identifying and selecting the individual capable of leading UT Martin through this transition from the strong leadership and demand for excellence of Chancellor Dunagan has been a challenging but vital task.

"InTom Rakes, we are fortunate to have an individual who is known and respected on this campus, who understands the Martin mission and can move seamlessly into the leadership role. At the same time, he has demonstrated his commitment to pursuing excellence and to continuing to raise the bar," added Petersen.

"It is this combination that makes Tom a unique and ideal choice for Martin at this important time. We're pleased he is seizing this critical opportunity for the university to continue and build on the momentum under way here at Martin. We welcome Tom to the task and appreciate very much Nick's continued contribution to this transition," Petersen said.

Rakes joined UT Martin as vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of educational studies in May 2002. He was named provost in 2005.

"I am pleased and very honored to be selected as the next chancellor. We have a tradition of excellence and a host of opportunities for growth, expanded research and outreach as a student focused institution," said Rakes.

Dunagan added, "I am excited about President Petersen's appointment of Tom Rakes as UT Martin's next chancellor. Tom knows and appreciates this region; he knows and understands the faculty, staff and students of this campus; and he has been a highly effective provost with great leadership skills. UT Martin is going to be in good hands."

Rakes' wife, Dr. Glenda Rakes, is a UT Martin professor of education. The couple has two children, Karee and Patrick.

Rakes received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Milligan College, a master's degree in reading from East Tennessee State University and a doctor of education from UT Knoxville.

Before coming to UT Martin, he was interim president at University of Louisiana at Monroe. He began his employment at Monroe in 1995 as College of Education and Human Development dean and professor. Also, he served as vice provost and Graduate Studies and Research dean. He became UL Monroe provost and vice president for academic affairs in 2000. Rakes previously served as a University of Memphis professor and director of the Division of Research and Development in the College of Education. He also served as chair and professor in the Department of Instruction and Curriculum. Also, the new chancellor has been a UT Knoxville instructor, and University Reading Center assistant director.

His first education position was as a Johnson City, Tenn., teacher and basketball coach.

Rakes has completed a variety of scholarly activities including more than 160 refereed presentations and publications. He is a member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission Performance Funding Standards Review Committee, Tennessee P-16 Mathematics Curriculum Alignment Committee and the National Forum of Educational Administration and Supervision Journal editorial board, a recipient of the Tennessee Institute for Pre-professionals Outstanding Service Award and chair of the UT Martin Enrollment Management Task Force, among numerous other honors and leadership appointments. Additionally, he has been involved in consultation and presentations for professional development and accreditation for more than 40 different institutions of higher education. Since 1978, he has been associated with 11 training programs that have been developed for business or nonprofit organizations operating in six states. Corporate consulting has involved communications improvement and human resource evaluation for hotel, manufacturing and retail businesses.

The announcement culminated a seven-month search spearheaded by an advisory committee Petersen named last October. The committee, chaired by Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, began with more than 60 applicants and was assisted in the search by the firm of Baker Parker Global Executive Search, of Atlanta, Georgia.
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Westview students receive awards at Foreign Language Day

Four Westview High School students recently won first place in the French Culture Bowl with their teacher, Cheryl Boyt, at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. Pictured (left to right) are: Harrison Moore, Jeremy Haywood, Kesley Gibson Boyt and Glen Hall. Pictured with the students are Dr. Daniel Nappo, interim chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, left, and Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor right.

Yoga back, May 22-June 26

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering "Yoga - All Levels," from 5:30-7:00 p.m., Tuesdays, May 22-June 26. The fee is $55 and the instructor is Ken Zimmerman.

Whether you've studied yoga before or not, this course is designed to fit your needs. Nationally certified yoga teacher Ken Zimmerman will guide you through this ancient practice at a level tailored to serve each individual. Yoga can aid strength, endurance and flexibility as well as increase energy. Many people find that a yoga practice can improve their concentration and at the same time help them deal more effectively with stress. Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and in bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights).

To register, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.
UT Martin hosts academy for area underrepresented students

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

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

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

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

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Affairs at 731-881-7703.

Longtime UT Martin chancellor to retire

From STAFF REPORTS

Faculty, friends and supporters of UT Martin's McNairy County campus were on hand last Wednesday to say farewell to Chancellor Dr. Nick Dunagan.

Dunagan first announced his retirement plans September 7, 2006. Joining him for the announcement were his wife, Cathy, other family members, and Dr. John Petersen, UT President.

"After a lot of thought and with a great deal of appreciation for the opportunities Cathy and I have had during our 33 years at UT Martin, we want to announce that this will be our final academic year," Dunagan said, adding, "but I want you to know that this has been the most wonderful honor in my life to be able to serve the great people that make up this campus."

Dunagan, 60, was born in Humboldt to Horace and Sara Dunagan, but quickly returned to Martin where his late father attended UT Junior College, thereby beginning his lifelong association with the campus.

Several weeks after his retirement announcement, he reflected on his years at the university. While his announcement surprised many, he sees this as the right time for a change. When he was named chancellor, Dunagan planned to serve in the position for up to five years. Once he retires, he will have served six years, and counting three interim stints as chancellor, he's held the position approximately eight years. "I think when you look at a university, there are always a lot of things that are going on, online course offerings have increased from fewer than 10 to 109 in the past five years.

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

UT Martin's first family plans to take on no new obligations in the first year following Dunagan's retirement. However, at the retirement announcement, he promised that Cathy and he would remain in Martin to "be the most dedicated alums that this institution could have." His 24/7 job will be replaced with travel and time with children and grandchildren. Most will agree that it's a well-deserved change for two people who have given 34 years of their lives to the university.

When asked how he wanted to be remembered, Dunagan said, "That's easy. I'd like to be remembered as someone who loved UT Martin, tried to keep its students, faculty, and staff uppermost in my mind with every decision I made, and strived to make West Tennessee a better place to live and work."
Robertson to graduate from UTM May 12

Karon Robertson would like to announce the upcoming graduation of her husband, Jerry Robertson. He will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in University Studies with a concentration in History and Sports Performance from the University of Tennessee, Martin, May 12 at 11 a.m. in the Tom Elam Center.
He is a graduate of Bells High School in Crockett County and was formerly employed at Jones Companies in Humboldt and a volunteer assistant basketball coach at Rosenwald Middle School.
He is a member of Springhill Missionary Baptist Church.
He is the father of Jada Robertson of Atlanta, GA, Jay Robertson, first grade student at Trenton Elementary, and two step-sons, Rodrigus and DeAndra Simmons of Trenton. His in-laws are Babara and Mack Milan of Trenton.

Stephens transfers to South Fulton principal

Hillcrest Elementary School principal Adam Stephens has been named the new principal of South Fulton Middle/High School.
He succeeds Keith Frazier, who will become an assistant principal and, most likely, athletic director at SFMS/HS.
"I'm looking forward to the opportunity, to new challenges," Stephens said.
Stephens, 33, has been principal at Hillcrest for two years. He said he will miss the elementary school and realizes his transfer will be an adjustment as he moves from a K-8 school to a 6-12 school. He said he and Frazier will spend some time together between now and the time he begins work July 1 in South Fulton. Plus, Frazier will still be on staff in his other capacities after Stephens begins the new job.
"He will be an asset," he said of Frazier.
Stephens said he had always aspired to become a principal and, after speaking with Obion County Director of Schools David Huss, felt like the move from Hillcrest to South Fulton would be a good career decision.
"After I talked with Mr. Huss, I felt it would be good for the district and a good thing for me to try to do," he said.
The announcement of Stephens' lateral transfer from Hillcrest to South Fulton was made by Huss during a faculty meeting Friday afternoon at the South Fulton school. Even though Stephens was not one of 15 educators on a recently-disclosed list of applicants for the South Fulton position, the lateral transfer resulted after he showed an interest in the position and was supported by the fact that he is already a principal in the system.
Stephens is a graduate of Westview High School and attended the University of Tennessee Martin. He is presently attending Union University in Jackson to complete his doctorate.
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Stephens, all of Martin.

One-stoke painted stemware focus of class

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing is offering "One-Stroke Painted Stemware," 9:30-11:30 a.m., June 2. The cost is $35, plus a $10 supply fee paid to the instructor, Charlie Boyd.

Participants should provide two stemmed glasses and ceramic brushes. One glass will be designed with contemporary roses using embellished dimensional paint and glitter. The other, will be painted to look like a daisy.

To register and for information about the supply list, call the ECCE office at 881-7082 or (800) 482-5199.
Students

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snack, but also a great meal. I eat cereal all the time when I have no money,” said India Dean, a Public Relations major.

Another thing students learn is that it’s always cheaper to buy off brands of products and in huge quantities.

“Buy food in bulk. At my first semester at UTM, I spent so much money buying food, because I lived in a dorm. I could only buy things in small amounts, because I had no where to store them. Since I’ve moved into my own apartment, I have saved so much money buying food and items that I use everyday in bulk,” said Jennifer Snively, who graduates Saturday with a degree in Cell and Molecular Biology.

College students have a reputation for pulling all-nighters and procrastinating. Kim Ferrell, a Secondary Education major commented, “I’ve learned to tolerate coffee even though I hate it. Coffee does help you stay up, if you add enough sugar and creamer.”

Some graduating students learn more than how to save money and study until the sun rises. A lot of times, students graduate with a deeper understanding of society and how the world works.

“I think I learned how to appreciate people more. I appreciate a person’s character more. I’ve also learned that the world is not as small as everyone wants you to believe,” said Sara McIntosh, a graduate with a degree in English.

Sometimes students learn things that won’t help a person save money or anything, but rather, what they’ve learned is just random information they’ve acquired from their experiences in college.

Many students share tips for getting out of a speeding ticket, which drink machine gives a person an extra drink, or which restaurant has the best cheeseburger in town.

Graduates learn a lot during their four, five or six years in college. Some things they just have to learn through experience and mistakes outside the classroom. College is the place where people evolve into more well-rounded individuals.

People who have been out of college for a while or never went to college could be amazed at all the tricks and tips students know.

Editorial

Saturday can’t come soon enough for this graduate

By Elizabeth Watts

I wrote the article this week regarding UT Martin’s graduation. I am also graduating college on Saturday, and I’ve learned a lot during my four years here. I’ve learned that 33 cent boxes of macaroni and cheese makes about two meals for one person.

I’ve also learned to back up every important document on the computer two or three times, because the one time you forget to save something to a jump drive and email it to yourself, that will be the time when black smoke starts to come out the back of your computer. Want to get a group of people arguing the fastest? Turn the conversation to politics, religion or sports.

Some people look at students with disgust thinking that all they do is party and skip class. Students are trying to make it out into the real world for the first time, which can be very daunting. However, there’s a wealth of information that only students can learn by living the college life.

Want to know how broke students are? Set a piece of furniture on the side of the road and watch how fast it disappears. Want to know how to cram too much work into too short of a day? Learn how a student takes four classes a day, holds down a job at night, studies after work and still finds time for their friends.

Want to know what makes a student the happiest in the world? Watch how their eyes light up and they smile from ear to ear when they receive that little sheet of paper on May 12.

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LOCAL RESIDENTS INDUCTED INTO PHI KAPPA PHI — Jolene Cunningham, Betty Cox, Rachel Payne, Whitney Ward, Judy McMorries, Joseph Travis, Ervin Briones, Sandy Orr, Andy Nielsen and Brian Wagner, all of Weakley County, were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin. 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, and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent. 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. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Cunningham, Cox, Payne, Ward and McMorries; back row, Travis, Briones, Orr, Nielsen and Wagner.
UTM named safest among 4-year colleges

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 report that ranks UT Martin as the safest among four-year public institutions in the state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Kid College coming to Paris in June

The University of Tennessee at Martin will host a session of Kid College at Paris Elementary School from June 18-28.

Kid College is sponsored by the UT Martin office of extended campus and continuing education.

The theme of Kid College 2007 is “Inspire the Desire to Inquire.”

The program includes classes from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for children who will be enrolled in kindergarten in the fall and older. Each class is one hour in length and parents should help select classes based on age and grade level.

Children are supervised at all times including lunch. They are escorted to and from class each period and class rolls will be checked for attendance. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the fifth-grade wing. Parents are asked to deliver students 10 minutes prior to their first class. Staff and teachers will escort students to classrooms.

Classes are $40 each with some classes requiring supply fees paid to the instructor the first day of class. Supply fees are noted in class descriptions. A Kid College T-shirt is also available for an additional $10.

An authentic astronaut flight suit will be given away to a student.

An open house is planned from 5-6 p.m. June 28 where family and friends can meet teachers and view students’ work.

To register online or for more information, visit the Web site www.utm.edu/~ecce/kidcollege.php.

To register by phone or pay by credit card, call 1-731-881-7081 or 1-731-881-7082. Checks should be made payable to UT Martin and mailed to Kid College, 110 Gooch Hall, Martin 38238.
Kid College at the University of Tennessee at Martin celebrates its 23rd anniversary June 4-14, 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."


Plus, one lucky student will win a scholarship, worth about $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. Because of age restrictions from Space Camp, all students in Diane Bell's "Space Classes" that are too young to participate in the scholarship will have the opportunity to win an astronaut suit by turning in the required project.

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 2007. 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.

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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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Ashley Tankersley of Union City will be serving as a PEP Leader this fall at the University of Tennessee at Martin, working alongside Dr. David Sammons, head of the Biology Department there. She will also be attending class sessions with incoming freshmen as their mentor.

Miss Tankersley has also been elected to the UT Martin Student Government for 2007-08 as a senator from the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences after serving as the vice president of the Freshman Council on student government this past year.

She has also been elected a member of the UT Martin Undergraduate Alumni Council and will be working with the alumni relations committee to help organize Homecoming, rodeo, class reunions and other alumni events throughout the coming year.

Miss Tankersley has just completed her freshman year at UT Martin and is majoring in biology.
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Thomas A. Rakes, former ULM provost, named chancellor at UT-Martin

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MARTIN, Tenn. — Dr. Thomas A. Rakes, the former interim president at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, has been named chancellor at the University of Tennessee Martin, an announcement that was met warmly at that campus.

Rakes, 60, was named the ninth chancellor of the University of Tennessee Martin to cheers from a standing-room only crowd in a second-floor room of the Boling University Center on campus.

Rakes joined UTM as vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of educational studies in May 2002. He was named provost in 2005. He had formerly served as provost under ULM President Lawson Swearingen and then interim president after Swearingen vacated the position.

"I'm very proud to be the ninth chancellor," Rakes said when the announcement was made this week.

He will start as chancellor July 1. He replaces Dr. Nick Dunagan, who will retire June 30.

The announcement is the culmination of a seven-month search led by an advisory committee.

"He (Rakes) was not just the internal candidate, but he was the best candidate," said UT system President Dr. John Petersen, who made the announcement Monday.

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Dunagan shared in the warm regards for Rakes.

"This campus is in for a real treat with Tom Rakes," Dunagan said on Monday. Rakes pledged to help expand the university's community and international relationships. He also spoke of leading the school's ambitious capital campaign and renovation projects.

Rakes started at Monroe in 1995 as college of education and human development dean and professor. He also served as vice provost and graduate studies and research dean. He became Monroe's provost and vice president for academic affairs in 2000.

He was a University of Memphis professor and director of the division of research and development in the college of education. He also served as chair and professor in the department of instruction and curriculum.

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This story was reported by The Jackson (Tenn.) Sun, a Gannett newspaper.
UT Martin offers online fiction writing course

UT Martin has partnered with online course provider Education To Go to offer "Advanced Fiction Writing." Published novelist Steve Alcorn is the class instructor. The course covers such elements as story structure, plot, character, dialogue, setting, suspense, conflict, action, viewpoint, tense and how to get published. Each lesson includes an assignment that will help students develop or polish their manuscripts. Students will learn how to get started on story ideas and write effectively and efficiently.

The "discussion area" of the class will allow students to share their work with classmates and hear feedback. Students can take "Advanced Fiction Writing" from home or office at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course — part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses — visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php and click Education To Go.

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Cara Thomas, of Martin, received the Harriet Fulton Sigma Alpha Iota Award. The award is given by the Epsilon Iota Chapter to recognize outstanding musical performance ability by a member of Sigma Alpha Iota. The recipient is selected at the spring competition by a panel of judges.

Lindsey Holder, of Martin, received the Lonnie E. Maness History Department Award. The award, of $100, is given to the outstanding graduating history major and is made on the basis of grade point average, number of hours in history, contributions to the department and extracurricular activities.

Eric Wilson, of Martin, received the George and Ruth Horton Curricula Award in humanities. The awards, of at least $250 each, are presented to the pre-health sophomore who has the highest academic average and the humanities sophomore with the highest academic average.

Lindsey Sutherland, of Martin, received the John E. McCluskey Literary Award in the Scholarly/Critical Paper. The award is for the best scholarly essay submitted in a campus competition.

Ibra Ndoey, of Martin, received the Ted Mosch Award. The award is given to two international students who have either junior or senior status, and it is based on academic excellence.

Lacie Glover, of Martin, received the Ernest and Wilma Newby Scholarship Award. The award, of $2000, is given to two students majoring in history, criminal justice or political science, and have, if possible, some military connection.

Emily Hunt, of Martin, recently received the Madeline Hall Pritchett Award. The award, of $250, is given by the Weakley-Obion Alumnae Association of Chi Omega fraternity to an active member of the Chi Omega sorority in recognition of her contributions to her institution through extracurricular achievements, leadership qualities and academic excellence.

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Phil Chi Theta Key Award and Martin Lions Club-H. B. Smith Award. The Phi Chi Theta Key Award is given to a junior or senior student majoring in business administration who shows outstanding scholarship, character and leadership. The Martin Lions Club-H. B. Smith Award is given to the prospective graduate who has accumulated the highest academic average.
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STUDENTS RECEIVE LEADERSHIP AWARDS FROM UT MARTIN — Two Paul and Martha Meek Awards were presented at the recent commencement exercises at the University of Tennessee at Martin. David S assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, announced the awards, which are the only awards presented during commencement exercises. All other awards are presented during honors day. The Meek Award is a cash award given to graduating seniors who demonstrate outstanding qualities of leadership while at UT Martin. The award is made possible by the children of Paul and Martha Meek. Pictured with Belote, center, are Jeremy Doggett, of Pulaski, and Selena DeSantis, of Martin.

GRADUATION SMILES — Lesley Sawyers of Gleason, right, with her parents, Roger and Becky celebrate Lesley’s graduation on Saturday from the University of Tennessee at Martin at commencement exercises.
ONLINE PROFESSOR HONORS – Ed Wheeler, left, of Milan, University of Tennessee at Martin associate professor of engineering, and Dr. Jeff Hoyer, of Martin, right, UT Martin associate professor of communications, recently were honored at the first ceremony for Online Teachers of the Year at UT Martin. Awards were presented by Dr. Tommy Cates, UT Martin director of Online and University Studies. Both Wheeler and Hoyer have taught online classes for several years. “Their online classes are known for being well-designed, and the professors are readily accessible to online students,” said Cates.

Local student receives Who’s Who honor at UT Martin

David Wynn, center, of Dresden, recently received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who’s Who Awards Ceremony. Wynn is an Eagle Scout. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Jerald Ogg, left, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, presented the award. Pictured with them is Lauren Witty, right, Lead Academy facilitator.
Local Student Recognized at UT Martin Communications Career Day

MARTIN - The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The career day consisted of a banquet, keynote speaker, award presentation and career fair. The entire Pacer staff received the Pacer Award. Pictured are, from left, front row: Sara McIntosh; Laura Beth Griffin; Tom Parrish, instructor of communications; Elizabeth Watts; David Hampton; back row: Eric White; Will York; Rachel Rogers; Holly Perry; Rebecca Gray; Jon-Michael St. Amant; Allie Thomas; and Matt Cook.

Local students recognized at UT Martin Honors Day

Kristin Copeland, of Dresden, recently received the undergraduate Delta Kappa Gamma Award during the 43rd annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award, of $500, is presented by the Beta Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, and honors a woman student from Weakley County whose curriculum leads to teacher certification in Tennessee. The recipient is a junior and is chosen on the basis of her potential for classroom teaching.

Joshua McDaniel, of Sharon, recently received the Robert G. Cowser Literary Award in Poetry during the 43rd annual Honors Day at UTM. The award is for the best selection of poems submitted in a campus competition.

Randel Crittendon, of Palmersville, recently received the Outstanding Psychology Student during the 43rd annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Scholarships awarded

Beta Omega recently awarded scholarships to two education majors at UTM. Winner of the undergraduate scholarship is Kristin Copeland, daughter of Wayne and Pam Copeland of Dresden. The graduate scholarship has been awarded to Whitney Hopper, the daughter of Roger and Jean Harris of Union City. Whitney is the wife of Brent Hopper and a teacher at Dresden Elementary School. Pictured (left to right) are: Beta Omega Scholarship Chairman Diana Griffin, Kristin Copeland, Whitney Hopper, and Beta Omega President Mary Jo Connell.
Dr. Thomas A. Rakes was named the ninth University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor in a recent announcement on by University of Tennessee President Dr. John Petersen. Rakes will begin his new role on July 1, succeeding Dr. Nick Dunagan, who will retire June 30.

"This is a critical time in the continued growth and excellence of our Martin campus," said Petersen. "Identifying and selecting the individual capable of leading UT Martin through this transition from the strong leadership and demand for excellence of Chancellor Dunagan has been a challenging but vital task.

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"It is this combination that makes Tom a unique and ideal choice for Martin at this important time. We're pleased he is seizing this critical opportunity for the university to continue and build on the momentum under way here at Martin. We welcome Tom to the task and appreciate very much Nick's continued contribution to this transition," Petersen said.

Rakes joined UT Martin as vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of educational studies in May 2002. He was named provost in 2005.

"I am pleased and very honored to be selected as the next chancellor. We have a tradition of excellence and a host of opportunities for growth, expanded research and outreach as a student focused institution," said Rakes.

Dunagan added, "I am excited about President Petersen's appointment of Tom Rakes as UT Martin's next chancellor. Tom knows and appreciates this region; he knows and understands the faculty, staff and students of this campus; and he has been a highly effective provost with great leadership skills. UT Martin is going to be in good hands."

Rakes’ wife, Dr. Glenda Rakes, is a UT Martin professor of education. The couple has two children, Karee and Patrick.

Rakes received a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Milligan College, a master’s degree in reading from East Tennessee State University and a doctor of education from UT Knoxville.

Before coming to UT Martin, he was interim president at University of Louisiana at Monroe. He began his employment at Monroe in 1995 as College of Education and Human Development dean and professor. Also, he served as vice provost and Graduate Studies and Research dean. He became UL Monroe provost and vice president for academic affairs in 2000. Rakes previously served as a University of Memphis professor and director of the Division of Research and Development in the College of Education. He also served as chair and professor in the Department of Instruction and Curriculum. Also, the new chancellor has been a UT Knoxville instructor, and University Reading Center assistant director. His first education position was as a Johnson City, Tenn., teacher and basketball coach.

Rakes has completed a variety of scholarly activities including more than 160 refereed presentations and publications. He is a member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission Performance Funding Standards Review Committee, Tennessee P-16 Mathematics Curriculum Alignment Committee and the National Forum of Educational Administration and Supervision Journal editorial board, a recipient of the Tennessee Institute for Pre-professionals Outstanding Service Award and chair of the UT Martin Enrollment Management Task Force, among numerous other honors and leadership appointments. Additionally, he has been involved in consultation and presentations for professional development and accreditation for more than 40 different institutions of higher education. Since 1978, he has been associated with 11 training programs that have been developed for business or nonprofit organizations operating in six states. Corporate consulting has involved communications improvement and human resources evaluation for hotel, manufacturing and retail businesses.

The announcement culminated a seven-month search spearheaded by an advisory committee Petersen named last October. The committee, chaired by Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, began with more than 60 applicants and was assisted in the search by the firm of Baker Parker Global Executive Search, of Atlanta, Ga.
Newson receives Jodi Woods Memorial Award

The Jodi Woods Memorial Award was established at the University of Tennessee at Martin in memory of the late Jodi Woods, a special education major, who died June 24, 2006. The award is given each semester to one graduating special education major who excels in student teaching by including and building self-esteem in students with special needs. The award was established to typify the warm and caring demeanor that Woods exemplified. Tara Newsom, of Sharon, is the spring semester recipient. The funds from the award are given to assist the graduating teacher in stocking his/her new classroom. Pictured are, Newsome, left, Jodi Woods Memorial Award recipient, and Dr. Crystal Whitlow, instructor of special education at UT Martin.

Local UTM graduate

Tessica Houston of Dresden was among University of Tennessee at Martin spring graduates at Saturday’s commencement ceremony. Also pictured is her mother, Elaine Donnell of Memphis. Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president, congratulated a record number of graduates, and Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, who will retire June 30, conferred degrees.

ECCE to offer weaving, knitting sessions this summer

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Campus and Extended Education is offering three sessions of classes in loom weaving and knitting. All sessions are from 6-9 p.m. and cost $60 per session. Grace Eckert, fiber artist, is the instructor.

The loom weaving sessions are:
- Session 1, Tuesdays, June 7-21;
- Session II, Tuesdays, June 10-24;
- Session III, Tuesdays, Aug. 9-23.

Participants will have open access to the “Loom Room” (weaving studio). Eckert will aid beginners in weaving on a loom and help experienced weavers in whatever ways necessary. Ten table and floor looms will be warped and ready to use.

Students will complete at least one project of their choice. A $25 supply fee for warp and yarn should be paid to the instructor at the beginning of the first class. Class limit is 10 participants.

The knitting sessions are:
- Session I, Thursdays, June 7-21;
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Participants will learn to spool knit first. Then, they will learn to cast on, knit, purl and cast off by using knitting needles. More experienced knitters also are welcome. A $25 supply fee for needles and yarn should be paid to the instructor at the beginning of the first class. Class limit is 10 participants.

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One-Stroke Painted Stemware focus of class

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering “One-Stroke Painted Stemware,” from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., on June 2. The cost is $35, plus a $10 supply fee paid to the instructor, Charlie Boyd.

Participants should provide two stemmed glasses and ceramic brushes. One glass will be designed with contemporary roses using embellished dimensional paint and glitter. The other will be painted to look like a daisy.

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UT Martin safest among four-year public institutions; ranks high in cases solved

University of Tennessee at Martin students and their parents, as well as faculty and staff, can take comfort in the most recent statewide crime statistics that ranks UT Martin as the safest among four-year public institutions. Additionally, for crimes that are committed, the UT Martin Department of Safety has a crime clearance rate that is substantially above the state average.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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UT Martin Kid College celebrates 23rd year with 'Inspire the Desire to Inquire'

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The following classes are being offered: grades Kindergarten through 2nd - "Amazing Animals and Precious Pets," "Beginning Guitar: Picking and Strumming," "Creepy Crawlies and Spooky Spiders," "Draw like Da Vinci," "Jr. Space Challenge - Mars," "Karate for Kids," Grades 3rd and Up - "Awesome Authors," "Exploring Ancient Egypt," "Frontier Life," and "Hands-On Grossology Experiments." Plus, one lucky student will win a scholarship, worth approximately $900 to attend a week of astronaut training at Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. 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. Because of age restrictions from Space Camp, all students in Diane Bell's "Space Classes" that are too young to participate in the scholarship will have the opportunity to win an astronaut suit by turning in the required project.

Kid College is a nine-day program that includes classes from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for children who will be enrolled in Kindergarten through sixth grade in fall 2007. 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 or outdoor games or watch videos.

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) 881-7081. 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.

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 the first class.

The goal of Kid College is to provide an opportunity to have 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).

To register online, for more information and a complete class list, visit www.utm.edu/~ecce/kidcollege.php. Classes are $40 each, with some requiring supply fees paid to the instructor the first day of class. Supply fees Whitney Hopper

Whitney Hopper, of Dresden, recently received the graduate Delta Kappa Gamma Award during the 43rd annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award, given to $500, is presented by the Beta Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, and honors a woman student from Weakley County whose curriculum leads to teacher certification in Tennessee. The recipient is always a junior and is chosen on the basis of her potential for classroom teaching.

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UTM Honors Day recognizes locals

Several Gibson County students were honored at UTM Martin 43rd annual Honors Day held recently.

- Jenny Lannom of Bradford received the Outstanding Advanced Elementary Graduate Student;
- Derrick Casey of Gibson received the Outstanding Theatre;
- Emily Tanner of Medina recently received the Outstanding Natural Resources Management Student.
UT panel OK's salary for UT Martin chancellor

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UT Martin safest among public institutions

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 rank UT Martin as the safest among four-year public institutions. Additionally, for crimes that are committed, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety has a crime clearance rate that is substantially above the state average.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The UT Martin crime rate consistently has been lower than the national and statewide averages for college campuses, and the index crime clearance rate, consistently has been higher.
Local students recognized at UTM Honors Day

Several local students were recognized during the 43rd annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Chance Barr of Newbern received the Bateman-Wyant History Award. The $250 award is given to a full-time history student who has at least 3.0 GPA. The recipient is named by the history faculty from students submitting articles written on aspects of American history.

Justin Golden of Dyersburg received the William H. Baker Scholarship Award. The award is given to one or more full-time students in the College of Business and Public Affairs who have completed at least 60 hours of college credit, demonstrated scholarship and leadership ability, participated in extracurricular activities and shown promise of professional achievement.

Glendowne, North named to Who's Who

Jared Glendowne of Newbern and Lacee North of Dyersburg are among the students who recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Glendowne is involved in programming competitions. North is a member of Pi Sigma Epsilon and Chi Omega and a senator of the Student Activities Council.

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Jodi Keeling of Newbern received the Outstanding Social Work Student Award. Heather McLean of Newbern received the Sam and Gladys Siegel Agricultural Award. The award is presented to a student in the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources on the basis of leadership or professional competence in some field of agriculture and leadership ability.

HIP-HOP DANCE CLASS

6 p.m. Tuesdays at UT Martin. The first class is free, so anyone interested may try it. The instructor is Marcus Collins, a professional hip-hop instructor, dancer and choreographer. Registration fee: $35 per month or $10 for a single class. To register, call (901) 482-5199 or 881-7082 or drop by ECCE at 110 Gooch Hall on the UT Martin campus.
SOAR helps freshmen to prepare

Incoming freshmen who plan to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin during the fall semester can get prepared for college life by attending one of the Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) programs. SOAR dates have been scheduled for June 21-22 and July 20-21. Check-in is set for 3 p.m. at Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

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

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

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

Administrative offices will be open and students and parents will get additional time to tour the campus and visit with UT Martin personnel in housing, admissions and financial aid.

In order to attend, students must have applied for admission and received a tentative or final acceptance letter. Advance SOAR registration is required.

For more information or to register, call the office of admissions at 1-800-829-UTM1 or (731) 881-7027. Online registration is also available at www.utm.edu.

COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP — The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The career day consisted of a banquet, keynote speaker, award presentation and career fair. Kaitlyn France, a student at Westview High School, received a Communications Department Freshman Scholarship.

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PACER AWARD — The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The career day consisted of a banquet, keynote speaker, award presentation and career fair. The entire Pacer staff received the Pacer Award. Staff members are (front, from left) Sara McIntosh; Laura Beth Griffin; Tomi Parrish, instructor of communications; Elizabeth Watts; David Hampton; (back, from left) Eric White; Will York; Rachel Rogers; Holly Perry; Rebecca Gray; Jon-Michael St. Amant; Allie Thomas; and Matt Cook.

Jamie Price of Germantown received an Intercollegiate Athletics Student-Athlete Award for soccer during the 43rd annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award recognizes student-athletes who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership in and out of the athletic venue. Her parents are Sam and Kathy Price.

Harry Bond of the Germantown area received a WLJT Scholarship during the annual Communications Career Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The day honored the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. WLJT is a public television station. Bond's parents are Sandra Bond and Harry Bond Jr.

Reed Center seminar offers business advice

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center will offer “Utilizing the Small Business Administration for Business Success,” 9-11 a.m., May 22. The free seminar will be held at the Obion County Industrial Training Center, 204 S. Second St., Union City.

This program provides information on SBA loans and financing opportunities available through the U.S. Small Business Administration. Instructor is Saundra Jackson, SBA, senior area manager.

Register online at www.utm.edu/reed or by calling the Obion County Chamber of Commerce at (731) 885-0211 or the UT Martin REED Center at 587-7335.

The UT Martin REED Center is a service of the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and the Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Free Enterprise.

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‘Read Aloud Celebration’ set for June 8 in Union City

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and the Obion County Public Library in Union City will sponsor a “Read Aloud Celebration” June 8 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Union City Civic Auditorium.

This event is free of charge and open to teachers, parents and students.

Lunch will be provided by the Northwest Association for the Education of Young Children and there will be door prizes. The deadline to register is May 31.

Presenters will include Dr. Jinx Watson, associate professor in the School of Information Science at UT-Knoxville.

Dr. Watson worked for 30 years in the Massachusetts and Oak Ridge public school systems and she also taught children’s literature at several universities, including Harvard, before coming to UT. She began teaching for UT-Knoxville’s School of Information Services in 1984 as a lecturer. In 1990, she left to obtain her doctorate degree at Peabody College at Vanderbilt University and returned to SIS as an assistant professor in 1996. She co-founded the Center for Children’s and Young Adult Literature at UT Knoxville Hodges Library in 1999.

Also serving as a presenter will be Mary Serrett, an American Library Association “Every Child Ready to Read” trainer and Memphis Public Library youth services coordinator. She taught in Shelby County schools and directed the Lipman Early Childhood School and Research Institute at the University of Memphis before coming to the library. In 1995, she developed the program “Training Wheels.” She is a Fulbright senior specialist, has conducted early literacy and dialogic reading workshops in Ladakh, India, in the eastern Himalayas, and is an advocate and trainer for Every Child Ready to Read @ your library®.

Program participants will receive 7 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

To register, call (731) 881-7082. For more information, contact the Obion County Public Library at 885-7000.

UT Martin to honor veterans

Capt. Tim Roberts of Nashville, former commander of the 913th Engineer Company of the Tennessee Army National Guard in Union City, will be the guest speaker at the seventh annual Memorial Day Commemoration at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The event is scheduled for May 25 at 9 a.m. 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.

Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton of Union City, UT Martin professor of military science, will serve as master of ceremonies. The national anthem will be performed by UT Martin senior Kim Kraft and the invocation will be given by Vietnam veteran and chaplain Mace Jett Jr.

UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Nick Dunagan, a retired colonel in the Tennessee Army National Guard, will welcome guests and Dennis Kosta, UT Martin supervisor of custodial services, will give the benediction. The Tennessee Army 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 of charge 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.

Yoga returning to UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering “Yoga — All Levels” from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays, starting next week and continuing through June 26.

The fee is $55 and the instructor is Ken Zimmerman.

The course is designed to fit participants’ needs whether or not they’ve studied yoga before. Zimmerman, a nationally-certified yoga teacher, will guide them through the ancient practice at a level tailored to serve each individual.

Yoga can aid strength, endurance and flexibility, as well as increase energy.

Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and in bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights).

To register, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.
Former professor honored at annual Nurses Day Banquet

By Billie Kennett

In a special tribute to Mrs. Evelyn Harper, retired associate professor of the University of Tennessee at Martin, RN, MSN Nursing education, a reception was enjoyed by friends, associate professors, former students and Sigma Theta Tau local chapter Pi Tau nurses.

The award of Nurse of the Year was presented by Harper’s colleague of 50 years, Ms. Margie Dillon, retired associate professor, who proclaimed Harper to have been the most influential nurse educator to have arrived in Martin in 1921. She literally brought the newly started nursing program into being and was successful in developing the curriculum and a program that was the seed of a very successful nursing program to UT Martin.

Many nurses were present of the 500 nurses she was to have taught during her tenure.

She was appointed professor and chairman of the Department of Nursing in 1979 and guided the department to renewal of NLN accreditation for eight years. In 1983, she was appointed associate professor emeritus. In addition to this honor, she was recognized for her service to the country as a member of the Navy Nurse Corps during World War II in 1944 in California admitting wounded servicemen.

There, she met her husband of 60 years, Mr. Ed Harper, a hospital administrator.

At the reception, she stated, “I never met a student I didn’t like.” There were many testimonies from her former students.

Other honors were presented to the Friend of Nursing winner, Baptist Memorial Hospital of Union City. Hospital Administrator Don Hudson and Director of Nursing Services James Caldwell accepted this honor.

They have welcomed UT Martin nursing students, employed numerous graduates and recognized their great value.

In addition, a posthumous award for contributing to the nursing profession was presented to the family of Darlene Hayes.

She was a very beloved part of the success as TNA’s annual recognition of nurses. She was a dedicated reporter and photographer for The Union City Daily Messenger.
UTM hosts two Governor’s Schools

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 credits during the summer programs.

Students in the humanities program will arrive on campus June 3 and will depart July 6, while the agricultural sciences students arrive on May 27 and depart on June 29.

The Tennessee Governor’s School for the Humanities, located on the UT Martin campus since 1985, will host 85 students, while the fourth Tennessee Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences—one of four in the nation—has 34 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 Shannon 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 Smartt, 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 tablet 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. Also, students will be exposed to the manufacturing process for biofuels to include biodiesel and ethanol. Scholars will be able to manufacture the fuel in the biofuels laboratory from selected biomass materials and actually utilize the fuels in laboratory engines.

“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. A highlight for this year’s class is a field trip to Chicago, Ill., to visit the Chicago Board of Trade and other agribusiness enterprises.”

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 the brightest” fellow students in Tennessee.

“We believe the Tennessee Governor’s School for the Humanities is the most extraordinary academic experience you can have as a high school student, and our outstanding faculty do everything they can to create a challenging, engaging environment in which the scholars can further develop their intellectual abilities,” said Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for student affairs and governor’s school director.

OUTSTANDING INTERIOR DESIGN AWARD — Amy Brundige, of Martin, received the Outstanding Interior Design Student Award at the 19th annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Lisa LeBlon, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

SUPERIOR CADET AWARD — Michael Maggard, of Greenfield, received the Freshman (Military Science I) Superior Cadet Award at the 19th annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Lt. Col. Janet Kirtton, professor of military science.
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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is a sisterhood of black college educated women committed to public service. Founded in 1913 at Howard University in Washington, D.C., the organization is dedicated to a program of sharing membership skills and organizational services in the public interest. Delta's members strive to demonstrate a vital concern for economic involvement, educational awareness and involvement, political awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and international awareness and involvement.

WIN AWARDS — Shannon Ary, of Martin, received the Pre-Professional and Graduate Student Group/ American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Outstanding Senior Award and the Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Education Student Award at the 19th annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet.
Alumnus inducted into ROTC Hall of Fame

Maj. Gen. Fred “Doug” Robinson Jr., Bolivar native, recently was inducted into the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC Hall of Fame.

“A shining example of what University of Tennessee at Martin graduates can accomplish, Maj. Gen. Robinson was an inspiration to us all,” said Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, professor of military science. “Articulate, candid and pragmatic, Maj. Gen. Robinson spent several hours with the cadets answering their questions and talking about officerhip, character and the current Army culture. He is exactly the type of leader, mentor and role model I would want cadets and cadre alike to emulate.”

His military education includes the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; the Army Command and General Staff College, and the National War College. He has a bachelor of science degree in engineering technology with specialty in mechanical engineering technology from the University of Tennessee at Martin; a master's degrees in systems engineering from Memphis State University and National Security and Strategic Studies from the National Defense University. He was commissioned a second lieutenant. His first assignment was as a platoon leader with A Troop, 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas. This was followed by assignments as A Troop’s executive officer and the support platoon leader of the squadron.

Over the course of his career, his assignments have included commander A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division, U.S. Army Europe; executive officer, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor, 3rd Infantry Division, DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM; commander, 3rd Battalion, 64th Armor, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.; deputy director for operations, National Military Command Center; commanding general, United States Army Operation Test Command, Ft. Hood, assistant division commander for maneuver, 1st Armored Division and director of operations, readiness and mobilization, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3/57; and most recently served as commanding general of the 1st Armored Division, U.S. Army Europe. Robinson is en route to become the commanding general of the Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

ROTC HALL OF FAME — Maj. Gen. Fred “Doug” Robinson Jr., center, a Bolivar native, recently was inducted into the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC Hall of Fame. With him at the ceremony are, Dr. Thomas A. Rakes, left, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, professor of military science and leadership.

Robinson's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster; the Defense Superior Service Medal; the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters; the Bronze Star Medal; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters; the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster; the National Defense Service Medal; the Southwest Asia Service Medal; the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia); the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait); the Parachutist Badge; the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

He and his wife, Reva (who also is from Bolivar), have two children; Megan Robinson Smith, a graduate of the University of Kansas and now living in Kansas City; and Matt, who is a sophomore at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville majoring in engineering.

Graduates encouraged to nurture connections

To say that Anne Meek has connections to the University of Tennessee Martin is an understatement. Her father, Paul Meek, was the institution's leader from 1934 to 1967. The library bears his name. Two students, Selena DeSantis, of Martin, and Jeremy Doggett, of Pulaski, were recognized with Paul and Martha Meek Leadership Awards in May.

Anne Meek received a bachelor's degree from UT Martin. She urged a record number of UT Martin graduates to nurture all their connections as they request recommendations, seek jobs, raise families and move through life. She had numerous connections to the 2007 commencement ceremony.

Graduate Lindsey Holder's great-great-great-great-grandfather, Alexander Ralston, was responsible for attracting the Meek family to Weakley County more than 150 years ago.

Graduating senior Jada Lynn Callis' grandfather, Hobart Beale, was one of Meek's favorite people in seventh grade. Mallory Morris, Suzanne Meek Powers' soon-to-be daughter-in-law, was among the graduates. Powers, Meek's cousin, received her diploma from Paul Meek at his final commencement. Chancellor Nick Dunagan's father, Horace Dunagan, came to UT Junior College in 1946. He and Paul Meek became lifelong friends.
**Bunn Takes Order of the Engineer Oath**

MARTIN (May 17) 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 Jeffrey Bunn of McKenzie. Making the presentation was Dr. Doug Sterrett, left, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences dean, and Dr. Richard Helgeson, Department of Engineering chair.

**Fall workshop gets teachers in the groove**

Still looking for the right groove in teaching? Join West Tennessee Writing Project participants as they find the rhythm again in this year's annual fall workshop for all teachers.

The workshop, "Every Child Has a Song (and Every Teacher Too): Music and Writing in Every Classroom," is a workshop for all teachers, all grades and all subjects. Slated for 8:30-3:30 p.m., Aug. 18, in the Fine Arts Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin, preregistration is $45; after Aug. 11, $55. The cost for new teachers (less than two years) is $35.

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

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

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

WTWP is a site of the National Writing Project and one of two such sites in Tennessee. For more information, contact wtp@utm.edu, or visit the Web site, www.utm.edu/wtp.

**STATE GAZETTE/WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007**

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"I am so proud of all of our members. We have definitely made history continuing our legacy as trailblazers," said the chapter's first president, Deborah Boyd.

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SOAR to help UTM students prepare for fall

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

SOAR dates have been scheduled for:
- Thursday and Friday, June 21-22;
- Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21.

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

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

Administrative offices will be open and students and parents will get additional time to tour the campus and visit with UT Martin personnel in housing, admissions and financial aid.

In order to attend SOAR, students must have applied for admission and received a tentative or final acceptance letter. Advance SOAR registration is required. For more information about SOAR, or to register, call the office of admissions toll free at 1-800-829-UTM1 or (731) 881-7027. Online registration is also available at www.utm.edu.
The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) recently honored five West Tennessee residents during its sixth annual awards ceremony. The event was hosted to honor individuals, both on and off campus, who have made extraordinary contributions to UT Martin off-campus and continuing education offerings during the past year.

"ECCE has had tremendous growth in recent years and has played a major role in expanding UT Martin's footprint in West Tennessee," said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. "Our single goal is to grow the educational opportunities for our citizens. West Tennessee must enhance the education level of its workforce, and I sincerely appreciate what our ECCE staff members are doing to make this happen."

All awards were announced by Bill Duffy, ECCE executive director, and presented by Chancellor Dunagan. This year's honorees included the following people:

Brent Cox is a lecturer in the Department of History and Philosophy at UT Martin. He has been a UT Martin faculty member since 1999 and started teaching for the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer. Prior to UT Martin, he worked as a salesman. He received a Bachelor's degree in history at UT Martin and a Master's degree in history at the University of Memphis. He and his wife, Susan, have three children.

"Brent is the 'workhorse' of dual-credit," said Duffy. "He does a fantastic job teaching five or six sections each semester, and he never complains about the workload. He always adjusts his schedule to work with everybody. Brent works great with both the high school faculty and students, and he is always looking for new opportunities." Duffy added, "Just recently, he was instrumental in securing faculty to teach in high schools in the Memphis area. Brent also invites all of his history students to participate in Native American Day at UT Martin each year."

Keon Falkner is the administrator/CEO of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Lauderdale County. He has served in many capacities for Baptist Memorial Corporation, which is based in Memphis. He received a Bachelor's degree in business administration at Fogleman College of Business and Economics at the University of Memphis and a master's degree in health administration at Washington University School of Medicine at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

"Keon grabbed the reins and took charge to establish the first Lauderdale County Dual-Credit Scholarship program," said Duffy. "In just two weeks, he raised more than $7,000 for dual-credit students at Halls and Ripley high schools. He continues to be a key leader involved with the UT Martin Ripley Center Higher Education Committee and a tremendous supporter of the center and its goals."

Kara Hooper is a UT Martin university publications coordinator, a post she has held for five years. Prior to UT Martin, she worked as a graphic designer at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin. She also worked with the Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program of the University of Wisconsin. Hooper earned an undergraduate degree in English from Rhodes College in Memphis and a graduate degree in public communications from American University, Washington, D.C. She and her partner have been together for 18 years.

"Kara prepares all of her brochures and flyers with creativity and a timely manner," Duffy said. "In addition, she prepares all ECCE paid advertisements. In 2006, Kara developed 62 brochures for ECCE, in addition to 27 ads."

Dr. Johnny L. Mattox is chair of the Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences and an adjunct professor of Biology at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi. Previously, he was an instructor of biological sciences at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville, Mississippi. He has been teaching at the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer since the fall of 2000. Mattox earned an associate's degree at Northeast Mississippi Community College and bachelor's and master's degrees and doctorate at the University of Mississippi. He and his wife, Jean, have three children.

"Dr. Mattox is our biology, microbiology, and anatomy and physiology instructor. He has been with us for years and consistently challenges our students," said Duffy. "He also has referred many instructors to teach at the Selmer center."

Bob Moseley worked as an information technology consultant in UT Martin Information Technology Services from 1999-01. He taught computer science courses from 2001-03 and has been the video conferencing distance-learning support since 2003. Prior to UT Martin, he worked at a family hardware, furniture and appliance business in Greenfield. He earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in electrical engineering at Rice University in Texas. He is married to Alaine and has three stepdaughters.

"Bob is the glue that holds our distance-learning classes and meetings together," Duffy said. "He is invariably patient, pleasant, methodical and, most of all, gets the job done. He is skilled in working with diverse entities - K-12 technology directors, faculty, staff and fellow technology experts within EDNET. Bob is a creative problem-solver. He does a wonderful job communicating with the non-techies in the world."
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A groundbreaking ceremony was conducted on April 25 to mark the official start of construction of Phase II of the apartment-style housing at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Located on the site of McCord Residence Hall, three four-story buildings, with controlled access, will accommodate approximately 400 freshmen. The complex will feature four-bedroom floor plans with shared efficiency kitchens, living room, washer and dryer. The new complex is scheduled to open fall 2008. The complex was designed by TLM Associates, Inc., of Jackson, and Lyle, Cook, Martin, of Clarksville, in a joint venture. Total project cost is $28 million. Helping to "break ground" are, from left, Mark White, vice president of A&K Construction, Inc., Paducah, Kentucky; Lane Lyle, president of Lyle, Cook, Martin, of Clarksville; Frank Wagster, vice president of TLM Associates, Inc., of Jackson; Tim Nipp, UT Martin director of physical plant; James Orr, Student Government Association president; Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor; Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president; Randy Brundige, Martin mayor; Earl Wright, UT Martin director of student housing; John Schommer, UT Martin Faculty Senate president; and Howard Carman, engineer with UT Facilities Administration.

Mansfield recognized at UTM Communications Career Day

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The career day consisted of a banquet, keynote speaker, award presentation and career fair. Ashley Mansfield, of Dresden, received the Chairman's Outstanding Visual Communications Senior Award. Pictured are, from left, Mansfield and Dr. Robert Nanney, chair of communications.
The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication in the Spring 2007 Dean’s Lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Public Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

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

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

Students from Weakley County on the dean’s list this semester include:

Dresden - Gary D. Anderson with highest honors, Zachary O. Baker with highest honors, Carol P. Barker with highest honors, Jarrod T. Bonar with honors, George N. Browning with high honors, Terry L. Browning with honors, Alexander J. Bynum with high honors, Ashley J. Cantrell with highest honors, Kristin N. Copeland with high honors, Adam S. Corum with honors, Cristy L. Cranick with highest honors, Betheny N. Dane with high honors, Justin N. Davidson with high honors, Holly H. Doster with high honors, Wendy D. Eliott with honors, Boyd J. Erwin with highest honors, Tiphanie M. Erwin with high honors, Mandi M. Essary with high honors, Terry W. Evans with honors, Jessica L. Houston with high honors, Justin A. Hutcherson with honors, Katie L. Kelley with highest honors, Lance S. Legons with high honors, James C. Levister with honors, Travis L. Lewis with honors, Ashley L. Mansfield with highest honors, Rebecca L. McCullough with highest honors, Jessica M. Neisler with highest honors, Shannon B. Parker with honors, Scarlett L. Reynold with honors, Tammy L. Rose with honors, Jennifer B. Shaffer with honors, Gregory S. Shobe with honors, Rachel A. Stout with highest honors, Matthew A. Thomas with highest honors, Andrew F. Wade with high honors, James B. Whaley with honors.

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Greenfield - Clint A. Ary with highest honors, Kristopher S. Cantrell with highest honors, Adam G. Dowland with honors, Celsye P. Engler with high honors, Shelley C. Feaster with honors, Velvet C. Garner with highest honors, Samuel A. Hollis with honors, Jerry A. Lewis with highest honors, Michael C. Maggard with honors, Robert L. McCaul with highest honors, Emily L. Melting with high honors, Michelle M. Melting with highest honors, Candace A. Robinson with high honors, Chadwick T. Robinson with high honors, Jonathan C. Shepherd with highest honors.

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Martin - Abdulla Abdulla with honors, Kassi L. Abney with highest honors, Bethany C. Adam with highest honors, E. Adkins with highest honors, Ali Aljabrabad with highest honors, Sadiq Alhuanwadi with highest honors, Hassan Almansoor with highest honors, Joseph S. Anderson with high honors, Gustavo A. Anzola with high honors, Shannon M. Ary with highest honors, Gara A. Barlow with high honors, Dustin M. Barner with honors, Brandi A. Barrigher with honors, David P. Bartsch with high honors, Brandon N. Beck with highest honors, Christopher N. Bell with highest honors, Julie A. Bell with highest honors, Jeana L. Berry with high honors, Mark W. Bird with high honors, Mary Margaret M. Boyd with highest honors, Michelle C. Brasel with highest honors, Jessica K. Breeden with highest honors, Christopher E. Brewer with honors, Pamela K. Bridges with high honors, John S. Britton with highest honors, Jennifer L. Brooks with high honors, Kyle H. Brooks with high honors, Amy B. Brundige with high honors, Bradley A. Bugg with highest honors, Hannah S. Burcham with high honors, Clarice N. Callison with highest honors, Cornelius A. Capps with honors, Candide B. Carter with highest honors, Christopher C. Cathey with highest honors, Kayla A. Cazeneuve with honors, Adam M. Chitwood with honors, Shawn A. Coleman with highest honors, John A. Collins with highest honors, Matthew R. Cook with highest honors, Rebecca M. Cooper with highest honors, Darren N. Crowder with highest honors, Richelle L. Daniels with honors, Phillip L. Darnall with high honors, Cory S. Davis with high honors, Selena E. DeSantis with high honors, Michael L. Dobson with high honors, Misty L. Dunlap with highest honors, James C. Eisterhold with highest honors, Andrew C. Evans with high honors, Jason A. Evans with honors, Mancel C. Fincher with high honors, Sherree E. Finney with highest honors, Kimberly D. Foley with high honors, Shawn D. Fread with high honors, Samuel R. Freeman with high honors, Victor O. Fulton with honors, Christopher R. Garner with honors, Sherrif A. Gholson with high honors, Jennifer E. Gill with high honors, Lacie E. Glover with highest honors, Matthew H. Grimm with highest honors, Amy V. Hall with honors, Europe L. Hall with high honors, Cassandra L. Hamilton with high honors, Justin S. Hanson with honors, Grant R. Harper with high honors, Angela K. Harris with honors, Walter R. Harris with honors, Ryan S. Harrison with highest honors, Jim B. Hatchel with highest honors, Stacie E. Hawks with highest honors, Bethany N. Hazelwood with high honors, Laura L. Hensley with highest honors, Sarah Hensley with honors, Thomas H. Hester with honors, Rebecca K. Hinds with highest honors, Margaret A. Hinson with high honors, Joanna R. Hite with highest honors, Hae Ho with highest honors, Amelia D. Hollenberg with honors, Tara M. Holmes with honors, Carah L. Hooten with highest honors, Bethany L. Hummer with highest honors, Emily A. Hunt with highest honors, Sarah R. Hunter with honors, Tiffany A. Hurt with honors, Jaime A. Jones of highest honors, Eddy H. Kang with honors, Theresa L. Kimmy with highest honors, Amelia S. Kosta with high honors, Lauren N. Kozlowski with high honors, Kimberly S. Kraft with honors, Daniel Krywawyczzenko with highest honors, Amy Kurrelmeyer with high honors, Chanda D. Lammers with high honors,

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Michael Maggard, of Greenfield, received the Freshman (Military Science I) Superior Cadet Award at the 19th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, professor of military science.

Dorothy Norton classroom named

As part of the 2007 University of Tennessee at Martin Communications Career Day, the late Dorothy Norton, long-time UT Martin professor, had a classroom named in her memory. Chancellor Nick Dunagan noted Norton as being precise, passionate and committed to students and UT Martin. Present to commemorate Norton's room, Room 311 in Gooch Hall, were, pictured from left: Dr. Robert Nanney, chair of communications, Robert Norton, her husband, and Ron Norton, her son.
‘Survival Kit for New Teachers’ new ECCE offering

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

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

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

“A lot of new teachers want to give 110 percent on the job, but they get overwhelmed with all the details,” says Birch. “I’ll show them how to sweat only the most important things and handle the rest with confidence, creativity and grace.”

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

Students can take “Survival Kit for New Teachers” from the convenience of home or office, and at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course, visit the ECCE Web site at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/online-courses.php.

Ary honored at UTM College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet

Clint Ary, of Greenfield, received the Outstanding Agricultural Science Student Award at the 19th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Students receive Leadership Awards from UT Martin

Two Paul and Martha Meek Awards were presented at the recent commencement exercises at the University of Tennessee at Martin. David Belote, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, announced the awards, which are the only awards presented during commencement exercises. All other awards are presented during honors day. The Meek Award is a cash award given to graduating seniors who demonstrate outstanding qualities of leadership while at UT Martin. The award is made possible by the children of Paul and Martha Meek. Pictured with Belote, center, are: Jeremy Doggett, of Pulaski, and Selena DeSantis, of Martin.
Bell receives Carl Seale Student Teacher Award

The recipient of the University of Tennessee at Martin Carl Seale Student Teacher Award for spring semester 2007 is Dana Bell. The Carl Seale Student Teacher Award is given in memory of Dr. Carl Seale, who served the university from 1971 to 1992 in numerous capacities. The recipients are chosen by the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Scholarship Selection Committee from students with a major in education/teacher licensure, who have been nominated for exhibiting exceptional classroom instruction, excellence in classroom management, professionalism and potential for leadership in the teaching profession. The presentation of the award was made at the recent student teacher recognition reception held at the Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus. Pictured from left to right are: Susan Steele-Woods, of Camden Jr. High School, cooperating teacher; Bell, Carl Seale Student Teaching Award recipient; and Diane Shaw, assistant professor of art.

YMBC Scholarship established

A $50,000 scholarship endowment has been established at the University of Tennessee at Martin by the Young Men's Business Club with proceeds from the sale of the club-owned land to Weakley Farmers Co-op when the club dissolved. Even though the club ceased to exist, the legacy of work and service can continue at UT Martin. First priority for these awards will be made to the dependents of those families who had membership in the YMBC. Making the endowment presentation to Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, center, are, from left, David Tuck, Bill Harrison, Johnny Tuck and Larry Damron. To apply for this scholarship, please contact the UT Martin Development Office at 731-881-7628.
UT Martin teacher education reaccredited by national council

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

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

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

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

"I am very proud of the notification that our teacher education programs, both initial and advanced are reaccredited by NCATE," said Dr. Mary Lee Hall, dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. "The process of accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education validates the rigor of our teacher-education programs."

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

Local students receive Pacer Award

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The career day consisted of a banquet, keynote speaker, award presentation and career fair. The entire Pacer staff received the Pacer Award. Pictured are, from left, front row: Sara McIntosh; Laura Beth Griffin; Tomi Parrish, instructor of communications; Elizabeth Watts; David Hampton; back row: Eric White; Will York; Rachel Rogers; Holly Perry; Rebecca Gray; Jan-Michael St. Amant; Allie Thomas; and Matt Cook.
Local students receive Who's Who honor at UT Martin

Ross Moore, of Bethel Springs, recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. Moore is National AMA president and he is involved in the Student Activities Council and the Peer Enabling Program.

The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Jerald Ogg, left, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, presented the award. Pictured with them is Lauren Witty, right, Lead Academy facilitator.

Sheila Hurst, of Bethel Springs, recently received the Faculty Women's Club Scholarship Award during the 43rd annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award of $500 is given in recognition of the academic excellence of students who have achieved senior status. Selection is based primarily on academic achievement, financial need, citizenship and leadership.
Local students recognized at UT Martin Communications Career Day

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Area student honored at UT Martin College

Ross Moore of Bethel Springs received the Outstanding Agricultural Business Student Award at the 19th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Emergency TXT messaging system being used at UTM, other schools

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

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

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

Following the tragedy, UTM’s ITS staff members Terry Lewis, Andy Rivers, Bruce Harrison, Ken Blankenship, Brenda Wright, Larry Holder, Mark McAlpin, Roger Elmore and Burgin reviewed the alternatives to quickly reach students, faculty and staff. They considered logistics, process, cost, implementation time and impact, with a goal of quickly providing a method of sending emergency TXT messages.

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

"The program source code was offered free of charge to other schools, who also use Banner for their student database," Holder said. "The software sharing offer received an overwhelming response from universities across the U.S. and Canada."

Of these, Eastern Kentucky University officials recently reported successful testing of the feature, sending a TXT message to more than 1,700 cell phone users on their campus.

Recently, the system was tested with the 600 initial subscribers on the UT Martin campus. A subsequent test is planned after

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"The test was a great success as the message was received by most subscribers in less than two minutes," said Scott Robbins, Department of Public Safety director. "Having a communication tool like this in place will be very valuable if we ever have an emergency situation on campus. I'm appreciative to all the ITS members who got this in place in such a quick time."
Emily Clark of South Fulton recently received the Outstanding Communications Student Award at the 19th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

STUDENT RECOGNIZED — Jared Barnes of Union City recently received the Outstanding Biology Major Student during the 43rd annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

HONOURED AT UTM — Beverly Canale of Union City recently received the Outstanding University Studies Student during the 43rd annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

TROY HONOREE — Emily Kendall of Troy recently received the George and Ruth Horton Curricula Award in humanities during the 43rd annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The awards, of at least $250 each, are presented to the pre-health sophomore who has the highest academic average and the humanities sophomore with the highest academic average.

New teacher ‘survival kit’ is newest ECCE offering

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“A lot of new teachers want to give 110 percent on the job, but they get overwhelmed with all the details,” Birch said. “I’ll show them how to sweat only the most important things and handle the rest with confidence, creativity and grace.”

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

Students can take “Survival Kit for New Teachers” from the convenience of home or office and at any time of the day or night.

For more information about the course, visit the ECCE online site at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinenewteachers.php.

Workshop gets teachers ‘in the groove’

Still looking for the right groove in teaching? Join West Tennessee Writing Project participants as they find the rhythm again in this year’s annual fall workshop for all teachers.

The workshop, “Every Child Has a Song (and Every Teacher Too): Music and Writing in Every Classroom,” is a workshop for all teachers, all grades and all subjects. Slated for 8:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 18 in the Fine Arts Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin, pre-registration fee is $45; after Aug. 1, $55.

The cost for new teachers (less than two years) is $30.


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

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STUDENT HONORED — Whitney Angel (right) of Union City received the Outstanding Dietetics Student Award recently at the 19th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Lisa LeBleu, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

TROY STUDENT HONORED — Laura Beth Griffin (third from left) of Troy received the Dorotha Norton Scholarship during the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications’ recent annual Communications Career Day, which honored the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The career day consisted of a banquet, keynote speaker, award presentations and career fair. Among those on hand for the presentation were (from left) Robert Norton, who is Mrs. Norton’s husband; Ron Norton, who is Mrs. Norton’s son; and Teresa Collard, instructor of communications.

Young writers being sought for activity

Budding poets, flourishing storytellers and future authors are invited to the Young Writers Summer Camp 9 a.m.-noon June 18-22 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Deadline to register for the camp, sponsored by West Tennessee Writing Project, is June 4.

Camp teachers will give participants, regardless of skill level, the opportunity to compose in a variety of styles, become more confident in their own writing ability and learn to appreciate the ability of others. There will be writing workshops, mini-lessons on content and editing strategies, writing response groups and one-to-one conferences with WTWP teachers.

Registration is $70, which includes a T-shirt, writing notebook and an anthology of writing by campers. Register online at http://www.utm.edu/Departments/ecce/youthwriting/writingreg.php or by calling the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at (731) 881-7082 or 1-800-482-5199.

For more information, visit the WTWP Web site at www.utm.edu/wtwp or e-mail Brittan Sutherland, Summer Camp program director, at sutherlandb@k12tn.net.
EARNED SCHOLARSHIP — Tramel Kerney (second from left) of Fulton received a WLJT Scholarship during the recent Communications Career Day sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications. The annual event honors the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The career day consisted of a banquet, keynote speaker, award presentation and career fair. Among those on hand for the scholarship presentation were Dave Hinman (left), WLJT general manager; and Cassie Keaton and Harry Bond, also WLJT Scholarship recipients.

PACER STAFF HONORED — The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students, with the entire staff of The Pacer, the student newspaper of UT Martin, receiving the Pacer Award. Among those on hand for the presentation were (from left, front row) Sara McIntosh; Laura Beth Griffin; Tomi Parrish, instructor of communications; Elizabeth Watts; David Hampton; (back row) Eric White; Will York; Rachel Rogers; Holly Perry; Rebecca Gray; Jon-Michael St. Amant; Allie Thomas; and Matt Cook.

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The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. Pictured are, from left, Dave Hinman, WLJТ general manager; Tramel Kerney, WLJТ Scholarship recipient; Cassie Keaton; and Bond, WLJТ Scholarship recipient.

Sarah Dublin, of Wingo, received the Outstanding Child and Family Studies Students Award at the 19th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Lisa LeBlanc, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. Jordan Tinkle, of Fulton, received the M. Sue Kahle Excellence in Leadership Award and WUTM Staff Award for his three-year service as program director. Tinkle also was recognized for his temporary role as the "voice of the Skyhawks." Pictured, from left, are Richard Robinson, instructor of communications and Tinkle.
The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The entire Pacer staff received the Pacer Award. Pictured are, from left, front row: Sara McIntosh; Laura Beth Griffin; Tomi Parrish, instructor of communications; Elizabeth Watts of South Fulton; David Hampton; back row: Eric White; Will York; Rachel Rogers; Holly Perry; Rebecca Gray; Jon-Michael St. Amant; Allie Thomas; and Matt Cook.

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. Kady Elliott, of South Fulton, received a Women and Men in Communications Award. Pictured are, from left, Elliott and Teresa Collard, instructor of communications.

S.O.A.R. to help students prepare for fall semester

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

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

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

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

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

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

Administrative offices will be open and students and parents will get additional time to tour the campus and visit with UT Martin personnel in housing, admissions and financial aid.

In order to attend S.O.A.R., students must have applied for admission and received a tentative or final acceptance letter. Advance S.O.A.R. registration is required. For more information about S.O.A.R., or to register, call the office of admissions toll free at 1-800-829-UTM1 or (731) 881-7027. Online registration is also available at www.utm.edu.
CLASSROOM NAMED — As part of the 2007 University of Tennessee at Martin Communications Career Day, the late Dorothea Norton, long-time UT Martin professor, had a classroom named in her memory. Chancellor Nick Dunagan noted Norton as being precise, passionate and committed to students and UT Martin. Present to commemorate Mrs. Norton's room, Room 311 in Gooch Hall, were (from left) Dr. Robert Nanney, chair of communications; Robert Norton, her husband; and Ron Norton, her son.

KENTON STUDENT HONORED — Emily Davis (center) of Kenton recently received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who Awards Ceremony. She is a member of the Future Farmers of America and the UT Martin Cattleman's Association. The Who's Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Also on hand for the award presentation were Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, and Lauren Witty, Lead Academy facilitator.
UT Martin set to host Governor’s Schools

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 3 and depart June 6, while the agricultural sciences students arrive May 27 and depart June 29.

The Tennessee Governor’s School for the Humanities, located on the UT Martin campus since 1985, will host 85 students, while the fourth Tennessee Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences — one of four in the nation — has 34 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 Shannon 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 Smartt, 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 tablet 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.

Also, students will be exposed to the manufacturing process for biofuels to include biodiesel and ethanol. Scholars are able to manufacture the fuel in the biofuels laboratory from selected biomass materials and actually utilize the fuels in laboratory engines.

“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. A highlight for this year’s class is a field trip to Chicago, Illinois, to visit the Chicago Board of Trade and other agribusiness enterprises.”

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 the brightest” fellow students in Tennessee.

STUDENT RECOGNIZED — Kady Elliott (left) of South Fulton received a Women and Men in Communications Award during the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications’ recent annual Communications Career Day, held to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The presentation was made by Teresa Collard, instructor of communications. The career day consisted of a banquet, keynote speaker, award presentations and a career fair.

COMPLETES INTERNSHIP — Laura Beth Gray (left) of Union City has participated in a graduate-level dietetic internship through the University of Tennessee at Martin. She completed her rotations at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Desoto in Southaven, Miss., and Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City. She will soon be eligible to take the examination for registered dietitians. She is the daughter of Elizabeth Gray and the late Michael G. Gray of Union City. Miss Gray was presented with a dietetic internship participation certificate by Lori Littleton, director of the dietetic internship program at UT Martin.
OC library director leaving for UTM job

The Obion County Public Library’s loss is the University of Tennessee at Martin’s gain.

Mary Carpenter—who has been director of Obion County’s library since July 1999—has accepted a position as director of the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Paul Meek Library.

She will begin work July 1 at UT Martin.

“We are pleased to have Mary Carpenter join the staff of the library because of her extensive experience with the public library system in Union City, as well as a number of years working on campus,” said Thomas A. Rakes, UT Martin provost/vicerector for academic affairs and chancellor-elect. “Her enthusiasm for her work and her true interest in helping others will benefit students.”

Mrs. Carpenter said the decision to move to the UT Martin library was “a difficult decision to make,” as well as “a bittersweet decision.” She said it has been incredible to see the transformation at the Obion County Public Library over the past several years and she said the library has a “fabulous staff” with whom she has been privileged to serve.

“There’s just no other community like Obion County,” she said. “I’m a lifetime member of the Friends of the Obion County Public Library.”

During Mrs. Carpenter’s tenure as director of the Obion County Public Library, over $5.5 million was raised for the construction of the county’s new 30,000-square-foot library on East Reelfoot Avenue in Union City. From the time she took over in 1999 through 2006, the library’s budget increased from $215,414 to $536,937; full-time equivalency staff increased from six to 13; attendance increased from 51,012 to 116,195; and programs increased from seven to 291, according to her résumé.

She said one of the things she has been most thrilled to see is the amount of programming now offered to the community since the library moved from its old building on South First (See Page 16, Col. 1)

MEMORIAL DAY
GIVING THEIR ALL IN WAR ON TERROR

Marine
Captain Brent Morel, 27,
Bartlett. Died April 7, 2004; a graduate of Bartlett High and University of Tennessee-Martin.

Phi Mu International Library Science Honor Society, the University of Alabama Library School Association, the Tennessee County Literacy Council, the Review Club of Union City, the Obion County Chamber of Commerce’s Three-Star Community Committee and Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City’s Indigent Care Fund Board.

She and her husband, Bob Carpenter, also a UT Martin graduate, are the parents of twin daughters, Libby and Molly.

Upon Mrs. Carpenter’s departure from the Obion County Library, assistant library director Curt True will serve as interim director. The library’s board of trustees has appointed a search committee to choose a new director.
Civil mediation training course to be offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and Consultants and Mediation Association will offer a 40-hour General Civil Mediation Training Course for Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31.

Approved by the Tennessee Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission (ADRC), UT Martin is one of three higher education institutions with approved training programs and the only one in West Tennessee.

The course will be offered from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 11-15 and July 16-20, and again from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 6, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 at UT Martin.

The course fee is $1,275 and includes training materials.

To register, call the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.

The curriculum was developed by Raymond L. Stevenson, general civil case mediator, Consultant & Mediation Association.

STUDENT RECOGNIZED
— Kelsey Sigman of Union City recently received the Cunningham Outstanding Freshman Award during the 43rd annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award of $2,000 is given to the freshman student who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, leadership skills and involvement in campus activities.

UTM emergency text messaging system being used by other schools

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

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

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

Following the tragedy, ITS staff members, Terry Lewis, Andy Rivers, Bruce Harrison, Ken Blankenship, Brenda Wright, Larry Holder, Mark McAlpin, Roger Elmore and Burgin reviewed the alternatives to quickly reach students, faculty and staff. They considered logistics, process, cost, implementation time and impact, with a goal of quickly providing a method of sending emergency TXT messages.

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

“The program source code was offered free of charge to other schools, who also use Banner for their student database,” said Holder. “The software sharing offer received an overwhelming response from universities across the U.S. and Canada.” Of these, Eastern Kentucky University officials recently reported successful testing the feature, sending a TXT message to more than 1,700 cell phone users on their campus.

Recently, the system was tested with the 600 initial subscribers on the UT Martin campus. A subsequent test is planned after more subscribers are enrolled.

“The test was a great success as the message was received by most subscribers in less than two minutes,” said Scott Robbins, Department of Public Safety director. “Having a communication tool like this in place will be very valuable if we ever have an emergency situation on campus. I’m appreciative to all the ITS members who got this in place in such a quick time.”
The University of Tennessee at Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences recently was reaccredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. Reaccreditation indicates that the college, which oversees the professional-education offerings at UT Martin, and its programs meet rigorous standards established by the professional-education community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UTM Career Day winner

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The career day consisted of a banquet, keynote speaker, awards presentation and career fair.

Jennifer DeYeso, of Japan, formerly of Martin, received a Communications Department Freshman Scholarship at Career Day.

'Read Aloud Celebration' will be June 8

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and the Obion County Public Library in Union City will sponsor a "Read Aloud Celebration," from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., June 8, at the Union City Civic Auditorium. This event is free and open to teachers, parents and students. Lunch will be provided by the Northwest Association for the Education of Young Children, and there will be door prizes. Deadline to register is May 31.

Program participants will receive .7 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

To register, please call 881-7082. For additional information, contact the Obion County Public Library at (731) 885-7000.
Miller gets top job at UCES

Union City Director of Schools Gary L. Houston has announced that Michael Paul Miller, who has been the assistant principal at Union City Elementary this year, has been named the new principal at the school. Teresa Johnson, who was selected for the top administrative duties at UCES for the 2006-07 school year, recently announced her retirement.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, Miller received his bachelor of science degree in 2001 and his master's degree in 2006. He began his employment with the school system in 2003 as a physical education teacher at UCES; the position he served in until his appointment as the school's assistant principal for the 2006-07 school year. He plans to begin work on his Ed. S. (Educational Specialist degree) in August at UTM.

"Michael Paul Miller has distinguished himself as an effective administrator. I feel certain that Union City Elementary will be in good stead with his leadership," Houston said.

SF STUDENT HONORED

Elizabeth Watts of South Fulton received the Chairman's Outstanding News Editorial Senior Award recently during the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications' annual Communications Career Day. The award was presented to Miss Watts by Dr. Robert Nanney, chair of communications. In addition, Miss Watts received the Pacer Award during the recent 43rd annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award is presented annually by The Pacer, the student newspaper of UT Martin, to the student who has made the most significant contribution to The Pacer. The award recognizes and promotes excellence in student journalism.

COMPLETES INTERNSHIP

Donna L. Lee (left) of South Fulton has completed a graduate-level dietetic internship through the University of Tennessee at Martin. She completed the majority of her rotations at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Ky., and is now eligible to take the examination for registered dietitians. She is the wife of Curt Lee and the daughter of Don and JoeAnn Null of South Fulton. She received a dietetic internship completion certificate from Lori Littleton, director of the dietetic internship program at UT Martin.

PRIDONOFF DUO IN CONCERT

Presented by UT Martin Department of Music and the Tennessee Music Teachers Association. 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Harriet Fulton Theater in the Fine Arts Building. The concert is free and open to the public. Tuesday, the Pridonoffs will present a masterclass at 10:30 a.m. and two lecture sessions, one at 9:15 a.m. and one at 2 p.m., in the Harriet Fulton Theater. All area music teachers are invited to attend these events without charge.

HIP-HOP DANCE CLASS

6 p.m. Tuesdays at UT Martin. The first class is free, so anyone interested may try it. The instructor is Marcus Collins, a professional hip-hop instructor, dancer and choreographer. Registration fee: $35 per month or $10 for a single class. To register, call (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082 or drop by ECCE at 110 Gooch Hall on the UT Martin campus.

"YOGA - ALL LEVELS"

5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through June 26 at the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education. Fee: $55 and the instructor is Ken Zimmerman. National certified yoga teacher Ken Zimmerman will guide you through this ancient practice at a level tailored to serve each individual. Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and in bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights).
IN OBSERVANCE — The University of Tennessee at Martin held its annual Memorial Day Observance Friday in front of the university’s Hall-Moody Building. Capt. Tim Roberts (right) of Nashville, former commander of the 913th Engineer Company of the Tennessee Army National Guard, Union City, was the guest speaker. Among those attending the observance were (above, from left) Dorothy Gillon of Martin; Bob Smith of Martin, Navy and World War II veteran; Janice Sims of Rutherford; and Nicole Davidson and Billy Laird, both of Martin. Laird is the father of Sgt. Dustin Laird, who died Aug. 1, 2006, during combat operations in Rawah, Iraq. Sgt. Laird was assigned to the 913th. Miss Davidson was Dustin Laird’s fiancée. Roberts noted that more than 1.25 million American service members have died in the nation’s conflicts, and Memorial Day is observed to honor those who have given their lives for the cause of freedom. He told the audience, “Your presence here today indicates that you remember the true meaning of Memorial Day.” Roberts and his company returned from Iraq in October 2006.
Fall workshop gets teachers ‘in the groove’

Still looking for the right groove in teaching? Join West Tennessee Writing Project participants as they find the rhythm again in this year’s annual fall workshop for all teachers.

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

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

Continuing education unit credits are available. To register or to inquire about CEUs, contact the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, ece@utm.edu, write ECCE, 110 Gooch Hall, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238 or call 731-881-7062 or 1-800-482-5199. Registration may be faxed to 731-881-7964. Register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/english_registration.php.

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WTWP is a site of the National Writing Project and one of two such sites in Tennessee. For more information, contact wtwp@utm.edu, or visit the Web site, www.utm.edu/wtwp.

Graduate Luncheon — Graduating computer science and information systems majors at the University of Tennessee at Martin recently were honored at the spring graduate luncheon sponsored by the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems. Pictured are (from left) Bob Bradley, instructor of computer science, and Shin-Sou Wang, of Martin.
DAC PRESENTS ROTC MEDAL — Cadet Candance Cook, a three-year Army ROTC scholarship cadet, was presented a ROTC medal from Aline Roberts, of the Col. Gideon Macon Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists, on April 20 at the Awards Banquet at the UT Martin Student Life Center.

DAR ROTC MEDAL PRESENTED — Cadet David Stamps, a history major, from Westfield, Ind., received a ROTC medal from Aline Roberts of the James Buckley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. Cadet Stamps is a four-year Army ROTC scholarship recipient who will receive his commission as a second lieutenant this summer. The ceremony was held April 20 in the Student Life Center on the UT Martin campus.

Local residents receive degrees

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:

- Dresden - Carol Player Barker, Gerry Gallimore, Jessica Lane Houston, Clint Bernard Jolley, Katie Lynn Kelley, Ashley Renee Mansfield, Rebecca Lee McCutley, Elizabeth Nan Reid, Rachel Amanda Stout;
- Gleason - Tasha Fawn Bell, Lesley Michelle Sawyers;
- Palermville - Krystle Marie Smith;
- Sharon - Tara Renee Newsom, Angelia Josephine Skinner, Michelle Denise Sudzum.

Among students receiving graduate degrees were:

- Gleason - Jennifer Lee Weddington;
- Martin - Michelle Marie Gallien, Christina Belle Norton.

Anne Meek, UT Martin alumnus, 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.
MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - Capt. Tim Roberts (l), of Nashville, commander of the 913th Engineer Company of the Tennessee Army National Guard, Union City, greets U.S. Army and World War II veteran, Joe Walker, of Martin, during the annual Memorial Day Commemoration held today at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Roberts was the guest speaker, and Walker was among several area veterans recognized during the event.

ECCE training course offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and Consultants and Mediation Association will offer a 40-hour General Civil Mediation Training Course for Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31.

Approved by the Tennessee Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission (ADRC), UT Martin is one of three higher education institutions with approved training programs and the only one in West Tennessee.

The course will be offered from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. June 11-15 and July 16-20, and again from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Aug. 6, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10 at UT Martin. The course fee is $1,275 and includes training materials. To register, call the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.

For more information, visit: http://www.utm.edu/department/elements/ecce/courses_nondegree.php.
MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - Capt. Tim Roberts, of Nashville, commander of the 913th Engineer Company of the Tennessee Army National Guard, Union City, was the guest speaker at the annual Memorial Day Commemoration today at UT Martin. Roberts noted that more than 1.25 million American service members have died in the nation's conflicts, and Memorial Day is observed to honor those who have given their lives for the cause of freedom. He told the audience, "Your presence here today indicates that you remember the true meaning of Memorial Day." Roberts and his company returned from Iraq in October 2006. Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, UT Martin professor of military science, welcomed guests, including area veterans, who were recognized during the ceremony.

Also, honored for his military service was Dr. Nick Dunagan, retiring UT Martin chancellor and a retired colonel in the Tennessee National Guard. The UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department honored area veterans with a gun salute.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - Nolan Johnson waves an American flag during UT Martin's annual Memorial Day Observance held today in front of the university's Hall-Moody Administration Building. Nolan is held by his grandmother, Jerris Kosta, and pictured in the foreground is Nolan's sister, Katelynn Johnson, held by her mother, Amanda Johnson, all of Martin. Capt. Tim Roberts, of Nashville, commander of the 913th Engineer Company of the Tennessee Army National Guard, Union City, was the guest speaker for the event in which area veterans were recognized.
ARY HONORED AT UT MARTIN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES AWARD BANQUET — Clint Ary, of Greenfield, received the Outstanding Agricultural Science Student Award at the 19th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

BRYANT AND JULIA WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP — The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The career day consisted of a banquet, keynote speaker, award presentation and fair. Sara McIntosh, of Martin, received the Bryant and Julia Williams Scholarship.

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Pridonoff duo to present concert, master class and lectures

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music and the Tennessee Music Teachers Association will present the Pridonoff Duo in concert at 7:30 p.m., June 4, in the Harriet Fulton Theater in the Fine Arts Building. The concert is free and open to the public. Elizabeth and Eugene Pridonoff serve as Duo-in-Residence and professors of piano at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. They were appointed International Steinway Artists in 2004.

Their two-piano program will include Poulenc’s "Sonate," Rachmaninoff’s "Suite No. 2," Chopin’s "Rondo," and two transcriptions: a Mozart "Fantasie" transcribed by Busoni and Liszt’s transcription of his own "Les Preludes."

On Tuesday, the Pridonoffs will present a masterclass at 10:30 a.m. and two lecture sessions, one at 9:15 a.m. and one at 2 p.m., in the Harriet Fulton Theater. All area music teachers are invited to attend these events without charge.

The appearance of the Pridonoff Duo is made possible by funding under an agreement with the Tennessee Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Northwest Tennessee Development District.

For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harriss, UT Martin professor of music, at 881-7411.

Business consultant to visit REED Center

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will be available in June at the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center in Martin. He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., June 14.

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.

The UT Martin REED Center is a service of the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and the Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Free Enterprise.

The REED Center also 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 406 Lindell St., Martin.

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

International students graduate

Several international students 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:
- Japan - Hideyo Tsumura;
- Mexico - Irasema Roldan;
- Russia - Yevgeniy Leonidovich Radetskii;
- South America - Christina E. Colbert;
- South Korea - Jin-Tae Kim, Ju Young Son;
- Taiwan - Fong An Kan, Hsiao Ying Chang, Chieh-Ling Kan, Shin-Sou Wang, Vivian Yin;
- Venezuela - Gustavo Adolfo Anzola.

The students receiving graduate degrees were:
- Bulgaria - Daniela Ivanova Kluyenko;
- Nigeria - Anthony Oquadihma Onyekwe;
- South Korea - Heung Sig Kwag;
- Taiwan - Yu-Ching Weng, I-I Yang, Nai-Hao Yeh.

Anne Meek, UT Martin alumna, 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.
UTM and TTC-McKenzie Join Efforts

University of Tennessee at Martin’s Baja entry and team members including two from the Tennessee Technology Center at McKenzie are (standing from left) Dr. Robert LeMaster, Jeff Bunn, Will Gallion, Phil Casterline, Michael Bennett, Karl Henson, Jenna Castleberry, (kneeling from left) Adolfo Anzola, Alan Ninness, Brian Boggs, and Jimmy Kee.

The Tennessee Technology Center at McKenzie and the University of Tennessee at Martin just completed their third year together in a unique, cooperative project. Under the guidance of UTM Associate Professor and Faculty Advisor Dr. Robert (Bob) LeMaster, TTC-McKenzie welding student Alan Ninness of McKenzie, and a group of UTM engineering students just returned from a Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Mini-Baja Competition in Florida.

This collaboration began several years ago when Dr. LeMaster attended the TTC in order to get hands-on experience in welding. As he and TTC Instructor Jimmy Kee worked together, a bond of mutual respect was formed. Along with students needing to master levels of math and science, they both recognized that problem solving and teamwork were invaluable attributes.

In preparation for the yearly competition, Dr. LeMaster calls on his colleague for assistance in the construction phase. This year, Kee recommended Ninness for the project.

Although anyone could recreationally learn some aspects of TIG, expert application is a learned skill that requires a dedication to the science, with analytical skills and innate ability. It was evident that no one in the UTM student group would be able to learn the necessary welding. The group needed a specialist and Ninness accepted. He would continue to attend the TTC at McKenzie, while devoting at least one class day a week to the project in Martin.

After the competition, Ninness returned to TTC-McKenzie and completed his course. He graduated on April 20 with a diploma as a Combination Welder. He is currently employed at Diversified Contractors of McKenzie. He is also a 2005 graduate of McKenzie High School.

The UTM engineering team of 10 dealt with the regulations, formulas, ideas and schematic drawings.

The competition was in Ocala, Fla. in April. Each baja timed event judged the car’s success in areas such as acceleration, land and water maneuverability, suspension and traction, sled pull and endurance.

The yearly event is national and although there are some identical aspects that are required such as all cars use the same donated Briggs and Stratton engine, each team is responsible for all other creative and project management decisions. This will include selection of the appropriate driver to the specific competition. Size, weight and reaction skills will be critical in certain situations.

Dr. LeMaster acknowledges appreciation to the TTC at McKenzie and hoped that the partnership also added to the learning experience for Ninness. His work followed a specific course that the UTM students had designed, however, his input was no less valuable. More SAE Mini-Baja information can be found on the Collegiate Design Series page, www.sae.org.

To learn more about the "Tennessee Technology Center at McKenzie Welding Technology program, call 352-7506 or visit the web site at www.ttcmckenzie.edu."
UT Martin Emergency Text Messaging System Being Used by Other Schools

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

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

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

Following the tragedy, ITS staff members, Terry Lewis, Andy Rivers, Bruce Harrison, Ken Blankenship, Brenda Wright, Larry Holder, Mark McAlpin, Roger Elmore and Burgin reviewed the alternatives to quickly reach students, faculty and staff. They considered logistics, process, cost, implementation time and impact, with a goal of quickly providing a method of sending emergency TXT messages.

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

"The program source code was offered free of charge to other schools, who also use Banner for their student database," said Holder. "The software sharing offer received an overwhelming response from universities across the U.S. and Canada." Of these, Eastern Kentucky University officials recently reported successful testing of the feature, sending a TXT message to more than 1,700 cell phone users on their campus.

Recently, the system was tested with the 800 initial subscribers on the UT Martin campus. A subsequent test is planned after more subscribers are enrolled.

"The test was a great success as the message was received by most subscribers in less than two minutes," said Scott Robbins, Department of Public Safety director. "Having a communication tool like this in place will be very valuable if we ever have an emergency situation on campus. I'm appreciative to all the ITS members who got this in place in such a quick time."

Local Residents Receive Degrees From UT Martin

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Jim Ayers, Ayers Foundation Offer Scholarships at UT Martin Parsons Center

MARTIN - Students who want to attend the newly established UT Martin Parsons Center will have additional incentives thanks to the generosity of Jim Ayers and the Ayers Foundation. Beginning with the summer semester of 2007, students will have the opportunity to take part in a new scholarship program designed specifically for students planning to attend the Parsons Center. These scholarships are designed to benefit students from two groups: traditional college students who are current high school graduates of the class of 2007, or students who graduated from high school between 2004 and 2006 and also non-traditional adult students who have been out of high school for at least three years and may or may not have completed college coursework.

For any traditional student who wants to attend the UT Martin Parsons Center and take a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester, a scholarship in the amount of $500 per semester will be provided, regardless of family income or academic standing. The traditional student scholarships will be given above and in addition to any assistance already provided to Decatur and Henderson County students by the Ayers Foundations Scholars Program. Additionally, any current recipient of an Ayers Foundation Scholarship who graduated from high school between 2004 and 2006 will be eligible for this new traditional learner scholarship if they desire to attend classes at the Parsons Center. Also, students graduating in 2007 from a high school in any county adjacent to Decatur will be eligible for this traditional learner scholarship to attend the Parsons Center. These counties include: Perry, Wayne, Hardin, Henderson, Carroll and Benton.

Students graduating from high school in any of these counties will be eligible for $500 per semester, regardless of academic standing or family income, provided they take the minimum required course load.

Scholarship assistance also will be available for adult students who have been out of high school for at least three years and desire to take classes at the UT Martin Parsons Center. For these students, the Ayers Foundation will provide 50 percent of the tuition cost, UT Martin will provide 25 percent, and the student will provide 25 percent plus the costs of any text book(s) needed for the classes. For this program, funding will be provided for the initial attempt of any class, and students will be required to take at least one course per semester. Additionally, students participating in this program will have two opportunities for reimbursement of their initial 25 percent cost: once upon completion of 59.9 credit hours and again upon completion of their bachelor's degree. These scholarships will be available for adult students in Decatur and residents of the adjacent counties of Perry, Wayne, Hardin, Henderson, Carroll and Benton.

The UT Martin Parsons Center is the newest off-campus center established by UT Martin and began offering classes in spring 2007. A variety of undergraduate courses are offered as well as degree programs in education, nursing and university studies. The UT Martin Parsons Center office is currently located in the Parsons Municipal Building at 535 Tennessee Avenue South, Parsons, TN 38363, with classes being held at Decatur County Riverside High School. A construction plan for the new campus is currently underway and the facility will be located north of Parsons on Hwy 641. Classes are scheduled to begin in this new building in January 2009. For additional information regarding these scholarships or classes, contact the UT Martin Parsons Center at 731-847-3880, email jrushing@utm.edu, or contact the Ayers Foundation Scholars Program at 731-852-2378.

The Paris Post-Intelligencer, Paris, Tenn., Tuesday, May 29, 2007-

Twelve Henry Countians receive their degrees from UT Martin

Twelve Henry Countians received degrees during the May commencement at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Emily Suzanne Frideenstine of Paris received a graduate degree.

Receiving undergraduate degrees were:

- Andrea Tremil Fuller, Emily Elizabeth Fuqua, Chase Bradley Harrison, Latoya Nicole Harwell, Ashley Lane Hodge, Thomas Justin Kinsland, Joanna Leigh Robbins, Jamison Earl Townsend and Kristen Mari VanVolkinburg, all of Paris;

- Carrie Renae White of Buchanan; and Keri Lynette Evans of Henry.

Anne Meek, a UT Martin alumna, was the keynote speaker. Chancellor Nick Dunagan presided and conferred degrees.
Local Student Receives Honors at UT Martin

MARTIN - Ryan Drewry, son of Jerry and Ann Drewry of McKenzie, recently received honors at the University of Tennessee at Martin. On April 27 he received the Faculty Scholar Award and was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. To obtain the Faculty Scholar award, one must obtain a high grade point average and be of good character. Ryan has managed a grade point average of 3.90 and above for the last seven semesters of school and has been on the Dean’s List.

Beta Gamma Sigma is the Honor Society for students enrolled in business programs that are nationally accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. To be selected for membership is the highest national honor that can be bestowed on an undergraduate or graduate student in business. Membership is limited to the top 20% of graduate students. As a senior one must be in the top 10%. Beta Gamma Sigma was established in 1913 and is an organization for students with outstanding academic records and who exhibit great leadership.

Ryan plans to continue his education this summer at UT Martin majoring in accounting.

Area students graduate from UTM

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 from the Milan area receiving undergraduate degrees were:
- Bradford - Matthew Francis Hauke; Gibson - Stephanie Leigh Conder, Michael Paul Corder; Milan - Nicholas Cheatham

Appleton, Laura Ann Brown, Jennifer Nicole Cody, Justin Stephen Condron, Russell N. Deloach, Hunter Lynn Jones, Richard D. Miller, Grant Thomas Pugh, Mitchell Wilson Sims, Anastasia Umanets, Jeffery Frank Wadding;

Among students receiving graduate degrees were:
- Bradford - Jenny Lee Lanham; Milan - Elizabeth Anne Reynolds

Several area residents are recent graduates of the University of Tennessee at Martin. Graduate degrees: Steven John Spadafino and Stacey Sue Usery, both of Fulton; Michael S. Bizzle of Clinton; and Angela Yvonne Gilbert of Bardwell.

Undergraduate degrees: James Terry DeFreece, James A. Fisette, Tramel James Kerney, Jennifer Marie Smith and Jordan Freeman Tinkle, all of Fulton; and Jeffery Brann Cashon of Mayfield.

The following area residents, listed by home town, were named to the spring semester dean’s list at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Asterisks denote high honors (*) and highest honors (**)。


Mayfield: Jeffery B. Cashon*, April S. Faulkner*, Adam M. Ivey and David M. Russell*.

First United Methodist Church gives scholarships to eight students

First United Methodist Church in Paris has given scholarships to eight students, who either just completed high school or are already attending college.

The recipients also are members of the church.

Members of the Henry County High School Class of 2007 receiving aid from the church are:

- Matthew Ohman (not pictured), son of Mike and Denise Ohman. He received the Vernon Postlewaite Memorial Scholarship. He plans to attend Georgia Institute of Technology and major in computer science.

- Lexy Klopfenstein, daughter of Greg and Mary Klopfenstein. She received the Julia Neese Scholarship. She will be attending the University of Tennessee at Martin to major in nursing.

- Jennifer Mitchell, daughter of Roger and Linda Mitchell. The recipient of the Amy and Bill Blunk Memorial Scholarship, she plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in musical theater.

- Tyler Reed, son of Bruce and Rita Reed. He was given the Diana Diggs Russell Memorial and the United Methodist Youth Merit scholarships. He is scheduled to attend the UT Knoxville and major in business and mathematics.

The church also gave four scholarships to persons who are currently attending college. They include:

- Nicole Parke, who is attending the UT Martin. She received the Mary K. Steele Memorial Scholarship.

- Brandon Wimberley, who is a student at the UT Martin. He received the Inez Irion Scholarship.

- Jonathan Nash, who is attending Murray State University. He was awarded the Mildred Irion Scholarship.

- Aaron Travillian, who is a student at UT Martin. He received the Pauline and Doug Anderson Scholarship.

Each of the scholarships are given annually by the church.

UTM names local students 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 2007 Dean's Lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Public Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

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

Area students:

- Bradford: Xavier T. Alexander, Highest Honors
- Nina M. Bane, High Honors
- Kendra R. Cole, Highest Honors
- Amanda K. Hall, Honors
- Lori D. Rinks, Highest Honors
- John T. Summers, Honors
- Deidre A. Veasey, Honors
- Tabitha R. Wendt, Highest Honors

Gibson:

- Ashley M. Lynn, Honors

Medina:

- Jodie L. Davidson, High Honors
- Brianna M. Quinn, Highest Honors
- Emily M. Tanner, High Honors
- Cassandra L. Vincent, High Honors
- Jesse N. Winchester, Highest Honors

Milan:

- Katharine E. Appleton, Highest Honors
- Nicholas C. Appleton, Highest Honors
- Patrick R. Barnes, Highest Honors
- Thomas B. Barnes, Honors
- Richard W. Coday, High Honors
- Jennifer N. Cody, Highest Honors
- Russ N. Deloach, Honors
- Jessika B. Derry, Honors
- Margaret C. Duncan, Honors
- Branden C. Garcia, Honors
- Weston W. Gentry, Honors
- Amy R. Gray, Honors

- William H. Harrison, Honors
- Benny L. Johnson, Highest Honors
- Brian L. Jones, High Honors
- Jessica L. Mangrum, Honors
- Lindsay N. Mathis, Honors
- Stephanie L. Riddle, Highest Honors
- Judith R. Robbins, Honors
- Drury C. Sanders, Honors
- Adam J. Sandor, Honors
- Samuel A. Saputo, High Honors
- Mitchell W. Sims, Highest Honors
- Rachel D. Szopinski, Honors
- Jennifer L. Timmons, Highest Honors
- Anastasia Umanets, Highest Honors
- Jeffery F. Wadding, Honors
Read Aloud Celebration planned for Union City Civic Auditorium

Extra, extra, read all about it...
And reading is what it will be all about June 8 during the day-long Read Aloud Celebration at the Union City Civic Auditorium.

The event — which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — is free of charge and is open to teachers, parents, students and anyone interested in children.

Pre-registration is required by Thursday, with forms available at the Obion County Public Library in Union City or online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce.

More information is also available by calling the library at 885-7000 or UT Martin at (731) 881-7082.

Included will be a free lunch provided by the Northwest Association for the Education of Young Children and the presentation of door prizes throughout the day.

Continuing Education Units for participants will be available through the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Featured presenters for the event will include Dr. Jinx Watson of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; George Ella Lyon, a noted children’s author; and Mary Seratt of the Memphis Public Library, an American Library Association “Every Child Ready to Read” trainer.

Dr. Watson worked for 30 years in public school systems in Massachusetts and Oak Ridge and she taught children’s literature at several universities, including Harvard, before coming to UT. She began teaching for SIS in 1984 as a lecturer. In 1990, she left to obtain her doctorate degree at Peabody College at Vanderbilt University and returned to SIS as an assistant professor in 1996. She co-founded the Center for Children’s and Young Adult Literature at Hodges Library in 1999.

Ms. Lyon, a poet and writer, is a Kentucky native who attended Centre College of Kentucky, where she studied music and English and decided that writing is the work she loves most. There, she met musician and writer Steve Lyon, whom she married and with whom she raised a family. From Centre, she went to graduate school. She started out writing poetry for adults and teaching college, but she now writes for children as well as adults and her teaching includes workshops, conferences and author visits. She has published over 30 books for children and adults.

Ms. Seratt, youth services coordinator for the Memphis Public Library and Information Center, taught in Shelby County schools and directed the Lipman Early Childhood School and Research Institute at the University of Memphis before coming to the library. In 1995, she developed “Training Wheels” and implemented services such as Paws for Reading, with the Reading Education Assistance Dogs and “Read to Erase Your Fines,” with the Foster Grandparent Program of Porter Leath. She is a Fulbright senior specialist, has conducted early literacy and dialogic reading workshops in Ladakh, India, in the eastern Himalayas, and is an advocate and trainer for “Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library.”

Obion County Public Library Director Mary Carpenter anticipates an exciting day of activities at the Read Aloud Celebration and is encouraging everyone interested in reading to pre-register and attend.

Fall workshop gets teachers ‘In the Groove’

Still looking for the right groove in teaching? Join West Tennessee Writing Project participants as they find the rhythm again in this year’s annual workshop for all teachers.

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

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

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

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

WTWP is a site of the National Writing Project and one of two such sites in Tennessee. For more information, contact wtp@utm.edu, or visit the Web site, www.utm.edu/wtpw.
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 3 and will depart July 6, while the agricultural sciences students arrive on May 27 and depart on June 29.

The Tennessee Governor’s School for the Humanities, located on the UT Martin campus since 1985, will host 85 students, while the fourth Tennessee Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences - one of four in the nation - has 34 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 Shannon 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 Smartt, 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 tablet 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, and land stewardship concepts and sharpen communication, problem-solving and leadership skills. Also, students will be exposed to the manufacturing process for biofuels to include biodiesel and ethanol. Scholars will be able to manufacture the fuel in the biofuels laboratory from selected biomass materials and actually utilize the fuels in laboratory engines.

"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. A highlight for this year’s class is a field trip to Chicago, Illinois, to visit the Chicago Board of Trade and other agribusiness enterprises."

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 recommendation 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 the brightest" fellow students in Tennessee.

"We believe the Tennessee Governor’s School for the Humanities is the most extraordinary academic experience you can have as a high school student, and our outstanding faculty do everything they can to create a challenging, engaging environment in which the scholars can further develop their intellectual abilities," said Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for students affairs and governor’s school director.
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- **Palmersville** - Krystle Marie Smith;
- **Sharon** - Tara Renee Newson, Angela Josephine Skinner, Michelle Denise Sudzum.

Among students receiving graduate degrees were:
- **Gleason** - Jennifer Lee Weddington;
- **Martin** - Michelle Marie Galien, Christina Belle Norton.

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Pridonoff Duo to present piano concert

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music and the Tennessee Music Teachers Association will present the Pridonoff Duo in concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Harriet Fulton Theater in the Fine Arts Building.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Elizabeth and Eugene Pridonoff serve as Duo-in-Residence and professors of piano at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. They were appointed International Steinway Artists in 2004.

Their two-piano program will include Poulenc's "Sonate," Rachmaninoff's "Suite No. 2," Chopin's "Rondo" and two transcriptions: a Mozart "Fantasie" transcribed by Busoni and Liszt's transcription of his own "Les Preludes."

On Tuesday, the Pridonoffs will present a masterclass at 10:30 a.m. and two lecture sessions, one at 9:15 a.m. and one at 2 p.m., in the Harriet Fulton Theater. All area music teachers are invited to attend these events without charge.

The appearance is funded under an agreement with the Tennessee Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Northwest Tennessee Development District.
Memorial Day Observance at UT Martin

Capt. Tim Roberts, of Nashville, commander of the 913th Engineer Company of the Tennessee Army National Guard, Union City, was the guest speaker at the annual Memorial Day Commemoration Friday at UT Martin. Roberts noted that more than 1.25 million American service members have died in the nation's conflicts, and Memorial Day is observed to honor those who have given their lives for the cause of freedom.

He told the audience, "Your presence here today indicates that you remember the true meaning of Memorial Day."

Roberts and his company returned from Iraq in October 2006. Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, UT Martin professor of military science, welcomed guests, including area veterans, who were recognized during the ceremony.

Also, honored for his military service was Dr. Nick Dunagan, retiring UT Martin chancellor and a retired colonel in the Tennessee National Guard. Additionally, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department honored area veterans with a gun salute.

Those present at the annual Memorial Day Observance at UT Martin on Friday included (L to R): Dorothy Gillon, of Martin; Bob Smith, of Martin, Navy and World War II veteran; Janice Sims, of Rutherford; and Nicole Davidson and Billy Laird, both of Martin. Laird is the father of Sgt. Dustin Laird, who died Aug. 1, 2006, during combat operations in Rawah, Iraq. Sgt. Laird was assigned to the Tennessee Army National Guard 913th Engineer Company. Davidson was Dustin Laird's fiancée.
Business consultant's June visit to REED Center announced

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will be available in June at the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center in Martin. He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., June 14.

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.

The UT Martin REED Center is a service of the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and the Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Free Enterprise.

The REED Center also 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 406 Lindell Street, Martin.

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General Civil Mediation Training Course offered by ECCE

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Approved by the Tennessee Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission (ADRC), UT Martin is one of three higher education institutions with approved training programs and the only one in West Tennessee.

The course will be offered from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., June 11-15 and July 16-20, and again from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 a.m., August 6, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10, and UT Martin. The course fee is $1,275 and includes training materials. To register, call the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.

The course will deal with interpersonal conflict resolution in its skill-building segments, the resolution of conflict between individuals, companies/organizations, interdependent groups or units, and either intra- or inter-organizational. Emphasized will be the skills required in communication, creative problem solving, document assembly and case management - in conflict resolution.

This course meets the general mediation training requirements and includes the curriculum components specified by the ADRC for Rule 31 mediators in general civil cases.

The curriculum was developed by Raymond L. Stevenson, general civil case mediator. Consultant & Mediation Association. Stevenson specializes in employment and federal and state compliance.

For more information, visit: http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/courses_nondegree.php.
Music teachers invited to conference

The Tennessee Music Teachers Association invites all area music teachers to attend the sessions of their 2007 Conference to be held June 4-5 on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin. Members of the Martin Area Music Teachers Association and the West Tennessee Music Teachers Association headquartered in Jackson are the hosts for the conference. There is no fee to attend. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. each morning. All events are in the UT Martin Fine Arts Building.

Presentations on Monday, June 2 include Teaching Music of the Classical Period by Linda Farmer, Robert Schumann and the Pedal-Piano by Dr. Allison Nelson, Collaborative Piano by Leah Bowes, and the Joy of Contemporary Music by Dr. Terry McRoberts. Monday evening, duo pianists Elizabeth and Eugene Pridonoff, 2007 conference artists, will present a recital at 7:30 p.m. in the Fulton Theater in the Fine Arts Building. On Tuesday, the Pridonoffs will present two sessions and a masterclass and Dr. Amy Simmons will discuss the Motivation in the Private Studio.

Throughout the conference, there will be performances by the UTM Faculty Brass Quintet, organist Nancy Ward, soprano Amy Yeung, The University Trio, The Five Alumni piano quintet, flutist Sarah Beth Hanson, and pianist Elaine Harris. The appearance of the Pridonoff Duo is made possible by funding under an agreement with the Tennessee Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Northwest Tennessee Development District.

Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3, over 150 elementary and secondary piano, string, and woodwind students will play in the TMTA state auditions. Honors recitals featuring the winners will be presented at 3:45 on Saturday afternoon and 3:15 and 4:45 on Sunday afternoon in the Fulton Theater.

To see the schedule of events go to www.utm.edu/music. For additional information, contact Dr. Elaine Harris at 731-881-7411.

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Students can make the dean’s list with honors (3.2 through 3.69), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Locally recognized were:
- Dyersburg — Jerry C.
- Alexander (honors), Codie L. Anderson (high honors), Jason R. Woolery (high honors).
- Bullard — Oma C. Babbitt (highest honors).
- Finley — Teresa T. Craig (highest honors).
- Friendship — Kim Hardin (highest honors), Kimberly Hardin (highest honors).
- Halls — John H. Dodson (high honors).
- Newbern — Sidney C. Abramson (high honors), Chance M. Barr (highest honors), Lynsey L. Butler (highest honors), Jenny L. Caldwell (highest honors), John D. Caldwell (honors), Callie Dawn T. Cooks (honors).
- Stanley — Andrea C. Cook (honors), Ashley M. Durbin (high honors), Amy L. Evans (high honors), Jared T. Glendowine (highest honors), Jodi A. Keeling (highest honors), Amber S. Lamb (highest honors), Megan E. Lewis (highest honors), Heather K. McLean (highest honors), Dustin K. Parker (honors), Jessica C. Prater (highest honors) and Drew T. Scobey (highest honors).
- Trimble — Thomas C. Adams (honors), Clinton T. Burr (highest honors) and Kristopher N. Karlstrand (highest honors).
- Yorkville — Brittnie C. Belton (honors).
Congratulations,
Class of 2007!

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Amy Sparkman, daughter of Marshall and Ruth Ann Sparkman of Union City. She is the granddaughter of Howard and Susie Roney of Union City and Kenneth and Kathleen Sparkman of Lexington.

Miss Sparkman plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Union City High School's 2007 Salutatorian is ...

Andrew Scott Keathley, son of Bryan and Angela Keathley of Union City and grandson of Bob and Betty Keathley of Union City, Ann Scott of Morgantown, Ky., and the late William D. Scott.

He plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin as an Honors Program participant and major in pre-optometry studies.
We salute our academic leaders.

South Fulton High School’s 2007 Valedictorian is ...

Andrew Moore, son of Hoyt and Leigh Ann Moore of South Fulton and the grandson of Jack and Martha Moore of Fulton and the late Forrest McAlister and the late Joan McAlister.

He plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and major in chemistry and piano performance. He hopes to become a physician.

South Fulton High School’s 2007 Salutatorian is ...

Joshua Lyn ‘Josh’ Potts, son of Patsy Potts of South Fulton.

He plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and major in engineering.
UT Martin teacher education reaccredited by national council

The University of Tennessee at Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences recently was reaccredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Reaccreditation indicates that the college, which oversees the professional-education offerings at UT Martin, and its programs meet rigorous standards established by the professional-education community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

McNairy 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:
- Adamsville - Frances Kegeley Davis, Bobby Joe Isbell
- Bethel Springs - Mark A. Allison, Rachel Elizabeth Dancer
- Guys - Amanda Beth Hamm
- Ramer - Joyce Kirk Strickland

The students receiving master's degrees included:
- Bethel Springs - Christy C. Kieessler
- Selmer - Michael Brent Moore

OC STUDENT CHOSEN — Laura Beth Griffin (center) of Troy recently received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who’s Who Awards Ceremony. She is vice president of Baptist Collegiate Ministry, is involved in Women in Communications and is a photographer for UT Martin’s student newspaper, The Pacer. The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. On hand for the presentation were Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, and Lauren Witty, Lead Academy facilitator.

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FULTON STUDENT HONORED — Jordan Tinkle (right) of Fulton received the M. Sue Kahle Excellence in Leadership Award and the WUTM Staff Award for his three-year service as the station’s program director during presentations made during the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications’ recent annual Communications Career Day. Tinkle also was recognized for his temporary role as “the voice of the Skyhawks.” The honors were presented by Richard Robinson, instructor of communications.

Local residents receive degrees from UTM

Dyer County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the May 12 spring commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UTM campus.

UTM alumna Anne Meek was the keynote speaker.

Dr. John D. Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee, attended the ceremony and congratulated the graduates.

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PULLEY WINS AWARD: Stephanie Pulley of Dyersburg received the Outstanding Animal Science Student Award during the 19th annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry Gresham, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
McClanahan scholarships given to three HCHS graduates

Jade Johnson, Jessica Hope Wray and Matthew Ohlman are the recipients of the ninth annual Richard L. “Sarge” and Hazel E. McClanahan Memorial Scholarships. All three are 2007 graduates of Henry County High School.

The scholarships are funded in memory of the McClanahans by their son Steve.

McClanahan said his parents valued a good education and dedicated their lives to making a college education possible for him and his sisters, Sherry McClanahan Blackford and Susan McClanahan. Johnson is the daughter of Dale and Sandra Johnson. At HCHS, she was a member of Madrigals, the speech team, 4-H Honor Club and the Patriot Pals mentoring program.

She appeared in several theatrical productions and also was an EFFORT (Education for Future Opportunities Realized Today) Scholar. She is active with her church’s youth group.

She plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and major in theater. She also plans to sing with the university choir and Pacer singers. She hopes to operate a children’s theatrical studio.

Wray, the daughter of Jeanna Handley of Paris, ranked fourth in her graduating class. Her biography was published in the May 11 edition of The Post-Intelligencer. Ohlman is the son of Mike and Denise Ohlman of Paris. His activities were published in the May 4 edition of The P-I.

A school committee selects recipients of the McClanahan Scholarship with special consideration given to students who want to improve their communication skills through speech, theater and journalism. Financial need also is considered.

Steve McClanahan credited his training in speech, journalism and theater as major factors in his success in the business world as an adult.

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The University of Tennessee at Martin has named 42 Henry Countians on its spring 2007 semester dean’s list.

Students on the list with highest honors earned a grade-point average from 3.8-4.0; with high honors, 3.5-3.79; and with honors, 3.2-3.49. They completed at least 12 semester hours, pass/fail courses not included.

Named are:

Highest honors — Andrea T. Fuller, Charlotte E. Loines, Jennifer N. Shute, Andrew G. Whitfield and Jacob B. Wilson, all of Paris; Carrie R. White of Buchanan; Gabrielle J. Lorbecki of Como; Emily E. Fuqua of Cottage Grove; Keri L. Evans and Michelle L. Roberts, both of Henry.

High honors — Nicholas Ryan Aston, Teresa G. Byrd, Jason G. Cheek, Lauren N. Dunning, Denis D. Gordon, Robin A. Hunt, Christina E. Hurt, Joanna L. Robbins, Rachel R. Shoults and Zachary K. Shoults, all of Paris; William A. Lewis and Jade N. Stearnes, both of Buchanan; Cristine L. Manning of Cottage Grove; and Holley M. Mason of Springville.

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UTM to host academy

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

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

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

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

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- Anne Meek, UT Martin alumna, 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.

Fulcher honored with UTM Communications award

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Career Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The career day consisted of a banquet, keynote speaker, award presentation and career fair. Thomas Fulcher, of South Fulton, received the Communications Department Senior Ambassador Award.
Locals named to UT-Martin’s Spring semester Dean’s List

Students on Dean’s List from Fulton are: Andrew M. Atkins, High Honors; Bryan K. Black, Honors; Chase M. Braun, High Honors; Casey A. Curlin, Honors; Karen C. Dean, High Honors; James A. Fisette, High Honors; Yevgeniy L. Radetskiy, High Honors; Natalie L. Rushing, Highest Honors; Jennifer M. Smith, Highest Honors; Jordan F. Tinkle, Honors; Kimberly D. Ward, Honors; David A. Wynn, Honors.

John Hinson receives Retired Teachers Association scholarship

John Thomas Hinson III is the 2007 recipient of the $750 Paris-Henry County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship. Hinson plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin this fall and major in English. He hopes to become a teacher.

While at Henry County High School, he was a member of Future Teachers of America and was a two-year member of the Young Writers Club.

Active in 4-H, he was a member of the trap shooting team, winning the individual state championship in the senior novice division in 2005. He was a member of the 2006 state championship team and competed in the grand nationals in Illinois.

He also was a member of the 4-H livestock and dairy judging teams and the country ham project.

As a member of FFA, Hinson served as vice president of the chapter his senior year. He attended the national and state FFA conventions on several occasions. He also was a member of the FFA soil and land judging teams and the cattle and dairy judging teams.

As a member of the Journalism Club, he worked on the school yearbook staff and was a writer for the school newspaper, The First Amendment.

Hinson was an EFFORT (Education for Future Opportunities Realized Today) Scholar for four years. He also was a Patriot Pals mentor, a member of the National Technical Honor Society and a delegate to American Legion Boys State.

In the community, Hinson is a member of the Henry County Gun Club.

In church, he attends First Baptist Church and has helped deliver baskets for the needy during the Christmas season.
UTM center sees first three grads

Sandra Dennis, Jeremy Hubbard and Suzette Stanley are the first three graduates from the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center. Commencement was held May 12 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. They graduated with their Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree.

They enrolled in the RN-BSN Program at the UT Martin Ripley Center in Spring 2006. With much dedication and commitment to the program, they completed the program in an impressive 16 months.

"I found it difficult to pursue my educational goals at other institutions," Dennis said. "The benefits of having a four-year college so close to home are innumerable. This program allows non-traditional students to obtain a degree and continue to (See UTM, page 12)

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Trio graduates from UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center had its first three graduates this past semester. They are, from left, Sandra Dennis, Jeremy Hubbard and Suzette Stanley. The trio received their bachelor of science in nursing degrees in 16 months. For more information about the UT Martin Ripley Center, contact Youlanda Jones at 221-8778 or e-mail her at yjones@utm.edu.

meet the demands of family and work."

"I feel privileged to be one of the first three graduates from the UT Martin Ripley Center," Hubbard said. "The RN-BSN program has allowed me not to only grow as a student, but as a nurse, as well. I encourage all RNs to look into this program because it has been a great opportunity for me to experience."

"As a student of UT Martin Ripley Center, I have experienced first hand the benefits of this campus," Stanley said. "Having a campus and classes available in Lauderdale County has enabled me to pursue higher education without the travel time. As a full-time working mother, this is a significant advantage. The director, instructors and support staff are awesome."

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