BY THE NUMBERS — Eighteen students from Lake Road School’s sixth, seventh and eighth grades were chosen to compete in a recent math competition at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Students attending were (top photo, from left, front row) Hannah Woodruff, Allison Wicker, Victoria Stevenson, Kristin Storey, Christina Jackson; (middle row) Bobby Vissering, Zach Tucker, Will Horton, Tanner Cary, Colton Woodward, Brady Chandler, Brea Moran; (back row) Kacee Mathenia, Ashley Brooks, Chloe Smithson, Ryan Middlebrook, Dylan Ferrell and Mike Klein. The students are in teachers Kemita Revell’s and Maria Matheny’s math classes at Lake Road. At UT Martin, local students from Lake Road competed in groups of 120 to 140 students. The Lake Road leaders recognized by UT Martin were (bottom photo, from left) Chloe Smithson from the seventh grade, Bobby Vissering from the sixth grade and Christina Jackson from the eighth grade. Miss Jackson also received special recognition for her placement in the Top 10 of the competition.
State board grants seven universities equipment funds

The Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners have awarded grants totaling $200,000 to seven state-funded universities. These grant funds allow Tennessee colleges to purchase essential and modern instructional, computer, and laboratory equipment to enhance education for students in accredited architectural, engineering and interior design programs.

"The Board appreciates the opportunity to assist in providing state-of-the-art instructional equipment for architecture, engineering and interior design students," said John Cothron, executive director of the Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners.

Receiving grant funds this year are:

University of Tennessee-Martin – $16,625 to the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences. Funds will be utilized to purchase equipment and software for the Digital Technology and Development Teaching Laboratory to enhance student instruction.

"The Department of Commerce and Insurance regulates and licenses 128 professions through 22 boards and commissions. The day to day role of these boards and commissions is oversight," said Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Leslie Newman. "We are thrilled when there is occasion to provide resources to improve and enrich these professions, in this case, students studying architecture, engineering and interior design."

Grant funding is provided from the Board’s revenues or reserve funds. The Tennessee General Assembly and Gov. Phil Bredesen authorized funding for the grants (2007 Public Acts, Chapter 603, Section 50). The Board has awarded more than $1.2 million in grant funds since the inception of the program in 2002.

For more information on the Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners, visit http://tennessee.gov/commerce/boards/eae/ or call 741-3221 or 800-256-5738 (toll-free).

WORKING AT THE CAR WASH - University of Tennessee at Martin fraternity brothers Jason Holloway and Durrell Wright joined other Phi Beta Sigma members during a fund-raising effort Tuesday afternoon in front of Advanced Auto Parts. The fraternity uses the money to help with the travel expenses for convention trips, coaching and other events. Phi Beta Sigma hosts fund-raising events throughout the school year.
RETIREMENT RECEPTION - Dr. Frank Black, center, professor of education, will retire at the end of this semester with 20 years of service to the university and Martin community. Carla Field, of Martin, Dr. Robert Erk, professor of education, and many other faculty and staff congratulated Black at the recent university and community retirement reception held for him by the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

JODI WOODS MEMORIAL AWARD ESTABLISHED, RECIPIENT SELECTED - The Jodi Woods Memorial Award recently 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 that 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. Ascenith Luker of South Fulton is the spring semester recipient of the Jodi Woods Memorial Award. The funds from the award are given to assist the graduating teacher in stocking his/her new classroom. Pictured are (from left) Ascenith Luker, Jodi Woods Memorial Award recipient, and Debbie Carden, cooperating teacher from Westview High School.
University of Tennessee launches major fundraising campaign

The University of Tennessee has officially launched its ambitious $1 billion fundraising campaign to enhance programs of excellence at all of the university's campuses and institutes.

The Campaign for Tennessee – the most ambitious effort in the university's 214-year history – places UT among the ranks of the nation's largest public and private institutions that have sought this level of private support.

Accompanied by Board of Trustees Vice Chair Andrea Loughry, UT President John Petersen announced that $704,007,696 has been raised at a gathering of campaign volunteers held at Pratt Pavilion.

“This is a historic day for the University of Tennessee and a time to celebrate the university’s successes. We extend our thanks to the many volunteers and supporters who’ve helped us achieve this unprecedented amount,” said Petersen.

“We also look forward to a continued momentum to further engage alumni and friends in achieving the university’s goals.”

The campaign seeks support for initiatives that impact student access and success, research, economic development, outreach and goals for globalization.

“We have the distinct honor to be part of a powerful effort that will have an enormous impact on the state and its residents for many years to come,” said Jim Haslam, founder of Pilot Oil Corp.

“Each day we have been reminded that the University of Tennessee family is a large one that extends all over the world. We have especially enjoyed meeting with supporters and learning more about the enduring connection that compels them to invest in the university’s future.”

Funds are raised through outright gifts and pledges, planned gifts and private grants for research.

Approximately 80 percent of the money raised to this point is from individuals and families, with 12 percent from corporations and 8 percent from foundations.

The more than $700 million total involves gifts and pledges received from about 88,000 donors.

“Partnerships are the key to every strategic effort. Funds raised will enhance and supplement, but in no way supplant support from the state of Tennessee,” said Petersen.

“Increasing private support, however, clearly demonstrates how much UT is valued by our citizens. That kind of success will encourage increased investment from all sources.”

Campaign priorities include endowed scholarships and professorships, chairs of excellence, building enhancements and other innovative faculty and student programs.

Traditionally – and in the case of the university’s $1 billion endowment – more than 98 percent of all gifts are restricted, meaning they are to be used for a specific scholarship, program or objective relating to the donor’s interest.

“In light of the increasing costs of a college education, scholarship gifts provide greater access for qualified students to attend UT.

Gifts for faculty support enable the campuses and units to recruit and retain the very best faculty to offer the highest quality of education and student experience,” said Loughry.

“Along with a wonderful way to connect to the university in an exciting initiative that will have a transformational impact, this opportunity drives home the point that support comes in many forms and that every gift counts and contributes to the long-term success of the university,” said Loughry.

Current, former and retired employees have contributed more than $48.7 million through the Family Campaign that was held in 2007.

The effort involved gifts and pledges from more than 11,000 people.

The announcement was followed by a celebration held at Thompson Boling Assembly Center and Arena involved 800 invited guests and more than 400 students, faculty and staff.

Representing campuses and institutes from across the state, the student programs were spotlighted throughout the evening.

UT Martin formally launched its portion of the Campaign on May 3, with a 6 p.m. dinner.

Invited guests included members of the UT Martin Campaign Steering Committee, the UT Martin Development Committee, the UT Martin Alumni Council and major donors.

Featured speakers included UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes, UT President John Petersen and Lady Vols Coach Pat Summit.

For more information about the Campaign for Tennessee, visit http://development. tennessee.edu/campaign/.
The Tennessee Higher Education Commission honored a University of Tennessee at Martin student and a staff member for outstanding community service work, April 24, in Nashville.

Terrill Orton, a junior marketing major of Centerville, and Steve Lemond, Information Technology Services senior systems analyst of Martin, each received a Love Community Service Award after being selected from a group of Tennessee college and university nominees.

"Terrill's personal faith and dedication to helping children are evident," said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, citing a recent mission trip to Nicaragua and her continued support of a four-year-old orphaned boy, Ramon.

"She is just one example of how UT Martin students make a difference through community service, not to seek recognition, but to make our world a better place."

"Steve Lemond’s dedication to community service is evident through his ongoing volunteer efforts to make our community and region better places to live and work," said Rakes.

"There is no doubt that Steve’s dedication to scouting and the Kiwanis Club makes a difference in the lives of countless young people."

Ten individuals, five faculty/staff members and five students, received the awards during a reception and program at the THEC office. 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.

The Love Community Service Award is such an honor because it is proof that others notice and appreciate the good that is being done in the world.

I think that Margaret Mead stated it best when she said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has," added Orton.

Lemond’s longtime membership in the Martin Kiwanis Club has allowed him to help the community in many ways.

He currently serves as Cub Scout Pack 37 cubmaster and has served in other capacities with the Boy Scouts of America.

He is a member of the Martin Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, having completed the academy in 2001.

Through the alumni group, he and others have created the Volunteers in Community Service to assist the police department in a variety of ways, including security patrols at local events and assisting with disaster preparedness.

"I am honored to be selected as a recipient of this award. I believe volunteering in community service benefits the Martin area," said Lemond.

"My work in scouting, the Martin Kiwanis Club and the Citizens Police Academy allows me to work with different groups of people to make Martin a better place."

He added, "It is rewarding to see the benefits of our work to other people."

The recent recognitions bring the total to 24 UT Martin students, faculty and staff members recognized by the THEC Love Community Service Awards programs.

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**Estes Receives Award**

Melissa L. Estes, of Sharon, recently received the Outstanding Advanced Elementary Student Award during the 44th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
Local students honored at spring graduate luncheon

Jason Middleton, of Martin, is congratulated by Dr. Emery Gathers on his graduation from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Middleton, who majored in computer science, was recently honored at the spring graduate luncheon sponsored by the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems.

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Brandon Beck, of Martin, is congratulated by Dr. Denise Williams on his graduation from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Beck, who majored in computer science, was recently honored at the spring graduate luncheon sponsored by the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems.
Students Recognized at UT Martin 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 presentations and career fair. The keynote speaker for the banquet was Kent Landers, director of external communications for Delta Air Lines, Atlanta, Georgia, and a 1998 communications graduate of UT Martin. Sarah McIntosh, of Martin, received the award for the Wilson Hall Memorial News Writing Competition. Tomi Parrish, instructor of communications, presented the award.
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Browning Recognized

George N. Browning, of Dresden, recently received the Outstanding Natural Resource Management Student Award during the 44th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
Munkel BBQ benefits center

The recent third annual Mike Munkel BBQ Cookoff and end-of-year student bash at the University of Tennessee at Martin Pacer Pond raised $1,500 for the Margaret N. Perry Children’s Center at UT Martin. The event featured the Student Activities Council’s Double Dare Show, food and activities for the entire family. Pictured at the check presentation are, from left, Charley Deal, UT Martin assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations; Chad Lyons representing Kappa Alpha Psi; Wes Rogers representing Alpha Gamma Rho; UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and Chris Munkel, Sodexo Dining Services director.

Baker Receives Carl Seale Student Teacher Award

The recipient of the University of Tennessee at Martin Carl Seale Student Teacher Award for spring semester 2008 is Hillari Baker of Huntingdon. 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: Dr. Kathy Evans, left, UT Martin university supervisor; Baker, Carl Seale Student Teacher Award recipient; and cooperating teacher Zann Wortham of Martin Primary School.
Retirement Reception Held for Dr. Frank Black

Dr. Frank Black, center, professor of education, will retire at the end of this semester with 20 years of service to the university and Martin community. Carla Field, of Martin, Dr. Robert Erk, professor of education, and many other faculty and staff congratulated Black at the recent university and community retirement reception held for him by the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

MIGHTY MATHEMATICIANS — Union City Middle School recently participated in the 2008 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics contest, held on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus and sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Contestants from Union City Middle School who placed in the contest included (from left, front row) John Kirkland, who placed third overall in eighth grade out of 128 contestants; Jason Stone, who placed fourth overall in sixth grade out of 129 contestants; Woodson Miles, who placed third overall in seventh grade; and Luke Searcy, who placed fourth overall in seventh grade out of 111 contestants. Other UCMS students who participated in the contest were (from left, middle row) Caleb Long, Alex Darnall, Madison Turner, Morgan Stone, Benjamin White, Ashlyn Chism, Kaitlyn Wheeler, Travis Rutland, Drake Parker, (back row) Brittany Parker, Lanzer Harris, Justice Walker, Angel Huang, Jonathan Hurtado and Jacob Trippett.

Josh Isbell and Corey Perry of Atoka, Tenn., recently were awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2008 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The recognition is given to students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community.

Jared G. Barnes of Union City recently received the Outstanding Biology Student Award and Joseph C. Caldwell of Rives recently received the Outstanding Management, Marketing and Political Science Student Award during the 44th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Caldwell was also recognized as a University Scholar.
UT Martin 76 percent to goal of 'Campaign in Tennessee'

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The Messenger, Union City, Tennessee, Friday, May 9, 2008

At the college level

Jake William Graves, son of Joe and Anne Graves of Union City, will graduate Saturday at 11 a.m. from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a bachelor of science degree in marketing.

The commencement exercises will be held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on campus.

Graves graduated from Obion County Central High School in 2005 and has completed his study at UT Martin in just two years and eight months, according to his mother.

He plans to enter law school in the fall at Jackson College School of Law in Jackson, Miss.

Several students from Obion County were among those recently honored at the 44th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

They included:
• Connie P. Conley of Hornbeck, who received the Faculty Women’s Club Scholarship Award, presented in recognition of the academic excellence of students who have achieved senior status;
• Jon B. Kendall of Obion, recognized as a University Scholar and recipient of the William H. Baker Scholarship Award, presented to full-time students in the College of Business and Public Affairs who have completed 60 hours of college credit, demonstrated scholarship and leadership, participated in extracurricular activities and shown promise of professional achievement;
• Emily R. Kendall of Troy, who received the Robert G. Cowser Literary Award in Poetry, which is for the best selection of poems submitted in a campus competition;
• Katelin A. Turner of Union City, who received recognition as a University Scholar, a program designed to challenge highly-motivated and talented students to pursue academic opportunities beyond the normal university experience; and
• Tiana V. Harris of South Fulton, who received recognition as a University Scholar.
UT MARTIN 76 PERCENT TO GOAL IN ‘CAMPAIGN FOR TENNESSEE’

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"Known for real-world, experiential learning, UT Martin is taking its outstanding academic and athletic programs to new levels of distinction and national prominence," Rakes said. "Increased emphasis is being placed on student access and success through off-campus centers, global studies opportunities and evolving online learning offerings."

He added that, "The university is collaborating with the community, business and industry leaders to provide 'capacity-building' growth opportunities in areas such as agriculture, biofuels, health care, education, technology and the arts."

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UTM speaker offers life lessons to record number of graduates

The Jackson Sun

In his speech at commencement today, Dr. David LaVelle offered three pieces of advice he knew would always serve University of Tennessee at Martin graduates well. "Fund your IRA to the max every year, exercise at least 20 minutes three times a week and change the oil in your car every 3,000 miles."

But the UT Martin alumnus and Memphis surgeon also offered several "life stories" when he addressed a record number of graduates as spring commencement speaker, according to a press release.

As a young surgeon, LaVelle and two colleagues were not content with the state of the art in orthopedic surgery. Their diligence as residents changed the way fractures are treated to this day, after being criticized because "some of our ideas were a radical departure from the 'old way' of treatment."

He added, "We went around the world teaching others how to do this surgery, and I remember being told by a professor of surgery in Italy that I was too young to have the experience and know-how that I had presented at our meeting. Lesson No. 1 - 'You are never too young to make a difference.'"

As a youth and teenager, all LaVelle ever wanted to do was be a doctor. (His father is a retired ear, nose and throat doctor.) LaVelle noted he did not make good grades — a fact that, obviously, could have stunted his further academic growth.

When a relative suggested to the elder LaVelle that he might be setting his son up for a major disappointment with his sights on medical school, "My dad told her... 'David can do anything he sets his mind to do.'"

"Lesson No. 2 - 'Do not allow yourself to come up short on your dreams just because you didn’t want to work hard enough to reach them.'"

Two years ago, LaVelle was vacationing with his family and, when exercising with his son, felt a tightening in his chest. After a second episode, it was determined he had a serious blockage in his main coronary artery. Following cardiac catheterization, he began to rethink his lifestyle.

At 53 years of age he was not in "terrible shape," but his weight and cholesterol needed attention. Subsequently, he became a cyclist, has completed seven "centuries" (100-mile bicycle rides) and just returned from a "3-State, 3-Mountain" challenge.

"Lesson No. 3 - 'You are never too old to change. Never quit. Never give up. Give life all you’ve got.'"

LaVelle added, "You all have had something special to celebrate here today. I know that the education you’ve received here has prepared you to successfully meet the challenges you have ahead ..."

Today’s graduates represented 56 Tennessee counties and the states of Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Texas and the counties of Japan, South Africa, South Korea and Taiwan.

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, presided over the exercises and conferred degrees.
The University of Tennessee at Martin's office of extended campus and continuing education is offering health care professional training programs in Paris by working with Condensed Curriculum International Inc.

Programs offered include the electrocardiograph (EKG) technician certification program and the medical billing and coding program.

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The description of the programs are as follows:

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TOPS IN MATH - Dr. Doug Sterrett, Dean of College of Engineers & Natural Sciences, presented first place plaque to Dr. Sheila Dumphy, MMS instructor.
UT Martin hosting Governor’s Schools

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The University of Tennessee at Martin Relay for Life Team will host a trivia night at 6:30 p.m., May 22, in Paul Meek Library on campus. "Are You Smarter Than A UT Martin Librarian?" is the theme. It is open to the public. Admission is $5 per person, and teams will include six or eight people. Refreshments will be available for a donation. For more information, contact Cindy Gaylord at 881-7078.

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Weakley County Chancellor Mike Maloan, of Martin, brigadier general, Tennessee Army National Guard, and University of Tennessee at Martin adjunct professor of business law, will be the guest speaker at the eighth annual Memorial Day Commemoration at UT Martin. The event is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., May 23, 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.

Sergeant First Class Timothy Hardy, Tennessee Army National Guard recruiter, will serve as master of ceremonies. The national anthem will be performed by Kim Kraft, a UT Martin junior, and the invocation, by Dennis Kosta, UT Martin supervisor of custodial services, who served in the Tennessee Army National Guard. Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, will welcome guests, and Gerry Gallimore, UT Martin building and grounds staff member and U.S. Army veteran, will give the benediction. The Tennessee National Guard will present the colors prior to the ceremony.

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

The event is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Hardy M. Graham Stadium parking lot directly across from the Hall-Moody Administration Building. Eastbound and westbound traffic on University Street, in front of the administration building, will be stopped briefly as the flag ceremony begins and during the gun salute. In case of rain, the even will be moved to the Glenn Gallimore Auditorium in Gooch Hall on the UT Martin campus.
LaVelle’s practical advice reinforced with ‘Life Stories’

Dr. David LaVelle speaks at University of Tennessee at Martin 2008 spring commencement.

Dr. David LaVelle knew three pieces of advice - “fund your IRA to the max every year, exercise at least 20 minutes three times a week and change the oil in your car every 3,000 miles” - would always serve University of Tennessee at Martin graduates well.

But the UT Martin alumnus and Memphis surgeon also offered several “life stories” when he addressed a record number of graduates Saturday as spring commencement speaker.

As a young surgeon, LaVelle and two colleagues were not content with the state of the art in orthopedic surgery. Their diligence as residents changed the way fractures are treated today, after being criticized because “some of our ideas were a radical departure from the old way of treatment.”

He added, “We went around the world teaching others how to do this surgery, and I remember being told by a professor of surgery in Italy that I was too young to have the experience and know-how that I had presented at our meeting.

Lesson No. 1 - “You are never too young to make a difference.”

As a youth and teenager, all LaVelle ever wanted to do was be a doctor. (His father is a retired ear, nose and throat doctor.) LaVelle noted he did not make good grades - a fact that, obviously, could have stunted his further academic growth. When a relative suggested to the elder LaVelle that he might be setting his son up for a major disappointment with his sights on medical school, “My dad told her...: ‘David can do anything he sets his mind to do.’” Lesson No. 2 - “Do not allow yourself to come up short on your dreams just because you didn’t want to work hard enough to reach them.”

Two years ago, LaVelle was vacationing with his family and, when exercising with his son, felt a tightening in his chest. After a second episode, it was determined he had a serious blockage in his main coronary artery. Following cardiac catheterization, he began to rethink his lifestyle. At 53 years of age he was not in “terrible shape,” but his weight and cholesterol needed attention. Subsequently, he became a cyclist, has completed seven “centuries” (100-mile bicycle rides) and just returned from a “3-State, 3-Mountain” challenge. Lesson No. 3 - “You are never too old to change. Never quit. Never give up. Give life all you’ve got.”

LaVelle added, “You all have had something special to celebrate here today. I know that the education you’ve received here has prepared you to successfully meet the challenges you have ahead...”

Today’s graduates represented 56 Tennessee counties, states of Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Texas and countries of Japan, South Africa, South Korea and Taiwan.

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The Family Campaign included current, former and retired UT-Martin employees.

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"UT Martin has a number of exciting priorities that The Campaign for Tennessee will make realities," said Rakes. "The campus emphasizes student and faculty enrichment, which benefits individuals well beyond the region."

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Rakes added, "Campus security, facilities expansion and beautification will continue to be vital components, as well."

The UT Martin Capital Campaign launch was complete with "coaching" by Lady Vols Coach Pat Summit, the winningest coach in college basketball history and a UT-Martin aluma. Dr. Anne Meek, UT-Martin Development Committee chair and daughter of Paul Meek, UT Martin’s first chancellor, and a UT-Martin aluma, interviewed President Petersen and Dr. Rakes spoke to the audience and fielded questions in an informal town-meeting setting.

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Annual Kid College
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Chancellor Tom Rakes announced that UT Martin has raised $30.5 million, or 76 percent of its $40 million goal, the largest goal attainment percentage of any UT campus or unit. Also, UT Martin achieved 54 percent participation in its Family Campaign, the largest percentage of any UT campus. The Family Campaign included current, former and retired UT Martin employees.

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“UT Martin has a number of exciting priorities that the Campaign for Tennessee will make realities,” said Rakes. “The campus emphasizes student and faculty enrichment, which benefits individuals well beyond the region.”

Additional areas of emphasis include student aid, faculty retention and development, international initiatives, an honors enrichment fund and increased research opportunities, all of which are critical to attracting and retaining top students and faculty to UT Martin. Specific goals also include expanding internships, leadership, and service learning opportunities.

Rakes added, “Campus security, facilities expansion and beautification will continue to be vital components, as well.”

The UT Martin Capital Campaign Launch was complete with “coaching” by Lady Vols Coach Pat Summit, the winningest coach in college basketball history and a UT Martin alumna. Dr. Anne Meek, UT Martin Development Committee chair and daughter of Paul Meek, UT Martin’s first chancellor, and a UT Martin alumna, interviewed President Petersen, and Dr. Rakes spoke to the audience and fielded questions in an informal town-meeting setting.

“Known for real-world, experiential learning, UT Martin is taking its outstanding academic and athletic programs to new levels of distinction and national prominence,” said Rakes. “Increased emphasis is being placed on student access and success through off-campus centers, global studies opportunities and evolving online learning offerings.” He added, “The university is collaborating with community, business and industry leaders to provide ‘capacity-building’ growth opportunities in areas such as agriculture, biofuels, health care, education, technology and the arts.”

“While we are grateful and pleased with extraordinary leadership gifts given to date in the Campaign for Tennessee, there is still much work to be done,” said Len Solomon, vice chancellor for university advancement. “The ultimate success of this effort will depend upon the generosity and involvement of loyal alumni and friends throughout the region.”

She added, “As the university publicly launches the most ambitious fund-raising effort in UT Martin’s history, every gift is important. During the next three years of the capital campaign, we will need larger numbers of gifts of varying sizes to reach our goal and ensure success.”

The local launch also included members of the UT Martin Campaign Steering Committee, the UT Martin Development Committee, the UT Martin Alumni Council and major donors.

UT Martin’s Campaign chairs include honorary chairs, Jim Ayers, Parsons; J. Houston Gordon, Covington; and campaign co-chairs, Dr. Lew Dougherty, Camden; and Ray Smith, Huntingdon. These volunteer leaders have made major campaign commitments to the UT Martin Parsons Center, the Paul Meek Library and the American Democracy Project, the Honors Programs and faculty professorships, respectively.

Coach Summit concluded the program with personal reflections about her UT Martin years and the importance of the Campaign for Tennessee to the Martin campus. She described her college years at UT Martin as among the best years of her life. “I have committed to giving back to UT Martin,” she said, and she challenged the crowd to do the same. “Tonight, in this room, it’s time for all of us to step up,” she said, “...Every gift counts. Every gift makes a difference.”

Yoga class to be offered at UTM in June

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering “Yoga and You,” 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, June 3-July 1. The fee is $55, and the instructor is Dr. Leslie LaChance.

The five-week course will introduce beginners to the basics of this ancient art, which promotes physical well-being and mental and emotional clarity.

LaChance, who will complete her Yoga Alliance teaching certification this summer, will guide participants toward creating a personal practice to aid your strength, endurance and flexibility while it boosting your energy.

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Students recognized at UT Martin Honors Day

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Nicholas J. D'Acquisto, of Bethel Springs, recently received the Department of the Army Superior Cadets MS 1 Award during the 44th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This award is presented to UT Martin ROTC students who have excelled in both academics and leadership.
LOCAL STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO PHI KAPPA PHI: Christopher Nichols, Heather McLean, Sam Stephens and Jonathan Kolwyck, left to right, all of Dyer 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.

Dolly Barnes graduates from the University of Tennessee at Martin

Dolly Janes Barnes, of Selmer, was among graduates participating in the University of Tennessee at Martin spring commencement ceremony Saturday. Pictured with her are her parents, Rod and Linda Barnes. Commencement speaker, Dr. David LaVelle, Memphis surgeon and UT Martin alumnus, told spring graduates that, armed with a degree from UT Martin, they were prepared to successfully meet the challenges ahead. Chancellor Tom Rakes conferred degrees.
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TVA Investment Challenge: http://www.tva.gov/investmen tchallenge/

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Memorial Day service set at UTM

Weakley County Chancellor Mike Maloan, of Martin, brigadier general, Tennessee Army National Guard, and University of Tennessee at Martin adjunct professor of business law, will be the guest speaker at the eighth annual Memorial Day Commemoration at UT Martin.

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Kid College set for June 2-12

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UT Martin Dean's List

The outstanding academic achievements of the following Marshall County undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Spring 2008 Dean's List.

Chapel Hill: Tyler C. Beaulieu, High Honors; Ryan P. Blake, High Honors; James A. Burkett, High Honors; Vanessa N. Hitchcock, High Honors; William C. Joyce, Honors; and Deborah L. Zimmere, Highest Honors.

Cornersville: Deanna D. Barlar, High Honors; Lindsey N. Jones, High Honors; and Cecelia L. McBay-Stone, Honors.

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LaVelle's practical advice reinforced with life stories

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But the UT Martin alumnus and Memphis surgeon also offered several "life stories" when he addressed a record number of graduates Saturday as spring commencement speaker.

As a young surgeon, LaVelle and two colleagues were not content with the state of the art in orthopaedic surgery.

Their diligence as residents changed the way fractures are treated to this day, after being criticized because "some of our ideas were a radical departure from the 'old way' of treatment."

He added, "We went around the world teaching others how to do this surgery, and I remember being told by a professor of surgery in Italy that I was too young to have the experience and know-how that I had presented at our meeting.

Lesson No. 1 - "You are never too young to make a difference."

As a youth and teenager, all LaVelle ever wanted to do was be a doctor. (His father is a retired ear, nose and throat doctor.) LaVelle noted he did not make good grades - a fact that, obviously, could have stunted his further academic growth.

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"Lesson No. 2 - "Do not allow yourself to come up short on your dreams just because you didn't want to work hard enough to reach them."

Two years ago, LaVelle was vacationing with his family and, when exercising with his son, felt a tightening in his chest. After a second episode, it was determined he had a serious blockage in his main coronary artery.

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LaVelle added, "You all have had something special to celebrate here today. I know that the education you've received here has prepared you to successfully meet the challenges you have ahead . . ."

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Health care programs offered

In partnership with Condensed Curriculum International Inc. (CCI), the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering a variety of health care professional training programs in Martin.

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- **Pharmacy Technician Program** – This 50-hour course will prepare students to enter the pharmacy field and to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's PTCB exam. Technicians work in hospitals, home infusion pharmacies, community pharmacies and other health care settings — working under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. Course content includes medical terminology specific to the pharmacy, reading and interpreting prescriptions and defining drugs by generic and brand names. Students will learn dosage calculations, intravenous flow rates, drug compounding, dose conversions, dispensing of prescriptions, inventory control and billing and reimbursement. The course fee is $999 (textbooks included) and will be offered 6-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 24-Aug. 12.

- **EKG Technician Certification Program** – This 50-hour EKG Technician Certification Program prepares students to function as EKG technicians and to take the American Society of Phlebotomy Technician (ASPT) – Electrocardiograph (EKG) Technician exam and other national certification exams. This course will include practice and background information on anatomy of the heart and physiology, medical disease processes, medical terminology, medical ethics, legal aspects of patient contact, laboratory assisting, electrocardiography and echocardiography. Additionally, students will practice with equipment and perform hands-on labs including introduction to the function and proper use of the EKG machine, the normal anatomy of the chest wall for proper lead placement, 12-lead placement and other clinical practices. The course fee is $999 (textbooks included) and it will be offered 6-9:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, June 23-Aug. 11.

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Economic Summit at UTM
May 29

The Jackson Sun

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Prior to starting work for ECD in July of 2004, she worked as regional marketing and public relations manager for the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development.

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ECCE presents Outstanding Achievement Awards

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All awards were announced by Bill Duff, ECCE executive director, and presented by Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs. This year's honorees included the following people.

Jerry Biggers has been principal at Northwest Correctional Complex in Tiptonville since 2005. He taught special education at Jackson Central Merry from 2004-05. Biggers received a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Athens State University in 1996. He also taught special education at Brighton Elementary School from 2001-04. He received a master's degree in education degree at Alabama A&M in 1999. He also earned an education specialist degree at Union University in 2008.

Biggers and his wife, Ann, have one daughter, Beth, who teaches at Ripley High School. Their son, O. Miller currently serves as a sergeant with the Selmer Police Department. Miller received a bachelor's degree in business administration from UT Martin in 2005. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2006. At the faculty workshop last summer, Miller conducted the emergency preparedness training and developed the current Emergency Preparedness Manual. He is married to Amber Miller. Dr. Dan Pigg joined the UT Martin faculty in 1989 and is now Professor of English. Pigg earned a bachelor's degree in English at David Lipscomb University in Nashville in 1981; a master's degree in English at the University of Tennessee in 1983; a master's degree in medieval studies at The University of York, England, in 1988; doctorate in English at the University of Tennessee in 1989; a master's degree in education in curriculum theory at Middle Tennessee State University in 2002; and a doctorate of education in curriculum theory at the University of Memphis in 2003. Pigg currently is working on a master of arts in religion at Memphis Theological Seminary with the focus on biblical and historical studies. Jim Reed is retired and has been an adjunct faculty member at the UT Martin Parsons Center since 2007. Previously, he was a high school mathematics teacher in Decatur County and Wayne County schools and in Indiana for 18 years. Reed received a bachelor's degree at Indiana State University in 1964 and master of arts in teaching at Purdue University in 1970. Reed and his wife, Sylvia, have five children. Judy Tyree is an Edward Jones Investments financial adviser. She previously worked as a Raymond James Investments financial adviser from 1997-99. Tyree is also the co-chair of the UT Martin Ripley Center Fundraising Committee. Tyree earned a bachelor's degree in administration in accounting in 1976 at UT Martin. She and her husband, George, have two children, both of whom are UT Knoxville graduates. Carol Walker is a homemaker and civic advocate for the Lauderdale County community. She previously worked at Halls High School as a teacher and also worked for the UT Extension Office in Lauderdale County. Walker is also the co-chair of the UT Martin Ripley Center Fundraising Committee. She earned a bachelor's degree in home economics at UT Martin in 1960. Walker and her husband, Dan, have three children, all of whom attended UT Knoxville.

ECCE plans 'Yoga and You'

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering "Yoga and You," 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, June 3-July 1. The fee is $55, and the instructor is Dr. Leslie LaChance.

Interested in exploring the fitness craze that's sweeping the nation? Or would you rather participate in a 5,000-year-old practice of self-improvement? They're both the same — yoga. The five-week course will introduce beginners to the basics of this ancient art, which promotes physical well being and mental and emotional clarity. LaChance, who will complete her Yoga Alliance teaching certification this summer, will guide you toward creating a personal practice that can aid your strength, endurance and flexibility while it boosts your energy. Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights).

Advance registration is required. To register, call ECCE at 881-7081 or register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.

New diagnostic lab

The West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, a partnership between the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the University of Tennessee at Martin, will open at 10 a.m. Thursday at 127 Campus Road on the UTM campus. The lab will operate as a satellite facility of the C.E. Kord Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in Nashville.
TOP DISSERTATION AWARD — Dr. Joy Roach, University of Tennessee at Martin assistant professor, Department of Computer Science and Information Systems, recently was awarded a national dissertation award in San Antonio, Texas. After a two-year blind review, the Delta Pi Epsilon Dissertation Award was bestowed on Roach for best dissertation in the nation in the field of business education for 2006. Roach’s dissertation, “Factors Affecting Written Business Communication Creation and Productivity Perceptions,” won first place in the field, which also included part of Canada. Roach and her dissertation chair traveled to San Antonio to receive the award at the Delta Pi Epsilon luncheon as part of this year’s annual National Business Education Association Convention. The award was given by Dr. Virginia Hemby of Middle Tennessee State University, who is the current DPE president, and Dr. Cyril Kesten, University of Regina (Saskatchewan), who was chair of the review committee. Delta Pi Epsilon is the graduate branch of NBEA and sponsors the award. Roach is pictured after receiving the award with her dissertation advisor, Dr. Marcia Anderson, of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

BAKER RECEIVES CARL SEALE STUDENT TEACHER AWARD — The recipient of the University of Tennessee at Martin Carl Seale Student Teacher Award for spring semester 2008 is Hillari Baker of Huntingdon. 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 are (from left) Dr. Kathy Evaris, UT Martin university supervisor; Baker, Carl Seale Student Teaching Award recipient; and cooperating teacher, Zann Wortham of Martin Primary School.

Paula Comerlato, of Memphis, Monica Collins, Dresden, Andrea Cash, Memphis, and Lana Carpenter, Trenton, wait to line up with University of Tennessee at Martin spring graduates at Saturday’s commencement ceremony. Commencement speaker was Dr. David LaVelle, Memphis surgeon and UT Martin alumnus. Chancellor Tom Rakes conferred degrees.
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LOCAL GRADUATE – Debbie Mays, of Milan, posed with her family for photos prior to Saturday’s commencement at the University of Tennessee at Martin. With her are (from left) her son, Gerome, daughter, Chasiti, Shawn Young, and kneeling, son, Roshawn. Mays graduated with a bachelor of science in education.
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Casey A. Curlin, Fulton, High Honors; Karen C. Dean, Fulton, Highest Honors; Eli W. McClanahan, Fulton, Honors; Heather M. Pfeuger, Fulton, Highest Honors; Natalie L. Rushing, Fulton, Highest Honors; Terika S. Taylor, Fulton, Honors; Justin E. Totty, Fulton, High Honors; Kimberly D. Ward, Fulton, High Honors; Joshua L. Potts, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Kimberly L. Battis, South Fulton, Highest Honors; John R. Burrow, South Fulton, Honors; Emily L. Clark, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Charity N. Conner, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Jaclyn E. Cook, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Ashley N. Culin, South Fulton, Honors; Jaymii D. Dave, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Hunter O. Galloway, South Fulton, High Honors; Keri L. Glisson, South Fulton, Honors; Kyle D. Greer, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Quintin L. Haskins, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Amy N. Hewlett, South Fulton, High Honors; Margaret A. Hickman, South Fulton, High Honors; Allison T. Jones, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Ascenith A. Luker, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Cristin S. Maloney, South Fulton, Honors; S. Linn L. McClain, South Fulton, Honors; Delana H. McDaniell, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Jessica L. McKinney, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Andrew H. Moore, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Robbie A. People, South Fulton, Honors; Nikki L. Pergande, South Fulton, High Honors; Edward A. Phipps, South Fulton, High Honors; Anna E. Williams, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Laura A. Williams, South Fulton, Honors; Megan K. Sitter, Water Valley, Honors.

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From the Milan area:
- Xavier T. Alexander, Bradford, High Honors
- Nina M. Bane, Bradford, Highest Honors
- Jennifer K. Dethloff, Bradford, Honors
- Amanda K. Hall, Bradford, Highest Honors
- Justin S. Lowery, Bradford, Honors
- Shanna R. McCartney, Bradford, Highest Honors
- Daniel H. Morris, Bradford, Highest Honors
- Derek W. Proudfoot, Bradford, Honors
- Donald W. Proudfoot, Bradford, High Honors
- David L. Terry, Bradford, Highest Honors
- Deidre A. Versay, Bradford, Highest Honors
- Tabitha R. Wendt, Bradford, Highest Honors
- Joshua C. Heifner,Idlewild, Honors
- Brooke A. Bevley, Medina, High Honors
- Elyse B. Cole, Medina, Highest Honors
- Cheri M. Crane, Medina, Honors
- Jessica L. Erickson, Medina, Honors
- Jacob G. Filippini, Medina, Honors
- Dustin P. Kenton, Medina, High Honors
- Yisel T. McConnell, Medina, Honors
- Brian M. Quinn, Medina, Honors
- Jesse N. Winchester, Medina, Honors
- Austin D. Aged, Milan, Honors
- Bryce E. Appleton, Milan, Honors
- Katharine E. Appleton, Milan, Honors
- Patrick R. Barnes, Milan, Honors
- Christopher L. Berry, Milan, Highest Honors
- April A. Brake, Milan, High Honors
- Byron B. Burns, Milan, Highest Honors
- Lynsey A. Charlton, Milan, High Honors
- Margaret C. Duncan, Milan, High Honors
- Whitney E. Garner, Milan, Honors
- Candace L. Hilliard, Milan, Honors
- Brian L. Jones, Milan, High Honors
- Hillary G. Keen, Milan, Honors
- Tiffany B. Matheny, Milan, High Honors
- Debbie E. Mays, Milan, Honors
- Christopher S. McGill, Milan, Honors
- Zaelary A. McMin, Milan, Honors
- Haley C. Miller, Milan, Honors
- Christopher D. Mitchell, Milan, Honors
- Ashley N. Murphy, Milan, Honors
- Adam P. Nelson, Milan, Honors
- Ashley M. Niven, Milan, Highest Honors
- Sam H. Pifer, Milan, Honors
- Megan A. Pope, Milan, Highest Honors
- Amanda L. Reeves, Milan, Highest Honors
- Adam J. Sanders, Milan, Honors
- Savannah L. Sells, Milan, High Honors
- Courtney N. Sullivan, Milan, Honors
- Angela R. Winstead, Milan, Highest Honors
- William P. York, Milan, Highest Honors
- Samuel T. Young, Milan, Highest Honors
Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest Held at UT Martin

MARTIN - The 2006 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest was held on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics on April 24. At UT Martin, the 2006 Middle School/Junior High Mathematics Contest drew more than 400 people representing 25 different public and private schools in Northwest Tennessee. A total of 353 students sat for the exams, and more than 70 teachers, sponsors and parents participated in the contest. Milan Middle School won the Sixth Grade Team Award, Dyersburg Middle School won the Seventh Grade Team Award and Dyersburg Middle School took home the Eighth Grade crown. The top four scores from a school constitute the team score. The top 10 individuals by grade are listed below:

Sixth Grade - First, Rachel Hart, Milan Middle School; Second, Matthew Haynes, Milan Middle School; Third, Alexander Ross, Martin Middle School; Fourth, Jason Stone, Union City Middle School; Fifth, Katelyn Riley, McKenzie Middle School; Sixth, Joshua Malloy, McKenzie Middle School; Sixth, Jassamy Moore, Rutherford Elementary School; Sixth, Shante Skinner, Rutherford Elementary School; Sixth, Kesley Wallace, McKenzie Middle School; Tenth, Zacharie Thomas, Big Sandy School.

Seventh Grade - First, Will Tucker, Huntingdon Junior High; Second, Lucas Pyron, Jackson Christian School; Third, Woujin Cho, Martin Middle School; Third, Woodson Miles, Union City Middle School; Fifth, Lake Seavcy, Union City Middle School; Sixth, Will Cliff, Dyersburg Middle School; Sixth, William Futrell, Crockett County Middle School; Eighth, Beth Orr, Dyersburg Middle School; Eighth, Maria Yousef, Dyersburg Middle School; Tenth, Melanie Laprade, Huntingdon Middle School.

Eighth Grade - First, Lee Roland, Homelife Academy; Second, Brandt Huffman, Crockett County Middle School; Second, John Kirkland, Union City Middle School; Third, Parker Pruit, Dyersburg Middle School; Fifth, Haydon Alford, Dyersburg Middle School; Fifth, Landon Scarrubrough, Ridgeman Elementary School; Seventh, Rachel Chaffin, Dyersburg Middle School; Eighth, Melissa Darroch, Martin Middle School; Ninth, Saba Getaneh, Martin Middle School; Tenth, Christina Jackson, Lake Road School; Tenth, Sean Stapleton, Dyersburg Middle School.

UT Martin Names Local Students to Spring Semester Dean’s List

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

Carroll County students included:

ATWOOD: Jeremy M. Caldwell, High Honors; Jennifer Gibson, High Honors; James R. Halford, High Honors.

BRUCETON: Bethany L. Allen, Highest Honors; Robert A. Eldredge, High Honors; Allison P. McGuire, Honors; Matthew W. Roberts, High Honors; Jessica L. Doupis, Honors.

BUENA VISTA: Katherine L. Huddle, Honors.

CEDAR GROVE: Stephanie M. Jordan, Honors.

FOLLOW DUCK: Lindsey M. Anderson, Honors; Patrick A. Bishop, Highest Honors; Jennifer K. Brooks, Highest Honors; Amanda E. Clark, Highest Honors; Whitney K. Owens, High Honors; Debbie R. Pardu, Honors; Jerron L. Selph, Honors; Shannon C. Watters, High Honors.

HUNTINGDON: Brian P. Adams, Honors; Dana L. Adayaturriaga, Highest Honors; Ashley E. Anderson, Highest Honors; Dana M. Anderson, High Honors; Jill E. Baker, Highest Honors; Timothy C. Bond, Highest Honors; Laura A. Dunn, High Honors; Rebecca L. Carlton, Highest Honors; Kelley A. Carter, High Honors; David E. Chambless, Highest Honors; Mary S. Coleman, Highest Honors; Derek A. Collins, High Honors; Whitney L. DePriest, Honors; Cayce E. Dempsey, High Honors; Phillip Dull, Honors; Jill S. Foster, High Honors; David T. Hampton, Highest Honors; Hannah R. Hawkins, High Honors; Kerry D. Hunt, Honors; Jennifer L. James, Honors; Justin B. Johns, Highest Honors; Karen M. Massey, Highest Honors; Sara J. Mayfield, Honors; Tiffany D. McCaslin, Highest Honors; Jeremy R. McQuesten, Highest Honors; Lauren F. Murdough, Highest Honors; Mark D. Newsome, High Honors; Lesley A. Nolen, Highest Honors; Jamie M. Pritchard, Highest Honors; Jon B. Pritchard, High Honors; Cody C. Rainey, Highest Honors; April C. Riley, Highest Honors; Matthew H. Spelling, High Honors; Brittany N. Sutton, High Honors; Jacob R. Todd, Highest Honors; Dustin A. Tucker, High Honors.

MCKENZIE: Julie C. Bennett, Highest Honors; Mallory B. Brandon, Highest Honors; Rachel L. Chandler, High Honors; Laken B. Coleman, Honors; Samantha G. Doster, Honors; Brigitte N. Enbark, Highest Honors; Kelly D. Fowler, Honors; Alan J. Greve, Highest Honors; Elaine C. Haw, Highest Honors; Melody A. Hopper, High Honors; Matthew A. Jones, Honors; Samuel H. McDaniel, Highest Honors; Marcus C. Mitchell, High Honors; Amber K. Moore, High Honors; Sherry L. Moore, Highest Honors; Alaine Nolen, High Honors; Kent A. Orment, High Honors; Lauren E. Perritt, Highest Honors; Justin J. Petering; Honors; Douglas C. Rich, Honors; Harold L. Russell, High Honors; Kelcy C. Schwitter, Honors; Heather L. Weirs, Highest Honors; Kristy Wiser, Honors.

MCLEMORESVILLE: Chassidy O. Bell, High Honors.

TREZEvant: Emily K. Giddens, Honors; Mary N. Wadley, Highest Honors.

YUMA: Kerri B. Foster, Highest Honors; Seth K. McDaniel, Honors.
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Gibson County students include:
- Trenton: Clark H. Allen, High Honors; Clinton B. Allen, Highest Honors; Mack R. Ashburn, High Honors; Kerrie J. Bunch, High Honors; Patrick E. Cayson, High Honors; Jenni L. Crossnoe, Highest Honors; Matthew B. Curtis, Highest Honors; Ashley N. Drumright, Honors; Casey M. Ellington, High Honors; Chasity R. Fields, High Honors; Lindsey N. Flowers, Honors; Candace R. Gibson, Highest Honors; Corbin C. Gibson, Honors; Willie J. Harden, High Honors; Tanner A. Hensley, Honors; Kevin S. Hopper, Honors; Anessa L. Inman, Highest Honors; Brandi N. Martz, Highest Honors; Megan N. Petty, Honors; Jennifer A. Reeves, High Honors; Jana S. Rhodes, Highest Honors; Kristin K. Rodamaker, High Honors; Emily J. Rogers, Honors; Nicholas T. Scott, Highest Honors; Madison L. Sturgeon, Honors; Rebecca F. Taylor, Highest Honors; Christopher P. Vaughn, High Honors; and Cydney L. Williams, Highest Honors.
- Bradford: Xavier T. Alexander, High Honors; Nina M. Bane, Highest Honors; Jennifer K. Dethloff, Honors; Amanda K. Hall, High Honors; Justin S. Lowery, Honors; Shanna R. McCarty, Highest Honors; Daniel H. Morris, Highest Honors; Derek W. Proudfoot, Honors; Donald W. Proudfoot, High Honors; David L. Terry, Highest Honors; Deidre A. Veasey, Highest Honors; and Tabitha R. Wendt, Highest Honors.
- Dyer: Joshua T. Adams, High Honors; Melissa D. Carson, High Honors; Matthew R. Coleman, Honors; Rachel S. Coleman, Highest Honors; Joshua B. Dye, Highest Honors; Joseph A. Fulwood, Honors; Leslie K. Harwell, Highest Honors; Ashlee N. Johnson, Honors; Matthew A. Maitland, Honors; Elizabeth A. McCarthy, Highest Honors; John M. Mistrick, High Honors; Beth A. Pagel, Honors; Emily B. Parks, Highest Honors; Calah R. Paulhus, Honors; Jessica J. Sims, Highest Honors; Leighanna M. Sims, High Honors; Kimberly J. Thompson, Highest Honors; Noelle B. Turner, High Honors.
- Yorkville: Brittnie C. Belton, Highest Honors; Jacquelyn A. Ladd, High Honors; Katherine E. Ladd, Highest Honors; and Ryan J. Pope, High Honors.
- Rutherford: Jacob A. Abbott, High Honors; John G. McCullar, High Honors; and Miranda L. Pate, Highest Honors.
- Kenton: Julie R. Baker, Honors; Laurel G. Childs, Honors; Ellen M. Crum, Highest Honors; Andrea L. Dvorak, High Honors; Jacob L. Eddlemon, Honors; Julie M. Farrar, Honors; Jessica J. Francis, High Honors; Bethany L. Griggs, Honors; Benjamin W. Hollomon, Honors; Clay R. Hollomon, High Honors; Emily A. Littleton, Honors; Lauren E. Phillips, Honors; and James T. Roden, High Honors.
- Humboldt: Charity L. Allen, Honors; Brittany N. Branum, High Honors; Jeremy M. Brown, Honors; Chase M. Climer, Honors; Jonathan A. Coyle, Highest Honors; Daniel S. DeHaan, Highest Honors; Meredith L. Dunn, Honors; Stephanie M. Foxx, Honors; Megan L. Laster, Highest Honors; Megan M. Latimer, High Honors; Nicholas B. Latimer, High Honors; Alexis R. Luckey, High Honors; William P. Luckey, Highest Honors; Jeremy H. Patterson, High Honors; Tucker D. Phillips, Honors; Christie K. Rushing, Highest Honors; Kara V. Salyers, Highest Honors; Michael S. Schoonover, Highest Honors; Rachael L. Slott, Honors; Jody L. Stokes, Highest Honors; Ethan D. Vasquez, Honors; Jeb H. Williams, Highest Honors; and Micah L. Williams, Highest Honors.

-idewild: Joshua R. Hefner, Honors.
- Medina: Brooke A. Bettie, High Honors; Elyse B. Cole, High Honors; Charli M. Crone, Honors; Jessica L. Erickson, Honors; Jacob G. Flippin, Honors; Dustin P. Kenton, High Honors; Yisel T. McConnell, Honors; Brianna M. Quinn, Honors; and Jesse N. Winchester, Honors.
- Milan: Austin D. Alfred, Honors; Bryce E. Appleton, Honors; Katharine E. Appleton, Honors; Patrick R. Barnes, Honors; Christopher L. Berry, Highest Honors; April A. Brake, High Honors; Byron B. Burns, Highest Honors; Lynsey A. Charlton, High Honors; Margaret C. Duncan, High Honors; Whitney E. Garner, Honors; Candace L. Hilliard, Honors; Brian L. Jones, High Honors; Hilary G. Keen, Honors; Tiffany B. Matheny, Honors; Debbie E. Mays, Honors; Christopher S. McGill, Honors; Zachary A. McMillin, Honors; Haled C. Miller, Honors; Christopher D. Mitchell, Honors; Ashley N. Murphree, Honors; Adam P. Nelson, Honors; Ashley M. Niven, Highest Honors; Sara H. Phifer, Honors; Megan A. Pope, Highest Honors; Amanda L. Reeves, Highest Honors; Adam J. Sandor, Honors; Savannah L. Sellers, Honors; Courtney N. Sullivan, Honors; Angela R. Winstead, Highest Honors; William P. York, Highest Honors; and Samuel T. Young, Highest Honors.
- Newbern: Kimberly A. Scott, Highest Honors.

UT Martin is a comprehensive public university that maintains an excellent reputation for its high-quality undergraduate programs, its beautiful campus and caring professors.
The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education recently honored six West Tennessee residents during its seventh 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. Tom Rakes, 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 Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs. This year's honorees included the following people:

Jerry Biggers has been principal at Northwest Correctional Complex in Tiptonville since 2005. He taught special education at Jackson Central-Merry from 2004-2005. Biggers received a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Athens State University in 1996. He also taught special education at Brighton Elementary School from 2001-2004. He received a master's of education at Alabama A&M in 1999. He also earned an education specialist at Union University in 2005. Biggers and his wife, Ann, have one daughter, Beth, who teaches at Ripley High School.

Tony O. Miller currently serves as a sergeant with the Selmer Police Department. Miller received a bachelor's degree in business education from UT Martin in 2005. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2006. At the faculty workshop last summer, Miller conducted the emergency preparedness training and developed the current Emergency Preparedness Manual. He is married to Amber Miller.

Dr. Dan Pigg joined the UT Martin faculty in 1989 and is now professor of English. Pigg earned a bachelor's degree in English at David Lipscomb University in Nashville in 1981; a master's degree in English at the University of Tennessee in 1983; a master's degree in medieval studies at the University of York, England, in 1988; and a doctorate in English at the University of Memphis in 1993. Pigg currently is working on a master's of arts in religion at Memphis Theological Seminary with the focus on biblical and historical studies.

Jim Reed is retired and has been an adjunct member at the UT Martin Parsons Center since 2007. Previously, he was a high school mathematics teacher at Decatur County and Wayne County schools and in Indiana for 18 years. Reed received a bachelor's degree at Indiana State University in 1964 and master of arts in teaching at Purdue University in 1970. Reed and his wife, Sylvia, have five children.

Judy Tyree is an Edward Jones Investments financial advisor. She previously worked as a Raymond James Investments financial advisor from 1987-1999. Tyree is also the co-chair of the UT Martin Ripley Center Fundraising Committee. Tyree earned a bachelor's degree in administration in accounting in 1976 at UT-Martin. She and her husband, George, have two children, both of whom are UT Knoxville graduates.

Carol Walker is a homemaker and civic advocate for the Lauderdale County community. She previously worked at Halls High School as a teacher and also worked for the UT Extension Office in Lauderdale County. Walker is also the co-chair of the UT Martin Ripley Center Fundraising Committee. She earned a bachelor's degree in home economics at UT Martin in 1960. Walker and her husband Dan, have three children, all of whom attended UT Knoxville.

Brooke Whaley, of Dresden, and Julie Ross, of Martin, were among graduates participating in the University of Tennessee at Martin spring commencement ceremony Saturday. Commencement speaker, Dr. David LaVelle, Memphis surgeon and UT Martin alumnus, told spring graduates that, armed with a degree from UT Martin, they were prepared to successfully meet the challenges ahead. Chancellor Tom Rakes conferred degrees.
Health care training offered through UT Martin ECCE

In partnership with Condensed Curriculum International Inc., the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering a variety of health care professional training programs in Martin.

Courses offered include:
• Pharmacy Technician Program — This 50-hour course will prepare students to enter the pharmacy field and to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's PTCB exam. Technicians work in hospitals, home infusion pharmacies, community pharmacies and other health care settings, working under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. Course content includes medical terminology specific to the pharmacy, reading and interpreting prescriptions and defining drugs by generic and brand names.

The course fee is $999 (textbooks included) and it will be offered 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays June 24-Aug. 12.

• EKG Technician Certification Program — This 50-hour EKG Technician Certification Program prepares students to function as EKG technicians and to take the American Society of Phlebotomy Technician (ASPT)-Electrocardiograph (EKG) Technician exam and other national certification exams. This course will include practice and background information on anatomy of the heart and physiology, medical disease processes, medical terminology, medical ethics, legal aspects of patient contact, laboratory assisting, electrocardiography and echocardiography.

Additionally, students will practice with equipment and perform hands-on labs.

The fee is $999 (textbooks included) and it will be offered 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays June 23-Aug. 11.

To register, call UT Martin ECCE at (731) 881-7082.

Accredited online MBA offered at UT Martin

A fully-accredited online master of business administration program is now offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The 22-month sequence of courses in the 35-hour program makes it convenient for professionals working full time to complete the degree. The UT Martin online MBA is the first University of Tennessee graduate business program offered online.

The program, initially designed with a focus on banking and financial services professionals, also offers the convenience of an online "classroom" for anyone employed full time. Lectures, course materials and help desk assistance are available 24/7.

Complete classroom presentations including lectures and multimedia information are provided through streaming video to home or office computers. Lectures will even be accessible from PDAs and podcasted.

As the only program in West Tennessee outside Memphis accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the UT Martin MBA is a comprehensive business degree. The program is designed to develop a range of relevant skills and knowledge including teamwork, problem solving, business ethics, communication, leadership, financial analysis, sales and marketing, technology, human resources, strategic planning, regulation and economic trends.

Dr. Tom Payne, UT Martin Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking, said the new online MBA serves the needs of bank employees with different professional backgrounds, undergraduate degrees, job responsibilities and work schedules. It will also serve the needs of banks with branches across West Tennessee and the surrounding region as they develop the next generation of leaders. The program provides a way for bankers to develop their finance, accounting, marketing, management and technical skills as they work in teams to solve problems and learn from highly-qualified faculty.

Anyone enrolling in the program should hold a four-year bachelor's degree and have a minimum of two years professional work experience. The program is delivered with personalized instruction by UT Martin graduate faculty and can accommodate 22 students in each annual cohort. The following courses in the 22-month program are delivered sequentially: introductory tools and methods, accounting for managerial decisions, organizational theory and design, corporate financial management, banking and financial services, legal and ethical environment of business, managerial economics, marketing strategy, sales and marketing research for banks, operations management, strategic management and business policy.

For more information, visit www.utm.edu/onlineMBA or call (731) 881-7324.
Tenn. students beat Wall Street in TVA challenge

By DUNCAN MANSFIELD

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.

Student investors outperformed Wall Street for the Tennessee Valley Authority in 2007, beating the Standard & Poor's 500 index for the seventh time in nine years and earning more than $900,000 for the nation's largest public utility.

Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville bested 24 other schools in TVA's annual Investment Challenge Program with a 29.8 percent return on investment, followed closely by the University of Tennessee-Martin with a 28.1 percent return and University of Memphis with 23.2 percent.

"If they could do that every year, they'd be managing all my stock," Tech finance professor and program coordinator Bob Wood said with a laugh. "They had a good year."

This isn't a game or class project.

Knoxville-based TVA entrusts budding financiers with real money -- $10 million -- from a special $1 billion fund it will need one day to pay for decommissioning its nuclear plants.

Altogether, last year's student investment teams produced a 9.79 percent return on that $10 million, or about $980,000. That compares with an S&P 500 return of 5.5 percent. The entire $1 billion fund, most of which is managed by investment professionals, posted growth of 4.4 percent.

Well-endowed universities in other parts of the country have offered similar programs to give students a marketable taste of real world investing. But such offerings were rare in this region before former TVA Chief Financial Officer David Smith set up TVA's program in 1998 and opened it to universities throughout the utility's seven-state territory.

"The program has been a win-win for TVA and the universities," Smith's successor, Kim Greene, said in a statement. "The universities have generated positive, absolute and relative performance for TVA while providing real-world learning experience in portfolio management for students."

Investing real dollars brings value to the exercise, Wood agreed, even though TVA places some limits on the amounts and categories of investments. There's also real anxiety.

"You can do all you want on a dry-erase board. Messing with real money changes the performance," he said. "They will call me because they are worried about a trade they made. It is money that is being lost or it is money that is being gained."

The Tech team involved two sets of 20 to 25 students each semester. Student-developed portfolios on the companies were presented to the group, which would decide which stocks to buy.

"They would start out with something they had read or heard about a particular company then work backward, looking at the companies and their financials," Wood said.

As it turned out, "they just picked the right stocks," he said. "They just made some right decisions."
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Tech's top performers in 2007: Apple Inc., Southern Copper Corp., Transocean Inc., Focus Media Holding Ltd. and Netflix Inc.

But nothing lasts forever. Wood said the Tech team has already sold three of the five holdings.

Market conditions change, too. TVA reported Monday in its quarterly financial statement that its decommissioning fund lost $103 million in value between Oct. 1 and March 31.

However, Wood said TVA told him the student investors remained "a little bit ahead of the market portfolio overall."

TVA pays cash awards based on performance. What will Tennessee Tech do with the $7,581 it will receive?

"We are getting ready to build a trading room," Wood said.

The other participating universities are: Austin Peay State, Alabama A&M, Belmont, Christian Brothers, East Tennessee State, Lipscomb, Middle Tennessee State, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Mississippi University for Women, Murray State, Tennessee State, Trevecca Nazarene University, Union University, Alabama-Huntsville, Kentucky, North Alabama, Tennessee-Knoxville, Tennessee-Chattanooga, Vanderbilt, Western Carolina and Western Kentucky.

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UTM offers online MBA program

MARTIN, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee at Martin is offering an accredited, online master of business administration program.

The 22-month, 35-hour program is the first University of Tennessee graduate business program offered completely on the Web, UTM Chancellor Tom Rakes said. Lectures, course materials and help desk assistance are available nonstop.

Lectures and multimedia information are provided through streaming video to home or office computers. Lectures also are podcasted and accessible from personal data assistant devices.

Enrollees should have a four-year bachelor's degree and at least two years' professional work experience. Information: www.utm.edu/ onlinemba or 731-881-7324.

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UT Martin Spring Dean's List

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee Martin have been honored with publication of the Spring 2008 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).

The following are students from McEwen that were honored: Destinee M. Baker, High Honors; Ashley L. Craft, Highest Honors; Robert J. Lanham, High Honors; and Nicholas K. Lucas, Honors.
Governor's Schools earns students 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 1 and will depart July 3, while the agricultural sciences students will arrive on May 25 and depart on June 27.

The Tennessee Governor's School for the Humanities, located on the UT Martin campus since 1985, will host 84 students, and the fifth Tennessee Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences—one of four in the nation—has 36 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 assistant vice chancellor and chief information officer. Students will electronically submit their work to faculty and prepare presentations using the computers.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for our students,” said Dr. Phillip Smartt, associate 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 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. Jerold Ogg, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and governor’s school director.
UT MARTIN GRADS — Logan Flood (left) of Union City and Brian Jones of Milan were among the graduates participating in the University of Tennessee at Martin spring commencement ceremony Saturday. They were joined by Ashley Thomas of Centerville. The commencement speaker, Dr. David LaVelle, a Memphis surgeon and UT Martin alumnus, told spring graduates that, armed with a degree from UT Martin, they were prepared to successfully meet the challenges ahead. Chancellor Tom Rakes conferred degrees.

SF STANDOUT — Allison T. Jones of South Fulton recently received the Cunningham Outstanding Freshman Award during the 44th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This award is presented to the freshman student who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, leadership skills and involvement in campus activities.

UTM CHAIR INDUCTED — Dr. Nancy Warren, chair of the Department of Nursing at the University of Tennessee at Martin, was recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at UT Martin. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include faculty members who possess outstanding academic, research, creative and service achievements. Phi Kappa Phi promotes academic excellence in all fields of higher education.

STUDENT INDUCTED — Natalie Grossner of Obion 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.

SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN — Andrew H. Moore of South Fulton recently received the Norman and Ruby Campbell Scholarship Award during the 44th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This award is presented to returning students majoring in chemistry. Moore also received the Lower Division Chemistry Award and the Harry Neal Memorial Award, presented to an outstanding piano major in the Department of Music. Plus, Moore was recognized as a University Scholar.

UC STUDENT CHOSEN — Kelsey C. Sigman of Union City recently received the William H. Baker Scholarship Award during the 44th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This award is presented to full-time students in the College of Business and Public Affairs who have completed 60 hours of college credit, demonstrated scholarship and leadership, participated in extracurricular activities and shown promise of professional achievement, a spokesman said.
Reading enrichment camp scheduled for June

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education will host Reading Enrichment Camp June 23-27.

"Adventures With Arthur" will meet from 9-11 a.m. for children in first and second grades.

This camp includes the world's most lovable aardvark, "Arthur," by Mark Brown. Every day be comes an adventure, from camping out with space aliens to meeting the president. This camp is led by Sheila Rayburn, graduate teaching assistant in the UT Martin Reading Center, also a licensed teacher.

"Silly Shenanigans" is slated from 12:30-2:30 p.m. for children in third and fourth grades.

This camp includes funny stories, poems and jokes designed especially for the 8- to 9-year-old crowd. It is led by Ashley Raygon, a graduate teaching assistant in the UT Martin Reading Center who is seeking her teacher's license.

"Movers and Shakers" will be held from 3-5 p.m. for children in fifth and sixth grades.

Unique individuals from sports heroes to business moguls are spotlighted in this reading enrichment camp for pre-teens. Participating in a mock election and creating your own business are part of the action planned. This camp is led by Will Tate, a graduate teaching assistant in the UT Martin Reading Center who is seeking his teacher's license.

Advance registration is required and space is limited. To register, call ECCE at (731) 881-7082.

UT Martin graduates include local students

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

The students receiving undergraduate degrees, listed by hometown, included:

- Kenton — Ellen M. Crum, Andrea Leigh Dvorak and Julie Michelle Farhar;
- Obion — Thomas Guy Hensley;
- South Fulton — Emily Lynn Clark, Jeremie James Cross, Joseph Trent DOWDY, Hunter O'Neal Galloway, Quintin Lee Haskins, Ascenith Ann Luker, Edward Aaron Phipps, Kevin Dale Whitten and Anna Elizabeth Williams;
- Troy — Whitney Leigh Buchanan, Natalie Elise Grossner, Eric Kissell and Bethany Anne Palmer;

Among the students receiving master's degrees were:

- Obion — Brenda Randolph;
- Troy — Donald Ray Walton;
- Union City — Emily London Cross and Sarah Elizabeth Quinton.

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 St. in Martin.

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

Consultant available at 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 12.

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.
GRADUATES — University of Tennessee at Martin graduate Cary Speed (center) of Union City was among the students participating in the spring commencement ceremony recently at the university. She was joined by (from left) her grandparents, Joann and Tom Cary, and her parents, Celeste and Darrell Brock, all of Union City, prior to the ceremony.

HALLIE AITKEN of Collierville, Angelina Pettes-Staples and Ebonie Reed of Frayser and Mychele Stone of Southeast Memphis recently were awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2008 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The recognition is given to students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community.

Pettes-Staples also accepted the Chapter Scholarship Award for her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, which maintained the highest grade-point average of campus sorority chapters.

Germanstown resident Austin Cardosi, Will Duffell of East Memphis and Chad Holmes of Bartlett were awarded the Emerging Leader Award during the Greek Awards for 2008 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Emerging Leader Award cites students who already have begun to excel and become true leaders on campus.

Mary Morris of Bartlett was the recipient of a Sorority Scholarship Award for the spring and the Intramural Award during the Greek Awards for 2008 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. She also accepted other chapter awards on behalf of Alpha Delta Pi.
West Tenn. celebrates Memorial Day

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West Tennessee communities will commemorate Memorial Day beginning today with events ranging from flag ceremonies to living history activities at Shiloh National Military Park.

The following are some of the events planned:

- Weakley County Chancellor Mike Maloan, who is a brigadier general with the Tennessee Army National Guard and a University of Tennessee Martin adjunct professor of business law, will be the guest speaker at the eighth annual Memorial Day Commemoration at UT Martin.

The event is at 9 a.m. today 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.

Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Hardy, Tennessee Army National Guard recruiter, will serve as master of ceremonies. The national anthem will be performed by Kim Kraft, a UT Martin junior, and the invocation by Dennis Kosta, UT Martin supervisor of custodial services, who served in the Tennessee Army National Guard.

UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes will welcome guests, and Gerry Gallimore, UT Martin building and grounds staff member and U.S. Army veteran, will give the benediction. The 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. 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.

Animal disease diagnostic lab opening

The West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, a partnership between the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the University of Tennessee Martin, will operate as a satellite facility of C.E. Kord Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in Nashville. The partnership between the state and UT Martin was made possible by the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program. The 2,200 sq. ft. facility will provide a variety of services in support of animal disease diagnosis and regulatory activities within the state of Tennessee.

Tennessee commissioner of agriculture Ken Givens, UT vice president for agriculture Joseph DiPietro, UT Martin chancellor Tom Rakes, and other state and local officials were expected May 22 at 127 Campus Road, the University of Tennessee Martin, in Weakley County.

MILAN STUDENT RECOGNIZED AT UTM- Amanda Mitchell, of Milan, recently received the Outstanding Student in Cell and Molecular Concentration with a Major in Biology Award at the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences Awards Banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

COWEN TAKES ORDER OF THE ENGINEER OATH — University of Tennessee at Martin engineering graduates were inducted into the Order of the Engineer at a ceremony prior to spring commencement. Graduates pledging 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 Jeston Cowen of Bradford. Making the presentation was Dr. Richard Helgeson, left, Department of Engineering chair, and Dr. Doug Sterrett, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences dean.
Young writers summer camp set at UT Martin for June

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education will host Young Writers Summer Camp June 16-20.

"Young Writers Summer Camp" is slated from 9 a.m.-noon for children interested in writing, poetry, storytelling and more. The camp includes writing workshops, mini-lessons on content and editing strategies, writing response groups, and one-to-one conferences with West Tennessee Writing Project Teachers.

Teacher-led activities will begin at 9 a.m. to help develop and improve each child's writing. A snack break is scheduled from 10:30-10:45 a.m. Following the break will be a creative writing session. Student pick-up begins at noon.

The registration fee is $70 per camper, which includes a T-shirt, writing notebook and an anthology of writing by campers. Students must register by June 6.

The camp will end with a "celebration of writing" called Friends and Family Day. On Friday at 11 a.m., family and friends are invited to join the children's writing groups to hear what the children have been writing during camp.

For additional information about the Young Writers Summer Camp or WTWP, visit the WTWP Website at www.utm.edu/wtwp or e-mail Brittan Sutherland, summer camp program director, at sutherlandb@k12tn.net.

To register call ECCE at 731-881-7081 or register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/youthwriting/writingreg.php.

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UTM COMPUTER SCIENCE GRADUATES HONORED — Adam Chitwood, Brandon Beck, Jason Middleton and Kurt Wesner, all of Martin and majoring in computer science, were recently honored at the spring graduate luncheon sponsored by the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems. They were congratulated on their graduation from the University of Tennessee at Martin.
West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory opens at UT Martin

Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Ken Givens joined University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and other state and local officials Thursday to dedicate the new West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory on the UT Martin campus. The facility will provide a variety of services in support of animal disease diagnosis and regulatory activities.

"The new West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory is a prime example of how the Agricultural Enhancement Program is making a positive difference for our state," said Gov. Phil Bredesen, who was represented by Givens at the dedication.

"I'm proud to join the Department of Agriculture in supporting this facility, which for the first time will make critical disease diagnostic and reporting services readily accessible to West Tennessee veterinarians, farmers and pet owners."

"I want to commend UT Martin for delivering on a promise to operate a first-class facility with first-class service," said Givens. "This is a great day for Tennessee agriculture and particularly for the livestock industry in West Tennessee. Not only will this facility function as an integral part of a statewide animal disease network, but it will help to further diversify and support the development of our livestock industry in West Tennessee."

"With the establishment of the West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab at UT Martin, each region of the state is now equipped to identify and monitor animal health concerns such as foreign animal disease, herd disease outbreaks, secure the safety of the food supply, maximize animal health and assure public health," said DiPietro.

"The lab will also further the commitment to increase communication among the public, producers and veterinarians in West Tennessee."

The West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory will function as a satellite facility of C.E. Kord Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory operated by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture in Nashville. Another regional laboratory operating independently is located at University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine in Knoxville.

The 2,200 square foot facility will provide post-mortem tissue collection services only. Samples will be shipped overnight to Kord laboratory, where all definitive diagnoses will be made by state veterinary pathologists. Veterinarians, producers and West Tennessee residents will be able to submit animals to the facility for necropsies.

"This is a great example of our continuing partnership with the state to ensure an increased level of special services to those within our region," said Chancellor Rakes. "We are fortunate to have this unique laboratory facility located in West Tennessee."

For more information about the West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, contact Dr. Janet Bailey, facility manager, at (731) 881-1071.
Alumnus inducted into ROTC Hall of Fame

Maj. Gen. James R. Sholar, formerly of Stewart County, and commander, 88th Regional Support Command, recently was inducted into the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC Hall of Fame.

"It is always such an honor and a privilege to induct our superior Skyhawk Battalion alumni," said Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, professor of military science.

"Maj. Gen. Sholar and his wife, Linda, were absolutely an inspiration to cadets and cadre alike, as they graciously gave of their time and shared candidly about their 37 years of Army service to the nation."

The 88th RSC comprises a 19-state region in the north central and northwest United States. He is dual-hatted as senior mission commander, Fort McCoy, Wis. The 88th RSC provides base support operations for more than 50,000 soldiers and 550 units.

Sholar was commissioned as a second lieutenant, field artillery, through ROTC in 1971 at UT Martin. His stature has served continuously for 37 years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve.

Sholar began his active military career at Fort Sill, Okla., and subsequently served at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Following a tour on active duty, he joined the Army Reserve with the 95th Division (training) in 1975 and has served in a wide range of staff and command positions since that time. He has commanded at the company, battalion and brigade levels, and twice at the two-star level. Military duties have taken him to France, Germany, Kosovo, Guatemala, El Salvador, Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq and Afghanistan.

He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advance Courses, Command and General Staff Officer College, and the U.S. Army War College. Among his awards are the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster.

Sholar earned a bachelor's degree from UT Martin and holds master's and doctoral degrees from Oklahoma State University.

He spent almost 30 years as an Oklahoma State University professor of agronomy and extension agronomist. His work has been recognized at state and national levels. He did international consulting work in China and several European countries.

He has been back on duty with the Army for most of the last five years.

His wife, Linda, received a bachelor's degree from UT Martin and master's degree from Oklahoma State University.

She is a nationally board certified teacher in the Stillwater, Okla., public schools and serves as chair of the Oklahoma Commission on Teacher Preparation.

They have two children, a son-in-law, and four grandchildren. When not at Fort McCoy or somewhere in his 19-state region of responsibility, Sholar and his wife make their home in Stillwater, Okla.
Online courses for professional development

The University of Tennessee at Martin provides a variety of online courses for educators. Online courses meet the qualifications for professional development activities that can be used for renewal purposes.

Prior to enrolling in a course, check with a supervisor to ensure the course can be used as a part of a professional growth plan. If approved, participants will receive 24 renewal points per course.

UT Martin will provide a certificate of completion showing the name of the course, course dates, and the number of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) awarded. Visit the website at www.ed2go.com/utmecce.

Among upcoming courses offered is Microsoft PowerPoint 2003 in the Classroom. Participants will learn basic PowerPoint skills such as creating slides, using templates, inserting text, changing background colors, creating WordArt titles, and adding slide transitions.

They will also develop advanced skills such as inserting graphics, sound and video, custom animations, timed transitions and hyperlinks.

They will be able to publish a presentation on a school website. Additionally, participants will be able to create presentations filled with scanned drawings created by students or digital photographs slide shows.

Tracy Loffler, who holds a master's degree in education in curriculum and instruction, is the instructor.

She has been involved in education for 20 years as a music educator and technology trainer of students and teachers. She has also worked in the private sector as a trainer of domestic and international technology franchises as well as a writer and developmental editor of educational technology materials using Office, Publisher and FrontPage.

This course and others last six weeks and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, a discussion area and supplementary links.

Upcoming start dates are May 21, June 18, July 16 and Aug. 20. Registration fee is $95 per course.

For information about these courses — part of a growing catalog of more than 300 instructor-facilitated online courses — visit the online instruction center at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php. Select Education To Go. Call ECCE at 881-7082 for more information.

Meek Awards presented

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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 Vantrease, center, are Andy Nielson, of Martin, and Erin Chambers, of Bartlett. Nielson, who graduated summa cum laude, was recognized with membership in Phi Kappa Phi honor society and received recognitions within his academic department.

He has been a dean's scholar, Student Orientation and Registration staff member, Peer Enabling Program leader and is a member of several campus organizations. Chambers, student government association president, has been involved in residence hall programs, campus recreation activities, several student organizations and Greek life. She served as a student intern during the 105th Tennessee General Assembly.

As SGA president, she has traveled throughout the UT system and served on numerous committees, including those that helped select major campus administrators.

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES AWARD AT ENGINEERING, NATURAL SCIENCES BANQUET

Jonathan Mitchell, of Martin, recently received the Chemistry Teaching Assistant at the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences Awards Banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
Historic photo winners on display

They range from a black-and-white closeup of an 18th-century waterwheel to an art deco advertisement from the 1950s. They span the state from Memphis to the Smokies. And, they evoke past eras from King Cotton to the slave trade. "They" are the 22 top-place finishers in "Viewing History," the 2007 photo contest sponsored by Scenic Tennessee and the Tennessee Preservation Trust. The photos are on display in the University Museum at the University of Tennessee at Martin through May 30. "We are delighted to be able to share these images with Northwest Tennessee," said Richard Saunders, museum director. "The images capture a broad swath of Tennessee history and culture, and the talent is a nice cross-section of amateur and professional, student and adult. I'm especially pleased because one of the photos is of a Union City landmark and was taken by local photographer, Emily Elliston." The 22 winning images were selected by a three-member jury from a field of more than 130 submissions submitted by photographers from across the state. The judges included Susan Whitaker, commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, Patrick McIntyre, executive director of the Tennessee Historical Commission, and Joy McKenzie, chair of the photography department at Watkins College of Art & Design in Nashville, which printed the winners for the traveling exhibit. "Viewing History" is free and open to the public during weekday business hours. The museum is accessible from the Special Collections/University Archives reading room, just off the Paul Meek Library lobby. Parking is available beside the library. A free permit is available for visitors at the library circulation desk. For other visitor information, call the museum at 881-7094.

Retired UTM library director, Rogers, dies

Steve Rogers, of Martin, retired University of Tennessee at Martin Paul Meek Library director of library services, died May 21. He was 55.

"The Paul Meek Library and the UT Martin campus community have lost a true friend with the sudden passing of Steve Rogers," said Mary Carpenter, director of library services. "Steve dedicated his career toward the advancement of the Meek Library and was genuinely interested in each member of the UT Martin family. He will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Linda, and entire family."

Rogers joined UT Martin in 1976 as audiovisual librarian after earning bachelor of arts in history and master's of science in library science degrees at the University of Tennessee Knoxville.

He was named director of library services in 2001, after serving as interim director since 1999.

He also was a professor of library science and media services librarian.

While he was director, several library services were initiated including a fivefold expansion of electronic databases, the physical and operational transfers of the University Museum to the library, the initiation of a wireless laptop checkout program for students, the purchase of an online reserve system and the acquisition of more than 33,000 volumes. He retired in June 2007 after 32 years. During his career, he was a member of the Tennessee Library Association, West Tennessee Library Association, the American Association of University Professors and Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society.

He received the Outstanding Employee Award in 1987. He also had served as a C.E. Weldon Library trustee.

His scholarly interests included library instruction.

He was an avid photographer and enjoyed playing tennis and racquetball.

In 2007 as the state titleholder, Rogers won a bronze medal in the National Senior Games Racquetball Tournament in Louisville.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Kay Butler of Martin; children, Jon Rogers of Rutherford; and Lauren Rogers of Knoxville; and his father, Ralph N. Rogers of Martin. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ruth Duncan Rogers.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date by Murphy Funeral Home.
Young writers camp slated for June at UTM

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The registration fee is $70 per camper, which includes a T-shirt, writing notebook and an anthology of writing by campers. Students must register by June 6.

The camp will end with a "celebration of writing" called Friends and Family Day. On Friday at 11 a.m., family and friends are invited to join the children's writing groups to hear what the children have been writing during camp.

For additional information about the Young Writers Summer Camp or WTWP, visit the WTWP Web site at www.utm.edu/wtwp or e-mail Brittan Sutherland, summer camp program director, at sutherlanddb@k12tn.net.

To register call ECCE at 881-7081 or register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/youthwriting/writingreg.php.

Tia Harris accepted into pre-law program

Tia Harris of South Fulton recently returned from a semester spent abroad at the London Metropolitan University. She has been accepted into the Ohio State University/Oxford University pre-law program in England and will be there beginning June 28 through July. Harris is a University Scholar at the University of Tennessee at Martin, and a Harold Conner Scholar.

UT MARTIN CADET COMMISSIONED:

Chance Barr, of Newbern, was recently commissioned into the United States Army as second lieutenant at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He was a spring graduate. Administering the oath is Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, UT Martin professor of military science.

Coats receives bachelor degree

Callie Dawn Tharpe Coats, of Dyersburg, graduated magna cum laude from the University of Tennessee at Martin receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. While at UT Martin, Coats was a member of Sigma Alpha Sorority, UT Martin collegiate FFA and STEA.
The University of Tennessee at Martin held its annual Memorial Day Observance May 23 in front of the university's Hall-Moody Administration Building, which paid tribute to our fallen war heroes from past wars and conflicts.

Weakley County Chancellor Mike Maloan, of Martin, brigadier general, Tennessee Army National Guard, and University of Tennessee at Martin adjunct professor of business law, was the guest speaker. Speaking of those who have served and are serving in the military, Maloan said, “Because of the sacrifices of these men and women, some as young as 18, some in their 50's, and because of all those who came before them, we’ve been granted ... liberty for more than 200 years.” He added, “Let us all remember today and every day of the year how fortunate we are to live in a nation where so many have given so much.”

Major Andrew Moore, UT Martin Department of Military Science recruiting operations officer and assistant professor of military science, served as master of ceremonies and welcomed guests.

Also part of the ceremony was a memorial to Dr. Tom Greer, U.S. Army veteran, and UT Martin professor of agribusiness, who died April 2.

Additionally, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department honored area veterans with a 21-gun salute.

Among those attending were Michael Wright, Martin, American Legion 9th District commander; and Hugh Gingras, U.S. Navy veteran and retired UT Martin staff member.

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**Reading Enrichment Camp in Martin slated for June**

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education will host Reading Enrichment Camp June 23-27.

"Adventures With Arthur" will meet from 9-11 a.m. for children in grades first through second. This camp provides a week of reading antics with the world’s most lovable aardvark - Arthur, by Mark Brown. Every day becomes an adventure, from camping out with space aliens to meeting the president. This camp is led by Sheena Rayburn, graduate teaching assistant, UT Martin Reading Center, seeking her teacher’s license and pizza professional.

"Movers and Shakers" will be held from 3-5 p.m. for children in grades fifth through sixth. Unique individuals from sports heroes to business moguls are spotlighted in this reading enrichment camp for pre-teens.

Participating in a mock election and creating your own business are part of the action planned. This camp is led by Will Tate, graduate teaching assistant, UT Martin Reading Center, seeking his teacher's license and movie afficionado.

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Jackson honored at UTM Awards Banquet

Suni Jackson, of Dresden, received the Outstanding Phi Upsilon Omicron Member Award at the 20th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Lisa LeBlou, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Science.

Realtors award scholarships to local students

Paris residents Paige Elizondo and Katie Mattingly have been awarded the Larry L. Mattingly scholarship by the Tennessee Valley Association of Realtors. The two are 2008 graduates of Henry County High School.

Elizondo, who is the daughter of Chuck and Landa Elizondo, plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and major in biology.

Mattingly is the daughter of Mark and Traci Mattingly. She plans to attend Austin Peay State University in Clarksville and pursue a degree in radiology technology.

The two students are to be honored during an awards banquet June 2 at Fresh Market in Paris.
Business consultant available June 12

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 12.

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 St., Martin, TN 38237.

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Business Practices earn recognition

The University of Tennessee at Martin recently was selected as one of five finalists for the Best Practices Award presented by SACUBO (Southern Association of College and University Business Officers). UT Martin staff recently presented "Best Practices" at the SACUBO annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Included in "Easy and Effective Improvements in Emergency and Non-Emergency Communications" was the university’s internal text messaging system and the implementation of the auto-dialer system to communicate with students.

Pictured with the award are, from left seated, Laura Foltz, Office of Business Affairs director; Shannon Burgin, assistant vice chancellor and chief information officer; standing, Scott Robbins, Department of Public Safety director; Al Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration; and Larry Holder, IT administrator IV and database administrator. Not pictured is Roger Elmore, technical specialist III, telecommunications.
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Local students inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Nicole Sudberry, Jessica Breeden, Jana Ogg, Kristyn Roberts, and Jennie Brooks and seated left to right, and standing, Hannah Burcham, Rebecca Hinds, Matthew Cook, Eric Wilson, Clint Ary, Tiphanie Erwin and B.J. Erwin, 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. These 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.
Top 10 announced at Bradford High School

Brittany Moore is number three in the graduating class. She has an average of 96.0544. Brittany is the daughter of Bradley Moore and Angela Kreyling. During high school, Brittany has been a member of the Beta Club (secretary her senior year), Chorus Club (vice-president her senior year), a tennis player and a cheerleader. Brittany also was a yearbook staff member her senior year and voted Best All Around in the senior class. She is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students. Brittany plans to attend UT Martin in the fall and pursue a degree in physical therapy.

Clay Hampton is number four in the graduating class. He has an average of 94.0637. He is the son of Jackie and Karen Hampton. Clay was a Jr. Beta Club member, a Beta Club member, a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Chorus Club, honor student, Who's Who Among American High School Students, class officer, voted Most Athletic by his class, number five in magazine sales, a Tennessee Scholar, basketball player, All-District basketball player, baseball player, All-Tournament baseball and All-District baseball. He attends First Baptist Church in Bradford. Clay plans to attend UT Martin in the fall and pursue a degree in medicine or physical therapy.

Alsten Cates
The valedictorian for the 2007-08 school year is Alsten Cates. Alsten has an average of 96.8677. He is the son of Nick and Kathy Cates. During high school, Alsten has been a member of the Beta Club, FCCLA, Chorus Club, and Mu Alpha Theta. Alsten was a member of the Red Devil basketball team, worked in the office and is a Tennessee Scholar. He plans to attend UT Martin in the fall.

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Christy Shavers
Christy Shavers is number eight in the graduating class. She has an average of 92.8772. Christy is the daughter of Jeff and Tesa Shavers. She was a member of the Beta Club, FCCLA, Chorus Club and the Beacon staff. Christy was an officer worker for three years, an honor student, a Tennessee Scholar, a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students. She played softball for two years. Christy plans to attend UT Martin in the fall and pursue a degree in Health and Physical Education.
JOHNATHAN NOLAN
Obion County Central
Valedictorian

Johnathan Nolan’s academic success includes being named valedictorian of the Obion County Central High School Class of 2008. He is the son of Paul and Donna Nolan of Union City and plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and work toward a degree in education, with an emphasis on secondary mathematics. His aspirations include teaching college-level courses or becoming a school administrator.

He has been a member of several clubs and organizations, including Beta Club, National Honor Society, Foreign Language Club, Key Club, Health Occupations Students of America, Future Career and Community Leaders of America, Future Teachers of America, Academic Decathlon and Jazz Band.

He has been a Top Ten student each year and has received academic awards in Algebra, English, French, Chemistry and Adult Living.

Named a Kiwanis Club of Union City Student of the Month, he was also recognized in Who’s Who Among American High School Students.

He was an ambassador to the Obion County Litter Grant program and volunteered to assist with Ridgemont School’s Spring Heritage Days. He has also volunteered in the dietary department at Obion County Nursing Home.

He has been employed at McDonald’s in Martin and was promoted to crew trainer. He hopes to expand his employment options to a management position while he attends college.

RACHEL TRIPPLETT
Union City
Salutatorian

Rachel Elizabeth Triplett, daughter of Dr. Jeff and Teri Triplett of Union City, is the Union City High School Class of 2008 salutatorian. Her future plans include attending the University of Tennessee at Martin and majoring in molecular biology.

She has been a Top Ten student each year and a Student Excel in Spanish I, English 9, Keyboarding, Keyboarding Applications, Chemistry, U.S. History, Media Concepts and AP English 12 and a member of first honor roll each semester. She has enjoyed perfect attendance two years and was named Most Likely to Succeed by her classmates. A Kiwanis Club Student of the Month, she also claimed the Athletic Academic Achievement Award and was a Tennessee Scholar of the Month. She was a Senior Superlative and was named to Who’s Who Among American High School Students. Miss Triplett was selected for the Obion County Youth Leadership class.

As a member of the tennis team she was a district runner-up.

Her classmates elected her secretary, vice president and president of her class and she was a member of Beta Club, Junior Civitan, Science Club, Spanish Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Pep Club, Art Club, Drama Club and VICA. She was a member of the Symphonic Band and the marching band, where she was color guard captain. She was also both a football and basketball cheerleader.

A member of Union City First United Methodist Church, she has been active in the youth group and youth council, serving as vice president, and taking part in the Youth Drama Group and mission trips, as well as the sign language ministry. She has also been named to the United Methodist Youth Foundation. She has been a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, Chimes for Charity, Hometown Walk of Hope and Reelfoot Rural Ministries.

She enjoys dance and theater and has appeared in several Masquerade Theatre and Union City Ballet Company productions and has taken part in several Obion County Fair youth musicals.

Last summer, she spent several weeks in Germany as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

She has been a lifeguard and has also been employed at Kizer Pharmacy and Higher Ground Coffee Co.

OCCHS STUDENTS HONORED — Five Obion County Central High School students recently won second place in the French Video Contest at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. Martha Ochoa (left), instructor of Spanish, and Dr. Daniel Nappo (right), chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, congratulated (from left, continuing with second from left) Kylee Dotson, Candy Throckmorton, Hailey Johnson, Brittany Quillen and Jerry Darnall.
Kelsey McLean awarded Perry Memorial Scholarship

Henry County High School senior Kelsey McLean has been awarded the $1,000 Louise Perry Memorial Scholarship by the Paris Lioness Club. She is the daughter of Chip and Gina McLean of Paris.

Kelsey plans to enroll at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville this fall and major in premedicine, with a minor in Spanish. She hopes to enter the field of ophthalmology.

At HCHS, Kelsey ranked in the top 10 of her senior class and was a two-year member of the National Honor Society.

She was a member of the Spanish and Leo clubs, both for three years. She served as secretary of the Leo Club her senior year.

She was a member of Business Professionals of America and the Interact club, both for two years and an EFFORT Scholar for four years.

She served as a Patriot Pal mentor at Rhea Elementary School and Lakewood School, each for one year.

Active in 4-H, she was a member of the Honor Club four years and was an All-Star for three years.

She was a member of the Lady Patriot softball team four years and served a year as a basketball team manager for a year.

Kelsey attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on medicine her senior year and was a class representative on the HCHS Student Council her 11th-grade year.

She has worked as a lifeguard at both the Paris Civic Center and Memorial Park swimming pools.

She is a member of Lebanon United Methodist Church.

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ABEL NAMED OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE - John Abel, left, University of Tennessee at Martin Bolling University Center interim director, received the exempt UT Martin Spring 2008 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Chancellor Tom Rakes. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to the university, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of Abel's nomination were comments such as, "You can depend on him for whatever you ask. He is constantly going above and beyond his duties to make sure the university center is running smoothly and that all 'customers' and guests are happy. When John sees something that needs to be done, he acts on it and does what he can to see that it is carried through."

MYRICK NAMED OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE - Gertrude Myrick, University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Human Resources administrative specialist, who will celebrate her 45th year of employment, Sept. 1, received the non-exempt UT Martin Spring 2008 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Chancellor Tom Rakes. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to the university, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of Myrick's nomination were comments such as, "She is a person who holds vast knowledge of the university. When you need the historical background to know how or why something is done here at UT Martin, ask Gertrude. She is a truly dependable employee. Gertrude is always available to assist any employee at the university."
MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - Local veterans, from left, Edward J. Crockett, Martin, U.S. Air Force veteran; Manuel Easley, Union City, U.S. Army veteran; Phil Dane, Martin, University of Tennessee at Martin director of Intercollegiate Athletics and a U.S. Air Force veteran; and Bob W. Smith, Martin, former UT Martin staff member, who served in the U.S. Navy Seabees, were among area veterans who attended UT Martin's annual Memorial Day Commemoration, May 23. Weakley County Chancellor Mike Maloan, of Martin, brigadier general, Tennessee Army National Guard, and University of Tennessee at Martin adjunct professor of business law, was the guest speaker. Major Andrew Moore, UT Martin Department of Military Science recruiting operations officer and assistant professor of military science, served as master of ceremonies and welcomed guests. The UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department honored area veterans with a 21-gun salute.

-Sharye Hendrix, of Martin, received the Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Graduate Student Award at the 20th 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 Science.


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* Jade Johnson (not pictured), daughter of Dale and Sandra Johnson. She received $500 to continue her study in theater art at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This is Johnson’s second year to receive an arts council scholarship.
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UT Martin offers MBA on the Net

The Jackson Sun

A fully accredited online master of business administration (MBA) program is now offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to a press release from the university.

The 22-month sequence of courses in the 35-hour program makes it convenient for professionals working full time to complete the degree.

The UT Martin online MBA is the first University of Tennessee graduate business program offered completely online.

"The online access provides practical access to tailored instruction for working professionals," said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor.

The program, initially designed with a focus on banking and financial services professionals, also offers the convenience of an online "classroom" for anyone employed full time.

Lectures, course materials and helpdesk assistance are available 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Complete classroom presentations including lectures and multimedia information are provided through streaming video to home or office computers. Lectures will also be accessible from PDAs and podcasted, the release said.

Persons enrolling in the program should hold a four-year bachelor's degree and have a minimum of two years professional work experience.

The program is delivered with personalized instruction by UT Martin graduate faculty and can accommodate 22 students in each annual cohort.

"This format combines several 'firsts' for the UT Martin MBA," said Dr. Kevin Hammond, UT Martin professor of marketing and MBA coordinator. "The high-quality online delivery, industry-specific cohort and emphasis on banking and financial services within the general MBA, provide a unique opportunity for banking professionals to develop valuable skills."

For more information, visit www.utm.edu/onlinemba or call 731-881-7324.
Students from OC, Fulton named to UTM Dean’s List

Several students from Obion County and Fulton are among the undergraduate students whose outstanding academic achievements at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the spring Dean’s Lists.

The Dean’s Lists at UT Martin honor achievements in 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 College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for Dean’s List recognition at UT Martin, a student must have 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).

The honorees from Obion County and Fulton, listed by hometown, include:

- Hornbeck — Ashley B. Baldwin, highest honors; Connie P. Conley, honors; Sara J. Douglas, honors; Holly L. Hopper, honors; Brandon W. Orr, highest honors; and Justin M. Stroud, honors.
- Kenton — Julie R. Baker, honors; Laurel G. Childs, honors; Ellen M. Crum, highest honors; Andrea L. Dvorak, highest honors; Jacob L. Eddlemon, honors; Julie M. Farrar, honors; Jessica J. Francis, high honors; Bethany L. Griggs, honors; Benjamin W. Holloman, honors; Clay R. Holloman, high honors; Emily A. Littleton, honors; Lauren E. Phillips, honors; and James T. Roden, high honors.
- Obion — Jon B. Kendall, highest honors; and Donald J. Qualls, highest honors.
- Rives — Joseph C. Caldwell, high honors; Miranda C. Darnall, highest honors; Phillip L. Darnall, highest honors; Dustin L. Hickerson, highest honors; Sarah L. Holt, honors; Pamela F. Screen, honors; Allison M. Thetford, high honors; Jessica P. Thornton, high honors; and Zachary T. Ward, honors.
- Samburg — Walter S. Hayes, honors.
- South Fulton — Joshua L. Potts, highest honors; Kimberly L. Batts, highest honors; John R. Burrow, honors; Emily L. Clark, highest honors; Chasity N. Comer, highest honors; Jaclyn E. Cook, highest honors; Ashley N. Curlin, honors; Jaymimi D. Dave, highest honors; Hunter O. Galloway, high honors; Keri L. Glisson, honors; Kyle D. Greer, highest honors; Quintin L. Haskins, highest honors; Ami H. Hewlett, high honors; Margaret A. Hickman, high honors; Allison T. Jones, highest honors; Ascenith A. Laker, highest honors; Rachel L. Maloney, highest honors; S. Lynn L. McClain, honors; Delana J. McDaniel, highest honors; Jessica L. McKinney, highest honors; Andrew H. Moore, highest honors; Robbie A. Peoples, honors; Nikki L. Perdange, high honors; Edward A. Phipps, high honors; Anna E. Williams, highest honors; and Laura A. Williams, honors.
- Troy — Whitney L. Buchanan, highest honors; Emmy Lou F. Covington, high honors; John K. Dobbs, highest honors; Carolyn A. Duncan, high honors; Heather E. Grossman, highest honors; Natalie E. Grossner, highest honors; Surina L. Hunter, high honors; Jaime A. Jones, honors; Emily R. Kendall, highest honors; Molly N. Ledbetter, high honors; James L. Morris, high honors; Amanda R. Morrow, honors; Bethany L. Palmer, highest honors; Abby T. Reedy, honors; Tharon S. Snuggs, highest honors; Melissa G. Tipps, honors; and Kelly M. Whitson, high honors.
- Union City — Ryan S. Angel, high honors; Kelsey D. Arnold, honors; Tyler W. Barker, highest honors; Elizabeth A. Barnes, high honors; Jared G. Barnes, highest honors; Megan E. Bing, high honors; Monica B. Bobo, highest honors; Joshua L. Bohannon, highest honors; Rachel A. Brann, honors; Shannon L. Brown, high honors; Christy L. Bugg, high honors; Brandon D. Burke, honors; Ryan A. Burke, honors; Perry B. Burnett, honors; Jonathan L. Byrd, high honors; Adrienne N. Calhoun, highest honors; Jay S. Campbell, honors; Allan B. Carman, honors; Amanda K. Carr, honors; Kristin E. Chandler, highest honors; Ryan C. Chandler, highest honors; Jennifer N. Churchwell, honors; Dustin S. Crowell, honors; Matthew L. Davis, highest honors; Rhonda J. Davis, high honors; Kimberly R. Dillon, honors; Lisa A. Downey, high honors; Trent C. Duncan, honors; Thomas E. Elam, honors; Dena M. Ellsworth, highest honors; Frederick A. Fronk, honors; Sarah L. Fronk, honors; Sara V. Fowler, highest honors; Adam M. Gammons, highest honors; Thomas E. Gossett, highest honors; Bradley J. Gregg, highest honors; Brandi L. Grisham, high honors; Benjamin P. Hager, high honors; Tyler L. Hargrove, high honors; Stephanie N. Hayslett, highest honors; Bradley T. Henderson, high honors; Hollie S. Holman, honors; Kayce J. Jones, honors; Andrew S. Keathley, honors; Amy N. Kendall, highest honors; James M. Kendall, highest honors; Tracy J. King, honors; Chance L. Kirk, honors; Lacinda J. Legate, honors; Travis L. McIntosh, highest honors; Molly J. Napier, high honors; Peter J. Newton, honors; Jeffrey H. Nichols, honors; Andrew B. Nipp, honors; Hilary R. Norrid, honors; Alison Page, honors; Don D. Parks, high honors; Ron E. Parks, honors; Kathryn T. Ramsey, highest honors; Clint S. Rawls, highest honors; Kenyatta P. Reeves, honors; Anna H. Retzler, honors; Robert A. Regen, highest honors; Sara A. Rieger, high honors; April M. Ring, honors; Kristi L. Roberson, high honors; Megan L. Russell, honors; Tyler M. Sherwood, high honors; Meagan B. Smith, highest honors; Amy E. Sparkman, high honors; Cary E. Speed, high honors; Kellie L. Stephenson, honors; James W. Stewart, highest honors; Ashley M. Tankersley, high honors; William B. Taylor, highest honors; Brittan R. Tillotson, high honors; Meredith L. Thompson, high honors; R.B. Tolar, high honors; Katelin A. Turner, honors; Adam D. Vallely, honors; Abby C. Wilkes, honors; Lauren A. Williamson, high honors; and Amanda G. Woods, honors.
- Woodland Mills — Rachelle L. McCollum, honors.
- Fulton — Casey A. Currin, high honors; Karen C. Dean, highest honors; Eli W. McClanahan, honors; Heathcote M. Plesch, highest honors; Natalie L. Rushing, highest honors; Terika B. Taylor, honors; Justin E. Totty, high honors; and Kimberly D. Ward, high honors.
EDWARDS TAKES OATH — University of Tennessee at Martin engineering graduates were inducted into the Order of the Engineer recently 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 Chris Edwards (center) of Union City. Making the presentation were Dr. Richard Helgeson (left), Department of Engineering chair, and Dr. Doug Sterrett, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences dean.

SF STUDENT HONORED — Sharye Hendrix (right) of South Fulton recently received the Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Graduate Student Award at the 20th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Awards Banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Lisa LeBlue, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Science.
OC STUDENT PLACES — Bobbie Jean Nunnery (center), an Obion County Central High School student, recently won third place in the French Poster Contest at the University of Tennessee at Martin High School Foreign Language Day. She received congratulations from Martha Ochoa, instructor of Spanish, and Dr. Daniel Nappo, chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages.

STOREY HONORED — Franklin "Tim" Storey (right) of Union City received the Outstanding Agriculture Communications Student Award at the 20th 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.
COMPLETES INTERNSHIP — Whitney Angel (right) of Union City has participated in a graduate level dietetic internship through the University of Tennessee at Martin. She completed the majority of her rotations at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson. She will soon be eligible to take the Examination for Registered Dietitians. She is the daughter of Barbara Angel and Eugene Angel, both of Union City. Miss Angel was presented her dietetic internship participation certificate by Lori Littleton, director of the dietetic internship program at UT Martin.

STUDENT RECEIVES AWARD — Andrew Moore (right) of South Fulton recently received the Norman and Ruby Campbell Scholarship Award for the Department of Chemistry at the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences Awards Banquet, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award was presented by Dr. Doug Sierrett, dean of the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences.
Camp for young writers scheduled for June at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education will host Young Writers Summer Camp June 16-20. “Young Writers Summer Camp” is slated from 9 a.m.-noon for children interested in writing, poetry, storytelling and more. The camp includes writing workshops, mini-lessons on content and editing strategies, writing response groups and one-to-one conferences with West Tennessee Writing Project Teachers.

Teacher-led activities will begin at 9 a.m. to help develop and improve each child's writing. A snack break is scheduled from 10:30-10:45 a.m. Following the break will be a creative writing session. Student pick-up begins at noon.

The registration fee is $70 per camper, which includes a T-shirt, writing notebook and anthology of writing by campers. Students must register by June 6.

The camp will end with a "celebration of writing" called Friends and Family Day. On Friday at 11 a.m., family and friends are invited to join the children's writing groups to hear what the children have been writing during camp.

For additional information about the Young Writers Summer Camp or WTWP, visit the WTWP website at www.utm.edu/wtwp or e-mail Brittan Sutherland, summer camp program director, at sutherland@k12tn.net.

To register call ECCE at (731) 881-7081 or register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/youthwriting/writingreg.php.

UC STUDENT HONORED — Meagen Smith (right) of Union City received the Outstanding Child and Family Studies Award at the 20th 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 Science.
Retired Teachers give scholarship to Neumair

The Paris-Henry County Retired Teachers Association has given a $1,000 scholarship to Amanda Nicole Neumair. A 2008 Henry County High School graduate, she is the daughter of Kim and Jody Neumair of Paris.

She plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and major in secondary education.

At HCHS, Neumair was a member of the National Honor Society for two years and Business Professionals of America (BPA) for three years, serving as its parliamentarian for two years.

During her 11th-grade year, she won first place in the BPA regional competition in graphic design and second place in the state competition.

She was an EFFORT Scholar and Patriot Pal mentor, both for four years and member of the Interact and Spanish clubs, both for three years. She also was a member of Future Business Leaders of America, the science club and project chairman on the Student Council, each for one year.

Active in athletics, Neumair was a member of the Lady Patriot softball team for three years and served as the Lady Patriot basketball team manager for a year.

In the community, she has worked as a lifeguard and receptionist at the Paris Civic Center the past three years and has been a lifeguard at the Memorial Park pool for the past two years. She is a certified water safety instructor. She also has participated in an annual softball clinic for beginners.

In church, she is active with the First Baptist Church youth group and the Positive Impact church choir.