The University of Tennessee, including all of its campuses and institutes statewide, is taking a stand against the proposed bill. HB 2016 was previously scheduled to come before the House Judiciary Committee on April 19 but was rescheduled for this Tuesday. The bill would allow UT faculty and staff with handgun carry permits to bring their guns to campus. Current law prohibits anyone, even handgun carry permit holders, other than law enforcement to bring weapons to campus. The bill's Senate companion, SB 399, is also scheduled for consideration Tuesday by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Steve Vantrease, of Martin, is the father of a UT Chattanooga graduate student and strongly opposes the bill. Vantrease, director of UT Martin's Boling University Center, plans to attend the committee hearings Tuesday as a concerned parent and not a university employee.

"I don't feel as though guns have any place in our schools," said Vantrease, who is also a Weakley County School Board member. "I also look at this as a gateway bill that would open the door for more people to carry guns on school property other than public colleges and universities."

"I just don't think that non-law enforcement people need guns in our schools for any reason," he said.

Vantrease has additional concerns for law enforcement officials if the bill passes. "Right now, if there were an incident on campus, the law enforcement officials don't have to make a distinction between those who should have guns and those who shouldn't," he said. "And in the time it takes to make that decision, horrible things can happen."

Beverly Meadows, of Ripley, whose daughter is a UT Martin student, sees a c
I don't think handguns should be on campus, period," she said. "I'm afraid of the gun, ultimately, ending up in the wrong hands."

The University of Tennessee has joined campus and local police forces and the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police in opposition to this proposal. Faculty and student government organizations on each of UT's campuses also have passed resolutions opposing the bill.

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"The safety of all students, faculty and staff is in the hands of the administrations on each campus. This responsibility is taken seriously, and campuses work with law enforcement to take measures to create the safest environments possible. Campuses will not become safer with more gun carriers," he said.

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David Moore, Martin police chief, sees no benefit in allowing more people to carry guns on a college campus. "From a law enforcement standpoint of a chief of police whose agency shares responsibility for the safety of a university campus, I have a hard time understanding why legislation is being sought to force university administrators to allow guns to be included in classroom settings," he said. "From a practical standpoint, I prefer my officers responding to a threat call on campus to be free of the added concern of trying to determine tactically who should possess guns and who should not."

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Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

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UT Martin Students Attend ACS Meeting

MARTIN - Thirteen University of Tennessee at Martin student members of the American Chemical Society recently attended the 241st national ACS meeting in Anaheim, California, where they presented a poster and a demonstrations program, received plaques at the awards ceremony, participated in workshops and helped conduct several activities including introducing a featured speaker.

Students participating included the following: Marcelina Glover of Memphis, Andrew Castleman of Humboldt, Sarah Griffin of Lebanon, Zalik Patel of Martin, Paul Jones of Bartlett, Lee Elliott of Martin, Gilbert Forgays of Clarksville, ACS president Dr. Bassam Shakhashiri, Dr. S. K. Airee, ACS past president Dr. Thomas H. Lane, Sam Moran of Clarksville, Corey Jones of Linden, Bethany Aden of McKenzie, Rayla Baker of Troy, Chelsea Peeler of Paris and Aaron Crump of Coalfield.
**UT Martin hosted student-led productions**

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts presented various student directed productions at 8 p.m., April 30 and May 2, and at 3 p.m., May 1.

All performances took place in Room 216 of Gooch Hall.

On April 30, Adrian Ward, of Memphis, directed “The Red Coat.”

Other performances included “Graceland,” directed by Davida Ambrose, of Memphis (zip code), and “Hold for Three,” directed by Coleen Davis, of Pinson. On May 1, Lizzie Wouters, of Knoxville, will direct “Not Enough Rope.” Other performances include “No Time for Secrets,” directed by Justin Hunt, of Martin, and “Smoke Scenes,” directed by John Nicholson, of Centerville.

On May 2, Jade Johnson, of Paris, directed “Proposing a Problem,” written by Matthew Maitland, of Bradford. Other performances included “Flop Cop,” directed by Brooks Taylor, of Union City, and “ Constantinople Smith,” directed by Nicole Harrell, of Martin.

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**News**

**Area colleges to allow guns on campus?**

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MARTIN, Tenn. — Walking past the neatly manicured campus lawns, Scott Robbins said trouble at the University of Tennessee at Martin is manageable.

“We have some noise ordinance issues, some underage drinking,” said the campus police chief.

He said those are the extent of problems at the university. Robbins is armed but he said he has never had to draw his weapon.

Right now, Robbins and his team are the only ones carrying guns on campus. But House Bill 2016, scheduled to come before the House Judiciary Committee Tuesday, would change all that. The bill would allow faculty and staff with handgun permits to bring their guns to Tennessee college campuses.

Robbins does not see the need. Neither do most students with whom we spoke, students like freshman Jessica Knox.

Knox said she finds comfort in the constant patrol of 13 armed officers. But the option of arming teachers, she said, is disturbing.

"We are here to learn. That's what we're paying for. We have people who are paid to worry about security and it's not the teachers."

Others, like sophomore Thomas Champion, said the proposal just makes sense.

"This is a teachers' workplace and they should be able to defend themselves at work."

But Robbins could not agree less.

More guns, he said, mean more confusion.

"It's gonna be hard for us to determine who the good guy is and who the bad guy is. In a stressful situation, I'd hate for my officers to have to make that determination in a split second."

That is why on Tuesday, Robbins, along with other campus police chiefs, will head to the capital.

"It's just to let them see our faces and let them know we're against this."

If the proposal does pass, the state would require all those carrying guns on campus to go through a two-hour training session with campus police. Robbins said that is simply not enough time.

He also worries if the bill passes, it will open the floodgates and soon students will be allowed to bring guns on campus.
Bin Laden death puts sports in the background

By Rob Vanstone, The Leader-Post May 3, 2011

Rare is the story that renders every other topic comparatively insignificant.

On perhaps a handful of days in our lives, breaking news will be of such gravity that everything seems to stop.

Some readers will vividly recall where they were when they learned that Pearl Harbor had been attacked or President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated. In my lifetime, dating back to 1964, the horrifying events of Sept. 11, 2001 are unparalleled.

Those troubling images came flooding back on Sunday night, when news began to surface that Osama bin Laden -the architect of 9/11 -had been killed by American special forces in Pakistan.

Suddenly, any sports-related storylines seemed trivial. Twitter, where the news originally broke, was inundated with quickie comments relating to bin Laden's death. And you didn't have to be a news junkie to weigh in on the matter. Some of the preeminent figures in sport volunteered their thoughts as the bin Laden story percolated.

"I see on TV that bin Laden is supposedly dead," the New Orleans Saints' Drew Brees said via Twitter.

The news was soon confirmed by President Barack Obama, whose announcement from the White House began at 9:35 p.m., Saskatchewan time.

"Wow!" Miami Heat star LeBron James wrote on Twitter. "Obama words are earth moving and inspiring."

"Proud to be an American," Vancouver Canucks centre Ryan Kesler wrote. "Justice is finally served."

"Whatever your sensibilities, quite a night," TSN's Bob McKenzie said within the constraints of 140 characters. "A seminal 'where were you moment.' Antithesis of 9/11 or JFK but historic nonetheless."

Some 45,713 baseball fans experienced their "where were you?" moment at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. News of bin Laden's death began to circulate during the ninth inning of a game between the Philadelphia Phillies and New York Mets. Within seconds, fans were chanting "U.S.A! U.S.A!!"

Concurrently, Americans were flocking to the White House, or to Ground Zero, or to Times Square to celebrate the death of the world's most infamous figure.

"So they have bin Laden's body," Brees wrote. "Never thought we'd see the day. Figured he would be like Hitler and commit suicide or just disappear."

The sports-related content virtually disappeared on this Sunday evening. As the story exploded, I began to wonder what the atmosphere was like in the United States. A flurry of Facebook messaging began.

Regina's Jessica Furlan, who attends the University of Nebraska on a track and field scholarship, was studying for a final exam when the social media went haywire.

"My news feed on Facebook went from 'Osama is dead!' to 'America wins!'" Furlan said from her dormitory.

Meanwhile, in Martin, Tenn., Kiara Champion -the elder daughter of former Hamilton Tiger-Cats receiver Tony Champion -was also completing preparations for a university final.

"I think a lot of people have mixed emotions because, yes, justice has been served, but some people do not believe we should rejoice in a person's death," said Kiara, who attends the University of Tennessee at Martin.
"For me it was great to know that everything has come full circle. It is great news to know that the person that caused so much hurt and pain and destroyed so many people's lives has been brought to justice. I know the first thing I was thinking was, 'Finally.'"

That was also the initial reaction of Saskatchewan Roughriders punter Eddie Johnson, who resides in Newport Beach, Calif. "About time," Johnson said, adding: "Your military often goes unnoticed and the media tends to focus on the negative, so it's very rewarding for our country and our armed forces."

It was that kind of night, and that kind of overnight. So many people who are associated with sports were commenting on matters that did not have any pertinence to games people play.

There were, of course, exceptions. One Twitter message, which was virtually lost amid the deluge of bin Laden-related commentary, read: "Capitals' power play continues to struggle."

But it suddenly, shockingly seemed unusual to read about hockey - even in the midst of the Stanley Cup playoffs - considering another development in Washington on a Sunday that will remain ingrained in our memories.

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**UTM touted for going green**

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Five UT Martin students accepted to veterinary schools

Five University of Tennessee at Martin students are headed to veterinary schools, one in a dual doctor of philosophy/director of veterinary medicine program.

"I am excited about the number and quality of students who have been accepted to veterinary school this year from UT Martin," said Dr. Jason Roberts, UT Martin assistant professor of animal science, who received a D.V.M. degree from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. "Acceptance to veterinary school is highly competitive. This speaks highly of their ability, dedication and work ethic." He added, "It has been a privilege to work with these excellent students. They will excel in the veterinary profession."

- Shonna Rachelle Parker, of Dresden
- Charlie Rahm, of Jackson
- Andrea Cote, of Clarksville
- Melissa Ann Housley, of Riceville, will attend UT College of Veterinary Medicine to pursue D.V.M degrees.
- Shauna Trichler, of Linden, will attend Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine, which offers dual Ph.D. and D.V.M. degrees.

Dresden Rotary Club announces scholarship recipients

Michael Wilson and Danielle Lamb have been selected to receive the Dresden Rotary Club scholarships. Five hundred dollars will be awarded to each recipient to attend the college or university of their choice.

Michael is the son of Holly and Mike Wilson. He is in the Top Ten of his class and has participated in the Math, Foreign Language and Beta Clubs. He is also active in FFA and won the Tennessee Beta Convention Creative Writing Contest. His community service activities include Dresden First Baptist youth, World Changers and Youth Evangelism Conference.

Michael plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and become a pharmacist.

Danielle is the daughter of Jackey and Terri Lamb. She is active in the Beta, Math and Foreign Language Clubs and was a cheerleader. She also participated in DECA, FCA and the Student Council. She was selected as the DAR Good Citizen.

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Gullett recognized at UT Martin Honors Day

Laura N. Gullett, of Martin, recently received the William H. Baker Scholarship Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This award is given to one or more full-time students in the College of Business and Global Affairs who have completed 60 hours of college credit, demonstrated scholarship and leadership ability, participated in extracurricular activities and shown promise of professional achievement.

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Sequria Hamer and Samba Diop, both from the Germantown area; Jessica Rardin, Jessica Drum, both of Arlington; Mallory Smith and Jacob Ross, both of Bartlett; and Joseph Cook of Cordova were among those students recently honored with the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who’s Who Award Ceremony.

The Who’s Who Award is one of the most prestigious honors awarded students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. The award process was established in 1934 and is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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Youth activities offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies is offering youth and children's programs throughout the summer.

The courses get underway in June with the LEGO Camp, slated for June 20-24, is offering three classes for children ages 5-12. The registration fee is $140, including a LEGO Camp T-shirt.

Early Simple Machines, from 9-11 a.m., is for children ages 5-7. Students will build simple models including a seesaw, rolling vehicle, spinning top, raft and other pieces. They will experience manipulating the models with pulleys, levers, gears and wheels and axles while exploring energy, buoyancy and balance.

Simple and Powered Machines, from noon-2 p.m., is for children ages 8-12. Students will build and explore machines and mechanisms, investigate motorized machines, calibrate and capture wind and study gearing mechanisms. The activities enable students to work as young scientists, engineers and designers and provides them with the settings, tools and tasks that promote design technology, science and mathematics. Participants will be involved in real-world investigations and problem solving. Students work in teams of two or three students.

Advanced Simple and Powered Machines, from 2:30-4:30, is for children ages 8-12. This class is for students who have mastered the basics of simple machines, structures and mechanisms. Using the simple and motorized mechanisms kits, four main activities, extension activities and problem-solving activities have been added to give students a more in-depth understanding of simple machines, mechanisms, structures and mechanical advantage. The class is recommended for students who have completed Simple and Powered Machines.

For more information or to register, call (731) 881-7081 or go to http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/kidcollege.php.

Young Writers Summer Camp is set for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 20-24 in Gooch Hall. This is a day camp for two age groups: students in grades 3-8 and students in grades 9-12. The two groups will be separate and will engage in age-appropriate writing activities with teachers from their grade levels.

Students will be involved in writing workshops, mini-lessons on content and editing strategies, writing response groups and will have a one-to-one conferences with West Tennessee Writing Project Teachers.

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Reading Clinic, for students in grades two to 12, is a sequential and intensive course for reading improvement taught by reading professionals from the UT Martin Reading Center. Students will be individually tested to determine their specific levels of phonics and comprehension. Using the results, participants will be placed in a research-proven course designed to build their reading skills and strategies. The registration fee is $125 per week, including all supplies.

Students will meet twice a week, either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, for one hour per meeting. Times available are 9-9:50 a.m., 10-10:50 a.m., 11-11:50 a.m., 1-1:50 p.m., 2-2:50 p.m., 3-3:50 p.m. and 4-4:50 p.m.

The dates for the Reading Clinic are June 20-23 and June 27-30.

To register, call ECOS at (731) 881-7082.
Harriss named chairman of Department of Music

Dr. Elaine Harriss, interim chair of the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music, has been named chair, effective July 1.

"Dr. Harriss cares deeply about students and faculty. The program has grown under her leadership and I am sure she will continue to strengthen the program," said Dr. Lynn Alexander, dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Dr. Harriss, a professor of music, joined the UT Martin faculty in 2001 after serving as an adjunct faculty member for several periods from 1974-94. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Vanderbilt University in Nashville and a doctorate at University of Michigan.

She was named interim chair in 2008. She also served as interim director of graduate studies from 2006-08 and has been adviser to Sigma Alpha Iota since 2003.

"UT Martin has an exceptional music department with outstanding faculty and students," Dr. Harriss said. "What a joy it is for me to work with this department as we strive to make music a growing force in Tennessee."

She is a pianist and flutist with an extensive list of performances, publications, presentations and workshops. She served as director and teacher of Kindermusik of Martin and Jackson and was a Kindermusik International director, faculty member and curriculum designer and consultant.

She is the service pianist for Trinity Presbyterian Church and, since 1968, has been a studio teacher of piano and flute.

Dr. Harriss is a member of the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors, National Clarinet Association, Tennessee Music Teachers Association, Martin Area Music Teachers Association, National Flute Association, Martin Philharmonic Music Guild, Kindermusik Educators Association and Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

Hale elected TMA representative

NASHVILLE — Dr. John W. Hale Jr. of Union City has been elected speaker of the Tennessee Medical Association House of Delegates.

Hale was chosen for the post by TMA members during the association's 176th annual meeting held in Nashville in mid-April.

As speaker, he will moderate debate, make rulings on procedures, announce the result of votes, and generally preside over the TMA House of Delegates. The speaker directs staff in the preparation of reference committee reports presented to the House, and represents the House as the voice of the body in ceremonial and other situations.

As speaker, Hale is a designated member of the TMA Board of Trustees, and is currently serving on the Strategic Plan Oversight and Annual Meeting committees. He previously served on the TMA board and as BOT liaison to the Tennessee Society of Pathologists, and is a former delegate to the TMA from Northwest Tennessee Academy of Medicine. Prior to his election as speaker, he served as vice speaker of the TMA HOD from 2009-11.

He is a former member of the Tennessee Board of Family Practice, and a former chief of staff at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City.

Board certified in family medicine, Hale practices with the Doctors' Clinic of Union City, PC. In 2009 and 2010, he was named Favorite Physician in The Messenger Readers' Choice Awards.

In addition to the TMA and Northwest Tennessee Academy of Medicine, Hale is a member of the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

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Agriculture Awareness Day

University of Tennessee at Martin agriculture students and UT Martin Collegiate FFA Chapter members organized and held the first Agriculture Awareness Day, March 23, outside the Boling University Center. Vendors included the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative and Tennessee Farm Bureau, and interactive displays offered opportunities for students to learn about the agriculture industry. Tractors and other farming equipment were displayed by Tennessee Tractor, LLC, while a "Farmer Forum" allowed participants to interact with farmers and ask questions.

A closing banquet featured Tom Womack, director of public affairs for the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, as the keynote speaker. Pictured, left to right, are event organizers Jeremy Fair, senior, agricultural education major, Newbern; Elizabeth Pafford, sophomore, agriculture major, Humboldt; Tom Womack; Syrena Flowers, freshman, agriculture major, Jackson; and Chris Martin, sophomore, agriculture major, Fayetteville. Submitted photo
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"A hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in the bank ... but the world may be a better place because I made a difference in the life of a child." -- Forest Witcraft

Teachers receive such little praise for the work they do that it is nice when the accolades are showered upon them. Dyersburg City Schools honored their Teachers of the Year at the Retirement Dinner on Monday evening. This year's honorees come from varying backgrounds and have different educational approaches but they have one thing in common: their love for children.

This honor is especially meaningful for the teachers as the nominations come from their peers. Their peers are people who have observed them day in and day out, in some cases mentored them and quite often have developed a respect and appreciation for the work they do. The 2011 Teachers of the Year are:

* Jennifer Jackson, kindergarten teacher at Dyersburg Primary School (DPS)
* Carmie Newsome, third grade teacher at Dyersburg Intermediate School (DIS)
* Carole McCullough, seventh grade teacher at Dyersburg Middle School (DMS)
* Brenda Norman, mathematics teacher at Dyersburg High School (DHS)

Jennifer Jackson is a teacher with 10 years of education experience and has taught kindergarten at DPS for four years. Jackson is a graduate of Dyersburg State Community College and received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Jackson also holds a Master of Science degree from Grand Canyon University. A member of the DPS Leadership Team for the last two years, Jackson is also a leader at her church where she serves as a Sunday school teacher.

Carmie Newsome is a teacher with 26 years of education experience and simply looks to be an effective teacher. The small part that she has in her student's life gives Newsome great satisfaction. Newsome received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin and has been teaching in Tennessee schools for the last 24 years.

Carole McCullough has been teaching language arts at DMS for the last four years. McCullough received her Bachelor of Science degree from Bethel University in McKenzie, and a master's in education from Union University in Jackson, Tenn. A leader in the community, McCullough has worked with various organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Feed the Need and Operation
Christmas Child. Although she is dedicated to quite a few community organizations, she is most dedicated to her students. She believes that seeing a student master a difficult concept is her biggest reward along with being a positive impact on her student's educational process for a brief moment in time.

Brenda Joy Norman has been teaching mathematics at DHS since 1990. She received her Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin and her Master of Science in Administration from Grand Canyon University. Norman extends her influence beyond the classroom as she has coached the girls softball team and volleyball team in the past and is the current girls soccer team coach. The 2010 Soccer All-Regional Coach of the Year has the same approach on the field as in the classroom: to be fair and consistent to each student and let them know that she cares about them personally.

The Teachers of the Year were presented with a plaque by the school board commemorating their achievement. City School Board Chairwoman Amy Heckethorn commented at the end of the evening that the future is bright for Dyersburg City Schools because of the work that teachers do. Teachers such as Jackson, Newsome, McCullough and Norman are examples of that bright future leading the way at their respective schools and striving to make a difference in children's lives as all teachers should.

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Fifth Annual MidSouth Economic/Business Development Summit is May 17

MARTIN, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center, Dyersburg State Community College Tennessee Small Business Development Center and WestStar Leadership Program will host the fifth annual MidSouth Economic and Business Development Summit, "A New Day in Economic Development," from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., May 17, in First Citizens National Bank Auditorium on the DSCC campus. Registration fee is $50 and includes continental breakfast, materials and luncheon.

Registration and a continental breakfast are slated from 8-8:30 a.m. Maleia Lee, director of DSCC Tennessee Small Business Development Center, Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, Tina Morris, DSCC vice president of institutional development, and Hollie Holt, REFED Center director, will open the program at 8:30 a.m.

"A Shared Vision of Regionalism" is slated from 8:45-9:30 a.m., presented by Allen Hester, Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce president/chief executive officer. "Why Lady Gaga Has Fans and You Don't," will be presented by Steve Holt, Steve Holt Consulting, Martin, at 9:35 a.m.

After a 15-minute break, Susan Whitaker, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development commissioner, will present "Developing Your Community's Economy Through Tourism" at 10:30 a.m. At 11:20 Susan Williams, Belmont University professor of management, will present "Engaging Hearts & Heads."

The fifth anniversary luncheon will begin at 12:15 p.m. with keynote speaker, Julie Stackhouse. Stackhouse is Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis senior vice president and managing officer of Banking Supervision, Credit, Community Development and Learning Innovation.

For more information or to register online, go to www.utm.edu/midsouthsummit or contact Landy Fuqua at 731-587-7333.
Career fair targets local Goodyear associates

By KEVIN BOWDEN
Staff Reporter

Organizers have scheduled a career fair for Thursday at the John Tanner National Guard Armory.

The one-day career fair is being put on to help Goodyear workers who are facing the shutdown of the local tire plant, but the event is also open to the public.

Also, students from seven area high schools have been invited to attend the career fair, according to organizer Mike McKenzie.

He said students from Obion County Central High School, Union City High School, South Fulton High School, Dyer County High School, Fulton City High School, Fulton City and Fulton County (Ky.) high schools and Martin Westview High School have all been issued an invitation to attend the career fair and talk with representatives of various colleges, universities, vocational and technical schools and trade schools.

Thursday's fair will follow the same format as a financial fair held last month at the local armory.

The career fair will be open from 7:30-10 a.m. and from 12:30-5 p.m.

There is no charge to attend the event and it is open to anyone who wants to attend, according to McKenzie.

Representatives from a wide range of higher education institutions have been invited to participate in the event.

McKenzie said the fair was organized to provide options for Goodyear workers interested in learning about pursuing a degree to deal with the loss of their job at the local Goodyear plant.

The local tire plant is scheduled to shut down by the end of this year.

An estimated 1,850 hourly workers are currently employed at the Union City Goodyear plant.

Among those invited to participate in the fair are representatives from the University of Tennessee at Martin, Bethel University, Dyersburg State Community College, Jackson State

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Community College, Murray State University, Union University, Freed Hardeman University and Lane College.

Invitations have also been extended to recruiters from area technical schools, two massage therapy schools, the Tennessee National Guard, U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines, two beauty schools, a computer learning center, an automotive/diesel repair school and several other colleges from across the region.

Consultant coming to UC

Business consultant Erik Markin will be available to help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with business advice from 1-5 p.m. May 26 at the Obion County Industrial Training Center in downtown Union City.

Markin is a consultant with the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center/Tennessee Small Business Development Center.

He recently joined the TSBDC after spending five years in the financial industry and owning and operating two small businesses.

Markin will be giving advice about business planning, financing options, marketing, customer service, cash flow and other issues.

The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free.

Appointments can be made by contacting the Obion County Chamber at 885-0211 or by contacting Markin at (731) 587-7333.

For additional services offered by the TSBDC, go to www.tsbdc.org.

Area Student Honored

MARTIN - Marcus Mitchell of McKenzie received the BG G.H. Weems Memorial ROTC Scholarship Award at the 23rd Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences awards banquet. The award was presented by Sgt. James Harbin.
AREA STUDENT HONOURED AT UT MARTIN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES AWARDS BANQUET – Danny Morris (upper photo), of Bradford, received the Outstanding Agricultural Business Student Award and Joseph Wingo (lower photo), of Bradford, received the Outstanding Plant and Soil Science Student Award at the 23rd Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences awards banquet. The awards were presented by Dr. Jason Roberts, assistant professor of animal science.

LOCAL STUDENT RECOGNIZED AT UT MARTIN COMMUNICATIONS DAY – The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. Meredith Reynolds, right, of Milan, received the Outstanding New Member Award from Women in Communications. Dr. Teresa Collard, center, assistant professor of communications, presented the award.

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Hill and Bailey Skelton of Waynesboro are the recipients of the University of Tennessee at Martin Carl Seale Student Teacher Awards for spring semester 2011. 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 Education Student Services 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 on the UT Martin campus. Attending the presentation were (from left) Barbara Hutcherson, university supervisor; Blake, Skelton and Staci H. Fuqua, Education Student Services interim director.

**SERVICE AWARD** – Anna M. Seratt (right) of South Fulton was presented the 2010-11 Nancy W. Hinds Student Service Award, which is given annually by the faculty to a student who has provided outstanding service to the Department of Chemistry and Physics at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award is named in honor of Dr. Hinds’ dedication and service to chemistry education at UT Martin. Seratt is a sophomore nursing major. She is pictured with Dr. Charles Thomas, Department of Chemistry and Physics chair, and Dr. Hinds, who retired in 2009.

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Jeffrey Hart of Martin received the Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award – MS IV at the 23rd Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences awards banquet. The award was presented to Hart’s parents by Sgt. James Harbin.
Mary Unger receives UTM student award

The Spring 2011 Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award was presented to Mary Unger, Office of University Relations employee. She is a communications-public relations sequence major and has been employed for two years as the University Relations Public Relations Workshop recipient.

Specifically, Unger, of Martin, maintains positive communications with university department and organization representatives and other news sources, including off-campus contacts.

She writes press releases on an extensive list of topics and proofs and edits the work of other staff members.

"She is diligent in fact checking, a critical component of our news releases that are sent to media outlets throughout the state and across the country," said Rita Mitchell, university editor and Unger's supervisor. "News is also time-sensitive, and Mary organizes her tasks and stays ahead of multiple deadlines.

"Mary has been an excellent role model for other college students as she balanced strong academics with student government, philanthropic and social activities."

This award, given every fall and spring semester, is a memorial for Beth Maloan, longtime UT Martin director of budgeting and payroll, who during her years of service, was a strong advocate for student employment.

Maloan had a vision that more positions would be developed on campus that would challenge students and make them significant contributors to the university's mission.

Recipients of this award exemplify a strong work ethic and commitment to the university, and they receive a $1,000 cash award, an engraved plaque and a nameplate on the perpetual plaque in a place of honor in the Boling University Center.

Contributions to this scholarship award may be made through payroll deduction by employees of UT Martin or by sending a contribution to the Office of Development at UT Martin.
GRAND FINALE – The University of Tennessee at Martin recently celebrated the accomplishments of its graduates at the Grand Finale Celebration and Senior Walk, hosted in the Quad on campus. More than 600 graduates took the opportunity to say goodbye to classmates, faculty and staff. Justin Hunt of Martin was among those participating in the event. He is a theatre major.

JUSTIN HUNT

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Local High School Student Gets a Jump on UT Martin Fall Registration

Katie Chadwick, of McKenzie, recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Chadwick, a McKenzie High School senior, will attend UT Martin in the fall. Students met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about First-Year Initiative (an orientation for first-year students the week before classes).
Photography course set in Samburg

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies will be offering the course Basic Digital Photography - Camera Operation and Skills at the Reelfoot Lake Research and Teaching Center in Samburg.

The class will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays from June 7-28.

The fee is $105. The instructor of the course will be Roger Hughes. The course will allow participants to make the most of their digital camera operations. The course includes camera features and functions, exposure, composition, depth of field, focus, photography ideas and exercises in lighting. Portrait, landscape, action and close-up shots will also be discussed. Participants will need to provide a camera with the operations manual and a tripod.

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

UT Martin’s Kid College adds several unique classes

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Kid College is set for June 6-16.

Kid College is a nine-day program for children who will attend kindergarten in the fall 2011 through the fifth grade.

An open house is planned for 4:30-6:30 p.m. June 16. All parents, family and friends are invited to attend and meet the teachers, view displays and watch demonstrations. Refreshments will be served.

A few of the new courses for the third- through fifth-grade age group include American Girl, Delicious Desserts, Football Fundamentals/Life Skills, Let’s Play and Move, Hello Cupcake!, Sketchbook Club, Weather Watchers and Storm Chasers, American Girl Celebration, CSI Junior, Jazz Dance, Wearable Art, Let’s Talk (Sign Language) and Paper Folding Fun.

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Popular classes from the past that will be offered again this year include Space Camp, Practicing Pet Pros, Chemical Reactions, Cheerleading, Positively Playdough, Baking with Mrs. Baker, Soccer Shootout, Stellar Storybooks, Mad Scientists, Guitar, Karate, Tales of the Traveling Tree House, Kids with Cameras and Yoga for Kids.

Classes are $40 each and T-shirts are available for an additional $10.

For a catalog or to register for activities, call the Kid College office at (731) 881-7081 or go to http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/kidcollege.php.

Amanda Borah, of Martin, received the Interior Design Group Outstanding Member Award at the 23rd Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences awards banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Lisa LeBleu, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences chair.

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Jim Byford receives ‘Friend of 4-H’ award

A long-time Tennessee 4-H youth program supporter has received one of the organization’s most prestigious honors.

Dr. Jim Byford, retired dean of UT Martin’s College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and a former extension service wildlife specialist, received the “Friend of 4-H” Award from the Tennessee 4-H Foundation during the 64th Annual Tennessee 4-H Congress, March 29, in Nashville.

“I am both honored and humbled to receive this recognition,” Byford said of the honor. “4-H has truly enriched my life, as it has millions of youth throughout the world. I’m fortunate to be a part of such a great youth organization.”

4-H is the youth development program of University of Tennessee Extension. 4-H teaches leadership, citizenship and life skills to more than 300,000 youth in grades 4-12. 4-H also has more than 18,000 adult volunteers statewide.

Buddy Mitchell, interim chancellor, UT Institute of Agriculture, presented the award and described Byford as “a role model and mentor to many 4-H members across the state.” Mitchell added, “He made sure the 4-Hers were always welcome when it came time for State 4-H Roundup at Martin, and they looked forward to his songs and storytelling around the All Star campfire.”

Mitchell also recognized Byford’s continuing 4-H involvement following his 2009 retirement. “His (Byford’s) latest efforts center on developing a vision for a 4-H center in West Tennessee as a member of both a Farm Bureau task force and UT Extension committee devoted to this effort,” Mitchell said.

Byford spent 20 years as extension wildlife specialist in Georgia and Tennessee, giving hundreds of presentations and writing numerous articles on wildlife conservation. Byford was featured in the 1983 Sports Afield hunting annual, the June 1985 issue of Outdoor Life and appeared regularly on “TNN Outdoors” from 1996-98. He has spoken at numerous seminars on agriculture, land management and natural-resource conservation throughout the U.S., Ecuador and Japan. In 1999, he authored a book through UT Press, titled “Close To The Land.”

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Brent Perry, second from right, of Dresden, is a new officer in the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Public Safety. Perry is a 1991 graduate of UT Martin and has spent the last 16 years employed at the Dresden Police Department, leaving the department as chief. He graduated from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy in 1994. Perry is married to Katie Perry, who is a 1998 UT Martin graduate. With him, from left, are Al Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration, Lt. Steve Sherfield and Chancellor Tom Rakes.
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A few of the new courses for the kindergarten-second grade age group include: American Girl Delicious Desserts, Football Fundamentals/Life Skills, Let’s Play and Move, Hello Cupcake!, Sketchbook Club, Weather Watchers and Storm Chasers, American Girl Celebration, CSI Junior, Jazz Dance, Wearable Art, Let’s Talk (Sign Language) and Paper Folding Fun.


Popular classes from the past that will be offered again this year include: Space Camp, Practicing Pet Pros, Chemical Reactions, Cheerleading, Positively Playdough, Baking with Mrs. Baker, Soccer Shootout, Stellar Storybooks, Mad Scientists, Guitar, Karate, Tales of the Traveling Tree House, Kids with Cameras and Yoga for Kids.

Classes are $40 each, and T-shirts are available for an additional $10. For a catalog or to register, call the Kid College office at 731-881-7081 or go to http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/kidcollege.php.

GRAND FINALE – The University of Tennessee at Martin recently celebrated the accomplishments of its graduates at the Grand Finale Celebration and Senior Walk, hosted in the Quad on campus. More than 600 graduates took the opportunity to say goodbye to classmates, faculty and staff. Michael Wiggins, of Memphis, Allison Jones, of South Fulton, and Brent Smolen, of Lapeer, Mich., were among those participating in the event. Wiggins is an engineering major, Jones, political science, and Smolen, graphic design. (Photo submitted)
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SERVICE AWARD – Anna M. Seratt, right, of South Fulton, recently was presented the 2010-11 Nancy W. Hinds Student Service Award, which is given annually by the faculty to a student who has provided outstanding service to the Department of Chemistry and Physics at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The award is named in honor of Dr. Hinds' dedication and service to chemistry education at UT Martin. Seratt is a sophomore nursing major. She is pictured with Dr. Charles Thomas, Department of Chemistry and Physics chair, and Dr. Hinds, who retired in 2009. (Photo submitted)
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Jeremy Fair, of Newbern, received the Outstanding Agricultural Education Student Award at the 23rd Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences awards banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Jason Roberts, assistant professor of animal science.

Lindy Layton, of Dyersburg, received the Triple C Award – Level I at the 23rd Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences awards banquet. The award was presented by Gloria Browning, assistant professor of nursing.

Mary Viar, of Dyersburg, received the Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award – MS II at the 23rd Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences awards banquet. The award was presented by Sgt. James Harbin.
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UT MARTIN FALL REGISTRATION - Trey Patrick of Humboldt recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Patrick, a Humboldt High School senior, will attend UT Martin in the fall. With him is his father, Jessie Yarbrough. Students met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about first-year initiative (an orientation for first-year students the week before classes). For more information about S.O.A.R., call the UT Martin Office of Admissions at 731-881-7020 or 1-800-829-UTM1.

BANQUET - Charity Allen of Humboldt received the Outstanding Nursing Student Award at the 23rd Annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences awards banquet. The award was presented by Gloria Browning, assistant professor of nursing.
Castleman attends national meeting

Thirteen University of Tennessee at Martin student members of the American Chemical Society recently attended the 241st national ACS meeting in Anaheim, Calif., where they presented a poster and demonstrations program, received plaques at the awards ceremony, participated in workshops and helped conduct several activities including introducing a featured speaker. Humboldt's Andrew Castleman was one of the participants.

Futrell receives award

Amber D. Futrell of Humboldt recently received the Cunningham Outstanding Freshman Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This is an award of $2,000 given to a freshman student who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, leadership skills and involvement in campus activities. The selection is made through the Division of Student Affairs.

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Pathway Lending said Kent Sandidge has joined the nonprofit as client relationship manager for Middle Tennessee. Sandidge will work through the recently announced Tennessee Small Business Jobs Opportunity Fund and the Energy Efficiency Loan Program. Sandidge has been with Bank of America in Nashville and Franklin, as well as First Tennessee Bank in Murfreesboro. Sandidge has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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FACULTY MEMBERS INDUCTED — Jared Teague, assistant professor of engineering, Jeffrey Longacre, assistant professor of English, Jonathan Vest, assistant professor of music, and Roberto Mancusi, assistant professor of music, 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 more than 300 colleges and universities in the United States, the Philippines and Puerto Rico.

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Classes added to Kid College lineup

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PUSH FOR ST. JUDE — Every year, the brothers of the Zeta Pi Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at the University of Tennessee at Martin take a walk from Martin to Memphis raising money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. This year was no different as they made their way down Reelfoot Avenue in Union City Wednesday afternoon. Earlier in the day, members (from left) Boomer Rhodes, Rance Barnes, Cody Chilcutt and Jared Worthington canvassed the city requesting donations for the hospital. They will arrive in Memphis on Friday to present a $100,000 check to St. Jude. Over the years, the local chapter has raised more than $1 million for cancer research. “It’s more than a tradition. It’s our mission and privilege to serve and give back to those children who are sick,” a spokesman said.
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Quote of the Week

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The 55th annual Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association High School Mathematics Contest recently was conducted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Approximately 6,000 of the state's top mathematics students competed at 22 different testing centers located across the state. Examinations were given in six areas: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre Calculus, Statistics and Calculus. At the UT Martin testing site, 226 students competed from 12 schools. Students from North Side High School who participated were, from left to right, first row, Eljon Gasmen, Andrew Nickell, Gary Martinez, Trisdan Ragland, Keenan Alexander and Nathan Tignor; second row, Adam Craig, Jeff Nguyen, Adrian Ford, Zach McMackins, Kathryn Lasley, Odilia Ormsby, Heather Salley, Jasmine Hampton and Alicia Cooper; third row, Michael Wollam, Jamarius Epperson, Darrion Trice, Christopher Downen, Quan Cox, Justin Lemler, Eric Ramirez-Gonzalez and Shaylon Gaffney.

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James Buchanan of Memphis received the National Association of Black Journalists Award.

Marquita Douglas of Memphis received the News-Editorial Chairman's Outstanding Senior Award.

Whittney Lucas, of Memphis received the Sophomore Communications Scholarship.

Jasmine Brooks, of Memphis and Trevor Smith, of Union City received the Wayne Tansil Scholarship.

Josh Weiss of Germantown received the Dorotha and Robert Norton Scholarship.
New York's Reese returns to UT Martin

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Everyone knows who they are.

The New York Giants are considered by many one of the most successful and important franchises in the National Football League.

The man who controls the giants roster is a Skyhawk.

Former UT Martin football player Jerry Reese is New York's general manager. He played with the Skyhawks in the 1980's. Reese later became a coach on UT Martin's staff before beginning his NFL front office career.

Reese is in Martin today. He's the keynote speaker at UT Martin's commencement ceremony. He told us what UT Martin means to him.

"I really cut my teeth here at Tennessee-Martin as a grad assistant coach and an assistant head coach," Reese said. "I really thought my career path would be coaching but the good Lord had a little something different for me. I ended up being a scout and moving up in the ranks with the New York Giants. But I definitely cut my teeth here at UT Martin."

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Heather Higgs, of Martin, and Matt Coleman, of Dyer, pose for photos before commencement Saturday at UT Martin. Both received bachelor of science degrees in health and human performance. Chancellor Tom Rakes presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees.
Charity Allen, of Humboldt, arrives for Saturday's commencement at UT Martin. Allen majored in nursing. UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees. UT executive vice president David Millhorn represented UT president Joe DiPietro and congratulated graduates.

Mixon Moore, center, of Rutherford, poses with his family for photos before commencement Saturday at UT Martin. Moore received a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish. He is pictured with, from left, his stepmother, Karen Moore; father, Bob Moore; mother, Sue Ellen Moore; and sister, Jessamy Moore.

Megan Latimer, of Jackson, is joined by her mother, Dewana, following commencement Saturday at UT Martin. Latimer majored in biology, played four years for the Skyhawk softball team and plans to continue her studies to become a physician assistant.
Jerry Reese, New York Giants senior vice president and general manager, was the spring commencement ceremony speaker Saturday at University of Tennessee Martin. Reese earned bachelor's and master's degrees, played football and coached at UT Martin.

Jerry Reese is living proof that a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin can go on to big things, because he did. The Giants general manager this past Saturday related his path to a high-ranking NFL position during his commencement address at his alma mater.

Reese, according to the school's website, stressed to the graduates they must use "the last 5 percent" that makes them special to find a place in the world and make it a better place. He referred to a book he is reading, "The Divine Mentor" by Wayne Cordeiro, saying 95 percent of people with some amount of training can already do what the graduates have planned for their lives.

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**Around Tipton County**

**Jennifer Burdette** of Millington made the dean's list in a recent semester of study at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin and of Millington Central High School.

Burdette is the daughter of Robert and Murlisse Burdette.

**Thomas T. Bowen** of Millington recently received the Outstanding Lower Division Management, Marketing, Computer Science and Information Systems Student Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
New St. Mary's V.P. for Academic Affairs Named

by Kristen Leitch

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Dr. Beth Rushing, of the University of Washington Tacoma, has been named St. Mary's College of Maryland's new vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, and will begin in the role July 1. Rushing serves as vice chancellor for academic affairs and is a professor of interdisciplinary arts and sciences at the Washington State College.

"Beth's years of experience in academic administration at a number of public institutions, her time spent in the classroom, and her background of collaboration with faculty make her an excellent choice to be the college's new vice president," said President Joseph Urgo. "We are very pleased she has agreed to come."

Molly Mahoney Matthews, Board of Trustees chair, agreed. "Beth Rushing rose to the top of a competitive pool of candidates to be selected as the next vice president for academic affairs and Dean of Faculty. I had an opportunity to spend time with Beth and was impressed with her passion, expertise, and the feel she had for faculty collaboration and our campus community. She will bring her energy and passion to our extraordinary faculty and take us to the next level of scholarship and honors."

UW Tacoma is one of three campuses that make up the University of Washington. A small urban campus that overlooks the Port of Tacoma and Mount Rainier, it is home to more than 3,000 students in seven academic units, studying in 27 undergraduate and six graduate programs.

"For many years, Rushing said, "I have admired the public honors college mission at St. Mary's. Liberal arts institutions are unique in their holistic focus on students. They create the conditions for students to expand their skills and knowledge and deepen their understanding of themselves as citizens and stewards of the world. St. Mary's fosters this through close student-faculty interactions and an amazing array of co-curricular opportunities for students."

Before joining the University of Washington Tacoma, Rushing was dean at the College of Arts and Sciences at Georgia College & State University just as it was designated a public liberal arts university. She taught sociology at the University of Tennessee at Martin and Kent State University. Rushing is interested in environmental issues and international programs; twice she taught study-abroad programs in the Bahamas that addressed the environment and globalization. Her research focuses on work/life balance, with a particular emphasis on work/life concerns of tenure-track faculty. Also, at Tacoma, she helped create five new undergraduate programs, including Information technology, health care leadership, criminal justice, writing studies, and sustainable urban development.

Rushing received her bachelor's degree in sociology at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee, and her masters and Ph.D.
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also in sociology from Duke University.

“I look forward to working with President Urgo and the rest of the St. Mary's faculty, staff, and students to continue these wonderful academic traditions,” Rushing said.

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Area Residents Honored at UT Martin ROTC Awards Ceremony

Cadet Marcus Mitchell, of McKenzie, recently received The American Veterans of World War II Award, The Association of the United States Army Medal and the Brigadier General G.H. Weems Memorial ROTC Scholarship during the spring ROTC banquet. Pictured with Cadet Mitchell are Lt. Col. Timothy Marshall, right, and Master Sgt. James Harbin.

Cadet Kyle Kirk, of McKenzie, recently received The Military Order of World Wars Award during the spring ROTC banquet. Pictured with Cadet Kirk are Lt. Col. Timothy Marshall, right, and Master Sgt. James Harbin.

Allen honored at University of Tennessee-Martin

Charity Allen, daughter of Charles Allen of Paris and Kathy and Don Austin of Dyer, won the Outstanding Nursing Student Award from the university chancellor and the Outstanding Academic Award for Grades from the agriculture-science department this spring at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

In addition, Allen received her bachelor's degree in nursing during the May 14 commencement at the school. She plans to take the state board examination to become a registered nurse, then look for a job in nursing.

She is a Gibson County High School graduate.
Reese: ‘Use last 5 percent’

Jerry Reese challenged University of Tennessee at Martin graduates to use the “last 5 percent” that is unique to them to make the world a better place and to “always say ‘thank you’” as he signed those words for the audience.

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“The last 5 percent. That’s where you can make the difference.” Reese asked the graduates to turn to their fellow classmates on each side and make a pact. “Say ‘give me 5.’ That means I’m going to hold you responsible to make a difference, not blend in and make this world a better place.”

And, just as he might tell a football player on Sunday, he concluded, “Go out there and get them with your last 5 percent.” UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees.

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“Education is not only what is received, but rather what is achieved,” said Rakes, closing the cer-
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UT MARTIN STUDENTS CREATE MURAL FOR BRADFORD BUSINESSES — The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts of the University of Tennessee at Martin unveiled a student mural on May 6, at Willie Bob’s Café & Bradford Arts and Crafts in Bradford. The mural took approximately a month to complete with the help of eight students and the supervising instructor, Jason Stout, UT Martin lecturer of art. Pictured are, from left to right, Melissa Michel, visual art studio major from Trenton; Adam Franklin, visual art studio major from Goodlettsville; Jacob Bloodworth, visual art studio major from Hornbeak; Alana Kramer, history major from Jackson; Cody Williams, visual art studio major from Adamsville; Elizabeth Williams, biology major from Martin; and Kailey Hagan, graphic design major from Union City. Not pictured is Jordan Phillips, visual art studio major from Jackson.

BENITA EVANS
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MILLER HONORED — The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The keynote speaker for the banquet was Stan Bell, media educator for Memphis City Schools and radio personality at KJMS-V101.1. Erica Miller, of Martin, received the Nick and Cathy Dunagan Team Spirit Award. Dr. Teresa Collard, assistant professor of communications, presented the award.
WC HEAD START RECEIVES AWARD — Weakley County Head Start received the Outstanding Community Partner Award at the recent University of Tennessee at Martin annual Institute for Civic Engagement Sculpting Summit. Pictured, from left to right, are Mitzi Gilliam, Northwest Tennessee Head Start area specialist, and Dr. Mike McCullough, UT Martin ICE director.

Saxophone quartet tours New Zealand

The UT Martin ACSQ Saxophone Quintet will be touring New Zealand May 19-June 7, performing as guest artists at the National Saxophone Quartet Festival, which celebrates the Queen’s Birthday in June.

The group will also perform at a children's hospital, an outdoor farmer's market, a contemporary art gallery, in several rural schools, at a community performing arts center and at the University School of Music.

They will perform in Auckland, Coromandel, Mt. Maunganui, Palmerston North and Wellington.

Music performed will include many styles and genres from all over the world, such as jazz, funk, klezmer, tangos and a few American works.

During the trip, students will be working with New Zealand composer Michael Norris, will study the Maori culture and music and will participate in a traditional h?n?gi.

Members of the ACSQ Saxophone Quintet include Kayce Hackett, senior animal science major from Hendersonville; Dalton Rardin, junior music education major from Maury City; Alan Jones, sophomore music education major from White House; Jared Nobles, senior music education major from Dyersburg; and Josh Gatlin, senior music education major from Union City.

RAD course offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies will be offering the Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) course from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., June 15-16.

The registration fee is $5 for materials.

The instructor is Terry Guthrie, police officer and Rape Aggressive Defense instructor.

The Rape Aggression Defense System is designed for the average woman, beginning with awareness, risk reduction, avoidance and overall prevention.

The course is composed of instruction and application, with easy-to-learn, physical tactics that may help in violent encounters.

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Register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php.

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Jerry Reese challenged University of Tennessee at Martin graduates to use the “last 5 percent” that is unique to them to make the world a better place and to “always say ‘thank you,’” as he signed those words for the audience.

Reese, New York Giants senior vice president and general manager since 2007, gave the commencement address Saturday at his alma mater, where he received bachelor’s and master’s degrees, played football and coached before joining the Giants as a scout in 1994.

Drawing on a book he is currently reading, “The Divine Mentor” by Wayne Cordeiro, Reese said that 95 percent of people with some measure of training can already do what today’s graduates have decided to do with their lives.

He added jokingly, “If you are the general manager of a NFL football team, 99.9 percent of people can do what you do. I get e-mails, letters, phone calls from people telling me how they can do my job better than me.”

But, he noted, “It’s the 5 percent that you do, that you bring to the table — that unique 5 percent — that’s what we’re asking from you. That’s your contribution.

“I believe there is someone sitting here today with the last 5 percent that can find a cure for cancer,” he said.

Likewise, he added, there are those among today’s graduates, who have trained at UT Martin with some of the finest faculty, who can find a cure for other illnesses and injuries, become master teachers, amazing farmers, preachers and president of the United States. He added, “I believe there are people sitting here today with the last 5 percent could be a general manager of an NFL football team. It can happen. I sat right where you are sitting right now years and years ago. I am the living proof.”

“The last 5 percent. That’s where you can make the difference,” he said.

Reese asked the graduates to turn to their fellow classmates on each side and make a pact.

“Say ‘give me 5.’ That means I’m going to hold you responsible to make a difference, not blend in, and make this world a better place,” he said.

And, just as he might tell a football player on Sunday, he concluded, “Go out there and get them with your last 5 percent.”

UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees. Dr. David Millhorn, UT executive vice president, represented Dr. Joe DiPietro, UT president, and congratulated graduates.

The class of 2011 represents 53 Tennessee counties, as well as 20 states and seven nations in addition to the United States. They join about 38,000 UT Martin graduates throughout the world.

“Education is not only what is received, but rather what is achieved,” said Reese.

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Rakes, closing the ceremony, “As graduates of UT Martin, your diploma is a symbol of a significant achievement — your resumé now contains another tool, representing a body of knowledge and problem-solving skill-set that, if used wisely, can help ensure a wonderful future for you and those around you.”
New St. Mary’s V.P. for Academic Affairs Named
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Dr. Beth Rushing, of Tacoma, Washington, is the new vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at St. Mary’s College.

Dr. Beth Rushing, of the University of Washington Tacoma, has been named St. Mary’s College of Maryland’s new vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, and will begin in the role July 1. Rushing serves as vice chancellor for academic affairs and is a professor of interdisciplinary arts and sciences at the Washington State college.

“Beth’s years of experience in academic administration at a number of public institutions, her time spent in the classroom, and her background of collaboration with faculty make her an excellent choice to be the college’s new vice president,” said President Joseph Urgo. “We are very pleased she has agreed to come.”

Molly Mahoney Matthews, Board of Trustees chair, agreed. “Beth Rushing rose to the top of a competitive pool of candidates to be selected as the next vice president for academic affairs and Dean of Faculty. I had an opportunity to spend time with Beth and was impressed with her passion, expertise, and the feel she had for faculty collaboration and our campus community. She will bring her energy and passion to our extraordinary faculty and take us to the next level of scholarship and honors.”

UW Tacoma is one of three campuses that make up the University of Washington. A small urban campus that overlooks the Port of Tacoma and Mount Rainier, it is home to more than 3,000 students in seven academic units, studying in 27 undergraduate and six graduate programs.

“For many years, Rushing said, “I have admired the public honors college mission at St. Mary’s. Liberal arts institutions are unique in their holistic focus on students. They create the conditions for students to expand their skills and knowledge and deepen their understanding of themselves as citizens and stewards of the world. St. Mary’s fosters this through close student-faculty interactions and an amazing array of co-curricular opportunities for students.”

Before joining the University of Washington Tacoma, Rushing was dean at the College of Arts and Sciences at Georgia College & State University just as it was designated a public liberal arts university. She taught sociology at the University of Tennessee at Martin and Kent State University. Rushing is interested in environmental issues and international programs; twice she taught study-abroad programs in the Bahamas that addressed the environment and globalization. Her research focuses on work-life balance, with a particular emphasis on work/life concerns of tenure-track faculty. Also, at Tacoma, she helped create five new undergraduate programs, including information technology, health care leadership, criminal justice, writing studies, and sustainable urban development.

Rushing received her bachelor’s degree in sociology at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee, and her master’s and Ph.D. also in sociology from Duke University.

“I look forward to working with President Urgo and the rest of the St. Mary’s faculty, staff, and students to continue these wonderful academic traditions,” Rushing said.

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UT Martin ACS students attend national meeting

Thirteen University of Tennessee at Martin student members of the American Chemical Society recently attended the national ACS meeting in Anaheim, Calif.

They presented a poster and a demonstrations program, received plaques at the awards ceremony, participated in workshops and helped conduct activities.

Students who participated included Marcelina Glover of Memphis, Andrew Castleman of Humboldt, Sarah Griffin of Lebanon, Zalak Patel of Martin, Paul Jones of Bartlett, Lee Elliott of Martin, Gilbert Forgays of Clarksville, ACS president Dr. Bassam Shakhshiri, Dr. S.K. Airee, ACS past president Dr. Thomas H. Lane, Sam Moran of Clarksville, Corey Jones of Linden, Bethany Aden of McKenzie, Kayla Baker of Troy, Chelsea Peeler and Aaron Crump of Coalfield.

Water pilates available

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies will be offering water pilates on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 7-30.

The classes will be held from 1-1:50 p.m. The fee will be $55 and the instructor of the course will be Laura Roberts-Fieser, group fitness instructor.

This course is designed to work with people of all levels of fitness and age ranges. Water pilates is a low-impact aquatic conditioning workout, using strengthening and toning movements to build strong core muscles.

All exercises will be done in the shallow end of the pool. Swimsuits must be worn. Participants need to bring a swim noodle and water shoes may be worn.

For information, contact ECOS at (731) 881-7082.
DOING THEIR ‘ART’ — The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts of the University of Tennessee at Martin recently unveiled a student mural at Willie Bob’s Café & Bradford Arts and Crafts in Bradford. The mural took about a month to complete with the help of eight students and the supervising instructor, Jason Stout, UT Martin lecturer of art. On hand for the official unveiling were (from left) Melissa Michel, a visual art studio major from Trenton; Adam Franklin, a visual art studio major from Goodlettsville; Jacob Bloodworth, a visual art studio major from Hornbeak; Alana Kramer, a history major from Jackson; Cody Williams, a visual art studio major from Adamsville; Elizabeth Williams, a biology major from Martin; and Kailey Hagan, a graphic design major from Union City. Not pictured is Jordan Phillips, a visual art studio major from Jackson.

UT MARTIN RECOGNITION — The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. Jennifer Harper of Union City received the Darrin Devault Public Relations Scholarship. Dr. Jeff Hoyer, associate professor of communications at the university, presented the award to Ms. Harper.

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Students from Westview High School who participated were, from left to right, first row, Rachel Samuel, Melissa Darroch, Regan Ward, Yvee Garcia, Amanda Jenkins, Georgia Brown, Mary Black, Christy Lee, Katelyn Luthi, Tanner Bell, Chase Thweatt and Chase Cartmell; second row, Franco D'Aprile, Mark Maloney, Nicholas Fortner, Chantia Brown, Meagan Prince, Sarah Buckley, Laura Ferrer, Mallory Simpson, Sydney McClure, Victoria Skeen, Kelsey Hauhe, Krishna Patel, Samantha Daily, Cal Bradshaw, Benjamin Wade and Garrett Ellison; third row, Saumil Patel, Cody Cooper, Steve Song, Noah Towe, Chance Weldon, Beth Ann Ogg, Jesi Ogg, Zoe Stringer, Layla Gargus, Brenna Pitcher, Mason Capps, Alex Ross, Hagen Ashmore and Billy Killebrew.

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UT Martin honors Online Teachers of the Year

Bob Bradley, left, instructor of computer science, and Dr. Tim Burcham, Gil Parker Chair of Excellence in Agriculture, recently were honored as undergraduate Online Teachers of the Year at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Derrick Head, UT Online director, presented the awards. “Bob Bradley’s online classes are exemplary; his patience, dedication, and vast technical knowledge make him a great online teacher,” said Head. He added, “In addition to serving as an outstanding online teacher, both in his online and face-to-face courses, Dr. Burcham was instrumental in establishing the online graduate degree program in Agriculture and Natural Resources Systems Management and has collaborated with faculty to develop numerous regional and national presentations related to online course development and delivery.”

Hooten honored with retirement reception

Al Hooten, right, University of Tennessee at Martin vice chancellor for finance and administration, recently was honored with a reception for his retirement, effective June 1, after 11 years of service. Recently, he accepted a position as vice president for finance and operations at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. He is pictured with Chancellor Tom Rakes.

UT Martin students attend National ACS Meeting

Thirteen University of Tennessee at Martin student members of the American Chemical Society recently attended the 241st national ACS meeting in Anaheim, California, where they presented a poster and a demonstrations program, received plaques at the awards ceremony, participated in workshops and helped conduct several activities including introducing a featured speaker.

Students participating included the following: Marcelina Glover of Memphis, Andrew Castleman of Humboldt, Sarah Griffin of Lebanon, Zalak Patel of Martin, Paul Jones of Bartlett, Lee Elliott of Martin (with the Green Chapter award plaque), Gilbert Forgays of Clarksville, ACS president Dr. Bassam Shakhshiri, Dr. S. K. Airee, ACS past president Dr. Thomas H. Lane, Sam Moran of Clarksville, Corey Jones of Linden (with Outstanding Chapter award plaque), Bethany Aden of McKenzie, Kayla Baker of Troy, Chelsea Peeler of Paris, and Aaron Crump of Coalfield.
UT Martin among safest four-year public institutions

The University of Tennessee at Martin is among the safest of the four-year public institutions in Tennessee in the most recent statewide crime statistics released for reported crimes. UT Martin was the safest in the more serious crimes per 1,000 campus population and second safest in the lesser offenses per 1,000. Additionally, for more serious crimes and lesser offenses that are committed, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety has the best clearance rates for cases solved.

"We work hard to maintain the high level of safety for our students, employees and visitors," said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes. "Recent improvements in external lighting, traffic flow and the installation of 150 new surveillance cameras, we believe, will serve to further enhance the overall level of safety."

According to crime statistics for 2010 recently released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, UT Martin had the least amount of reported offenses among four-year Tennessee Board of Regents and UT institutions.

"This year, emphasis was placed on the education of students on alcohol-related issues, and we experienced a decrease in the number of incidents involving alcohol, which we believe indirectly resulted in the decrease of the related offenses of assault, vandalism and disorderly conduct," said Scott Robbins, UT Martin director of public safety.

"We want to remind the campus community that crime prevention remains a "team" effort, and we need everyone to remain proactive with us by securing property, remaining vigilant and reporting suspicious activity."

During the last decade, the UT Martin crime rate consistently has been lower than the national and statewide averages for college campuses.

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Dr. Elaine Harriss

Dr. Elaine Harriss, interim chair of the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music, has been named chair, effective July 1.

"Dr. Harriss cares deeply about students and faculty. The program has grown under her leadership, and I am sure she will continue to strengthen the program," said Dr. Lynn Alexander, dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Harriss, a professor of music, joined the UT Martin faculty in 2001 after serving as an adjunct faculty member for several periods from 1974-1994. She earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Vanderbilt University and doctorate at University of Michigan. She was named interim chair in 2008. Harriss also served as interim director of graduate studies from 2006-2008 and has been adviser to Sigma Alpha Iota since 2003.

"UT Martin has an exceptional music department with outstanding faculty and students," said Harriss. "What a joy it is for me to work with this department as we strive to make music a growing force in Tennessee."

She is a pianist and flutist with an extensive list of performances, publications, presentations and workshops. She served as director and teacher of Kindermusik of Martin and Jackson and was a Kindermusik International director, faculty member and curriculum designer and consultant. She is the service pianist for Trinity Presbyterian Church, and, since 1968, has been a studio teacher of piano and flute. Harriss is a member of the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors, National Clarinet Association, Tennessee Music Teachers Association, Martin Area Music Teachers Association, National Flute Association, Martin Philharmonic Music Guild, Kindermusik Educators Association and Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

UT Martin students create mural for Bradford business

The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts of the University of Tennessee at Martin unveiled a student mural on May 6, at Willie Bob’s Café & Bradford Arts and Crafts in Bradford. The mural took approximately a month to complete with the help of eight students and the supervising instructor, Jason Stout, UT Martin lecturer of art. Pictured are, from left to right, Melissa Michel, visual art studio major from Trenton; Adam Franklin, visual art studio major from Goodlettsville; Jacob Bloodworth, visual art studio major from Hornbeck; Alana Kramer, history major from Jackson; Cody Williams, visual art studio major from Adamsville; Elizabeth Williams, biology major from Martin; and Kailey Hagan, graphic design major from Union City. Not pictured is Jordan Phillips, visual art studio major from Jackson.
Four University of Tennessee faculty members were honored with awards for outstanding achievements in scholarship, citizenship, teaching and advising during the recent Honors Day program.

- Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of music, received the Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award. The Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award of $5,000 was established in 1993 by James R. Cunningham, who attended UT Junior College in the 1930s. It is awarded annually to faculty members who have demonstrated strength in teaching and made a contribution to the teaching profession through scholarly activities, extracurricular achievements and leadership responsibilities.

- Dr. Amy Simmons, associate professor of music, received the University of Tennessee Alumni Association (UTAA) Outstanding Teacher Award. Each year, the UTAA presents awards of $2,000 to faculty members on each of the UT campuses who have been selected as outstanding teachers. Students, alumni and faculty nominate outstanding teachers, who then are evaluated on classroom performance, scholarship and service.

- Dr. Philip Smartt, associate professor of natural resources management, received the Outstanding Advisor Award. The Outstanding Advisor Award of $1,000 and a plaque are presented to the faculty member selected for demonstrating a caring attitude toward advisees, availability to advisees, monitoring student progress toward academic and career goals and the ability to engage in developmental advising and other distinctive characteristics. The recipient also is eligible for the national award competition sponsored by the American College Testing Program and the National Academic Advising Association.

- Dr. Becky Cox, assistant professor of education, received the Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award. The Coffey Outstanding Teaching award of $5,000 was established in 1998 by Mai and Charlie Coffey and is awarded annually to a faculty member who demonstrates strength in teaching and contributes to the teaching profession through extracurricular achievements, leadership qualities and scholarly activities.

African-American Conference held April 19

The University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program hosted the 13th annual African-American Leadership Conference on April 19, at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center in Jackson. Weakley County participants include, from left to right, Elaine Morrow, Diedra Walker, Natalie Boyd, Amy Gardner, Deborah Boyd, Stephanie Hayslett, Miyoshi Brooks, Mykia Campbell and Dexter Johnson.
Charity Allen, daughter of Charles Allen of Paris and Kathy and Don Austin of Dyer, won the Outstanding Nursing Student Award from the university chancellor and the Outstanding Academic Award for Grades from the agriculture-science department this spring at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

In addition, Allen received her bachelor's degree in nursing during the May 14 commencement at the school. She plans to take the state board examination to become a registered nurse, then look for a job in nursing.

She is a Gibson County High School graduate.

In his presentation, Donen also revealed another reason ACT scores should be important to both, students planning to attend college and parents looking for ways to pay for their child's college education.

Based on ACT scores:
- Students can receive the Tennessee Lottery Scholarship or HOPE Scholarship with an ACT score of 21 or better.
- Students are guaranteed admission at Middle Tennessee State University with an ACT score of 22 or better.
- The University of Tennessee at Martin awards several scholarships based on ACT scores - such as Dean's $1500 per year Scholarship for 26 on ACT; Chancellor's Award of $3,000 per year ($12,000 total) for 28 on ACT; and University Scholars Program worth $5,000 per year ($20,000 total) for 28 on ACT. The same is true at other colleges and universities such as Lipscomb University where an ACT score of 32 or better can mean up to $44,000 towards a college education.

Getting most parents attention with that, Donen suggested ways students can improve their scores including the Holy Grail which provides exact ACT-type problems for a student to practice in order to improve their score in a particular subject. He then announced every family in attendance would receive the McGraw-Hill ACT and Kaplan ACT books, valued at $50, for free to help their child prepare.

For Donen, he wants parents to realize how "they can have an impact on their child's test scores."

"With the information from the analysis, the reference material and the ACT books, there are no guesses as to what a student must work on to improve (their score)," shared Donen.

"A parents does not need to know how to do the work. They simply need to verify that their child is putting in the time. Students can always get assistance from teachers at the school on how to do the work," Donen explained.

As for the students, Donen says they need to realize two important things.
- You can improve your score. Using the analysis and information provided will positively impact your score.
- The test is lengthy and is designed to wear a student down. Practice, practice, practice and practice some more building your stamina for completing a three-hour test. Reading a book for three hours is an excellent start.
Local students participate in the UTM 2011 Middle/Junior High Mathematics Contest

At the University of Tennessee at Martin, the 2011 Middle School/Junior High Mathematics Contest drew more than 450 people representing 21 different public and private schools in Northwest Tennessee. A total of 370 students sat for the exams and more than 80 teachers, sponsors and parents participated in the contest. University School of Jackson won the Sixth Grade Team Award and also took home the Eighth Grade crown. The top four scores from a school constitute the team score. Local students winning are listed:

Sixth Grade:
- Fifth place - Sarah Owens (Dyersburg Middle School)

Seventh Grade:
- Second place - Hunter Norman (Dyersburg Middle School)
- Third place - Jose Morales (Dyersburg Middle School)

Eighth Grade:
- Fourth place - Amanda Dunn (Dyersburg Middle School)
- Sixth place - Trip Johnson (Dyersburg Middle School)
- Fourth place - Gunner Garner (Northview Middle School)
- Fifth place - Johni Armstrong (Dyersburg Middle School)
- Eighth place - Zach Larson (Northview Middle School)
- Fifth place - Johni Armstrong (Dyersburg Middle School)
- Ninth place - Shehla Yousuf (Dyersburg Middle School)

Hunter Norman, Dyersburg Middle School student, won second place in seventh grade competition at the 2011 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Jose Morales, Dyersburg Middle School student, won third place in seventh grade competition at the 2011 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.
Dyersburg Middle School team placed first in the seventh grade competition at the 2011 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. From left, are Labrenda Coleman, teacher, Trip Johnson, Amanda Dunn, Jose Morales and Hunter Norman.

Cadet Ashley Durbin, of Newbern, recently received The Department of the Army Superior Cadet Decoration Award, The National Defense Industrial Association Award, The National Defense Transportation Association Medal and The Reserve Officers Association Award during the spring ROTC banquet. Pictured with Cadet Durbin are Lt. Col. Timothy Marshall, right, and Master Sgt. James Harbin.
Dyersburg Middle School team placed first in the eighth grade competition at the 2011 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. From left, are Kamela Rogers, teacher, Shehla Yousuf, Erik Lewis, Elaina Ashley and Johni Armstrong.

Cadet Mary Curren Viar, of Dyersburg, recently received The Department of the Army Superior Cadet Decoration Award during the spring ROTC banquet. Pictured with Cadet Viar are Lt. Col. Timothy Marshall, right, and Master Sgt. James Harbin.
Fulton-UTM partnership formed

Stephanie Veatch
staff writer

A partnership between Fulton Independent School and the University of Tennessee at Martin will integrate educators to find and approve achievement gaps in Fulton schools.

The school board met May 9 and reviewed the timeline and steps for the upcoming school year. In the Fall of 2011, teacher education candidates are to be placed in Fulton Schools for early childhood/elementary and middle grades/secondary.

A steering committee will be established to include a Fulton City teacher from grade levels Kindergarten through sixth, seventh through eighth, and ninth through 12th, an administrator, school counselor, faculty members (three from UT Martin) and an administrator from UT Martin. The committee will meet at least two times during each semester and among other duties, will work with the schools to identify student achievement gaps and how the partnership can assist through tutoring programs, extra hands in the classroom, summer camps and more to reduce and eventually eliminate any gaps.

Further plans are to develop a needs assessment plan to follow through with professional development and expansion of the partnership. In other business, the board:

- approved a contract with the new superintendent, Tamara Smith. Board Member Sam Hancock made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss the contract. While executive session wasn’t originally included on the agenda, Dr. Lee Seng motioned to add the item.
- Upon return, the board agreed to give Smith two extra sick days and pay single coverage of vision, dental and health insurance at $55 per month.
- The period of Smith’s contract is July 1 through June 30, 2013.
- agreed to adopt a revised sick bank certified and classified policy. All full-time employees (working 20 hours or more per week) are eligible to voluntarily participate in the sick leave bank.
- New members must have a minimum of 10 days of sick leave accumulated before being eligible to join. Unused days in the bank shall accumulate to 300.
- One-half of any old balance from a previous year or years must be repaid before additional days can be requested in a new school year.
- approved the student code of conduct and student handbooks for the 2011-

According to Superintendent Dianne Owen, the student has missed 20 days and has been tardy 23 days this year. She has been in school approximately 70 percent of the year.

- approved the proposed 2011-12 certified and classified schedules, as well as the extra duty salary schedule.
- endorsed the following fundraising activities: FHS basketball program to sell supportive signs; FHS Drama Club to conduct a yard sale; FHS football to sell barbecue ribs through July 2 and homemade ice cream at the July 4 events at Pontotoc Park in Fulton.
- learned 392 students were currently enrolled in the system.

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LOCAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MATH CONTEST – The 55th annual Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association High School Mathematics Contest recently was conducted at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Approximately 6,000 of the state's top mathematics students competed at 22 different testing centers located across the state. Examinations were given in six areas: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre Calculus, Statistics and Calculus. At the UT Martin testing site, 226 students competed from 12 schools. Students from South Fulton High School who participated were, from left to right, first row, Charyl Craddock (teacher), Kylie Sisson, Paxton Sisson, Cayce Martin, Haley McKinney, Megan White, Jewelia Hazelwood, Skylar Britt and Landon Sowell; second row, Jalen Sowell, Paxton Pair, Josh Hollowell, J.P. Fowler, Ronny Cox, Reid Barker, Derek Giffin, Seth Frields and Jonathan Brown. (Photo submitted)

AWARD WINNER — The United States Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps held their annual Awards Ceremony April 21 at the University of Tennessee Ballroom. The Col. Gideon Macon Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists member, Aline Roberts, presented a medal and bar to recipient Amanda Fetner, who is an outstanding female cadet and has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, has a B or above in military science and participates actively in campus activities. Cadet Fetner is a junior biology major from Arlington. She plans to pursue a career in the medical field as a doctor of surgery. She is leaving UTM to go to Ft. Campbell to further her studies. LTC Timothy Marshall Professor of Military Science and Leadership at University of Tennessee at Martin Army ROTC was present for the presentation.
German markets focus of UT Martin travel study

The Christmas fairs and markets of Germany are unique. Anyone who would like to experience a traditional and romantic Christmas market will want to consider joining a University of Tennessee at Martin travel-study trip to Germany, Dec. 11-22. The ambience of a typical German Christmas Market is enhanced by the aromas of hot chestnuts, grilled sausages and other treats. With so many Christmas markets throughout Germany, the most difficult choice is which one to select.

For the Christmas Market tour, the group will visit Frankfurt, Cologne, Würzburg, Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Munich, Augsburg, Ulm, Nürnberg, Regensburg, Germany and Salzburg, Austria.

The estimated travel cost will be $2,950 per person, double occupancy, including: round-trip transportation from Martin to the Nashville airport, round-trip airfare from Nashville to Frankfurt and return from Munich to Nashville, transfers (bus or train) between the airports and hotels, four-star hotel accommodations based on double occupancy – five nights in Frankfurt and five nights in Munich, daily buffet breakfast, 10-day, first-class rail pass for Germany, hotel service charges and taxes.

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UTM Quintet to tour New Zealand

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DCHS seniors awarded $2.4 million in scholarships on Honors Day

Friday, May 20, 2011

Last week, Dyer County High School honored their outstanding seniors during their Honors Day program.

Parents, college representatives, central office staff, school board, members, business and community members, relatives, and friends were present to support these students.

Approximately $2.4 million in scholarship money was presented to these seniors to assist them in their continuing education.

* College Scholarships

University of Tennessee at Martin: Cody Austin, Zack Capps, Shelby Clayton, Holly Elgin, Hope Funderburk, Autumn Giles, Amber Hampton, Robert Harris, Mary Medling, Briana Pierce, and Jesse Smith.

The University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program hosted the 13th annual African-American Leadership Conference on April 19 at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center in Jackson. Tipton County participants (from left to right) included Beverly Clay, Rhonda Hughey, Dianne Avery, Vicky Whitley, Glenn Baker, Inell Chambers, Florence Dyson, Celia Dyson and Lawson Dyson.
Jackson to host women’s conference

Four different agencies are coming together to sponsor a women’s conference set for June 21 at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center in Jackson.

There is a $40 registration fee to attend the conference and the cost is $75 for two people to attend. The registration fee covers the conference, a continental breakfast and lunch.

The “Building Blocks for Success” Conference is being sponsored by the WestStar Leadership Program, Tennessee Economic Council on Women, University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center.

The conference targets opportunities for women business owners and is set for 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. The center is located at 605 Airways Blvd. in Jackson.

The women’s conference offers a variety of opportunities for women business owners who want to sell in the business-to-business (B2B) marketplace. The multi-billion dollar market segment consists of buyers from government and private industry who purchase services, equipment, supplies, transportation, wholesale, retail, agriculture, finance or most any good or service.

Conference sessions will cover resource providers, matchmaking, customer service, business basics, promoting global trade culture, social media and employment law and traditional marketing strategies. Jennifer Rawls, Tennessee Economic Development Council for Women executive director, will open the conference.

Speakers and panelists and the organizations they represent include Jacque Hillman, Jackson Sun custom content editor and owner of Reconfigured Art Jewelry; Joel Newman, representing the TSBD; Hollie Holt, UTM TSBD and REED Center director; Laura Williams, representing Rainey, Kizer, Reviere and Bell, P.L.C.; Shannon White, representing Global Girl Business Services; Dr. Bonnie Jones, UT Institute of Public Service human resource consultant; Sherry Deutschmann, LetterLogic founder and CEO; and Seth Chandler, representing the Dca/Depr Advertising and Public Relations Advertising Firm.

Registrants will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those registering by mail can send their checks to WestStar to UT Martin, 321 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. Those registering for two people should include all of the information on both registrants.

Those registering by e-mail should send a check to Virginia Grimes at vgrimes@utm.edu. Registrants should include their name, business, complete address and phone number. The check should arrive by the June 15 deadline. Those registering by fax can send the registration form to (731) 881-7019 and credit card information can be added to the fax form.

For more information about the conference or registration, call Mrs. Grimes at (731) 881-7298.

Around the Community

Emilia Lyne Finley, left, of Dover was commissioned into the U.S. Army as second lieutenant at the University of Tennessee at Martin. She was a spring graduate with a university studies degree. With her is her father, retired Lt. Col. Craig A. Finley CONTRIBUTED PHOTO / Army Lt. commissioned
Local Graduates

MARTIN - Joe Walker, left, of McKenzie, and Matt Blount, of Savannah, arrive for the May 14 commencement at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Both majored in agricultural business. Walker has a job with Tosh Farms. Blount is entering the job market.

Local Resident Honored at UT Martin College of Business and Global Affairs Banquet

MARTIN - Lauren Perritt, of McKenzie, received the Faculty Scholar Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Global Affairs banquet. Presenting the award was Dr. Ernest Moser, right, College of Business and Global Affairs dean.

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UT Martin students make honor roll

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James Bechtold of Dover, Highest Honors.

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Holland receives University Service Award
Ashley Holland, of Martin, was recently awarded the University Service Award during the Greek Awards for 2011 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The University Service Award recognizes students who have been an important part of life on campus and in the Greek community, whether through their chapter, the Greek councils, or through their campus events and organizations. Pictured, from left, are Holland and Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

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Local faculty members inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Jared Teague, assistant professor of engineering, Jeffrey Longacre, assistant professor of English, Jonathan Vest, assistant professor of music, and Roberto Mancusi, assistant professor of music, 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 more than 300 colleges and universities in the United States, the Philippines and Puerto Rico.

UT Day on the Hill

University of Tennessee at Martin sophomore Ashley Grimes, of Martin, and junior Ke'van Yarbrough, of Jackson, were recent student representatives to UT Day on the Hill in Nashville. The two students, along with other students and administrators from all UT campuses, highlighted the university's impact to lawmakers and also visited with legislators from the respective campuses' home districts.

McConkey recognized

Jannell R. McConkey, of Sharon, recently received the William H. Baker Scholarship Award during the 47th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This award is given to one or more full-time students in the College of Business and Global Affairs who have completed 60 hours of college credit, demonstrated scholarship and leadership ability, participated in extracurricular activities and shown promise of professional achievement.
STUDENTS RECEIVE LEADERSHIP AWARDS FROM UT MARTIN - Three Paul and Martha Meek Awards were presented at the recent commencement exercises at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs, announced the awards, which are the only awards presented during commencement. All other awards are presented during honors day. The Meek Award is a cash award given to graduating seniors who demonstrate outstanding qualities of leadership while at UT Martin. The award is made possible by the children of Paul and Martha Meek. Pictured with Toston, second from left, are Kyle Greer, left, of South Fulton, son of David and Barbie Greer, Rachel Stephens, of Mt. Juliet, and Davene King, of Memphis. King, a biology major, graduated with a bachelor of science degree. She has held leadership positions in the Black Student Association, as a counselor for the Young Scholars Academy and in her sorority and served on planning committees for the annual UT Martin Civil Rights Conference and homecoming. She received a University Service Award from the Office of Greek Life and was recognized in the undergraduate competition in the Tennessee Academy of Science. Greer graduated with a bachelor of science degree in computer science. He has assisted the associate director of housing in budget preparation, asset management and summer conference housing. He has held leadership positions in his fraternity, representing the organization at academies and conferences. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Gamma Beta Phi honor societies. Stephens, a communications major, graduated with a bachelor of science degree. She is a University Scholar, a Peer Enabling Program leader, Governor's School for the Humanities counselor and a member of the Broadcasting Guild. She has been active in leadership of the award-winning campus radio station, serving as business and traffic manager and program director. (Photo submitted)

LOCAL RESIDENT HONORED AT UT MARTIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS BANQUET - Alex Gammon, of South Fulton, daughter of Benita Gammon and Stanley Gammon of South Fulton, received the Faculty Scholar Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Global Affairs banquet. Presenting the award was Dr. Ernest Moser, right, College of Business and Global Affairs dean, and Dr. Nell Gullett, left, professor of finance. (Photo submitted)

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Riverside High School 2011 Top 10 Academic Honor Graduates
5/25/11

The Top Ten academic honor seniors at RHS are comparable in many ways. Many of them belong to the same clubs, will attend the same universities and have similar interest in after-school activities. But these talented and charismatic young people are also individuals who dream of unique pursuits to achieve happiness in life. Congratulations to the Top Ten and all of the 2011 Riverside High graduates! Valedictorian Josh Keen- Josh will attend Rhodes College in Memphis in the fall where he will study English. The son of Jimmy and Connie Keen of Decaturville, Josh plans to become a lawyer. He is a member of the Beta Club, Science Club, Spanish Club, Mu Alpha Theta and Who's Who in American High Schools. As a student at RHS, Josh has spent one year on the golf team and four years on the baseball team. He loves playing baseball, watching movies and traveling.

Salutatorian Anna Whitwell- Anna is the daughter of Kent and Kim Whitwell of Parsons. She wants to become a pharmacist and will major in pharmaceutical studies at Belmont University in the fall. Anna is President of the Student Council and a member of the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, FBLA, FCCLA, HOSA, Science Club, Spanish Club, History Club, Choir and Who's Who in American High Schools. She enjoys singing and playing the guitar.

Hannah Hays- Hannah plans to attend the University of Tennessee Martin at the Parsons Center campus. The daughter of Allen and Beth Hays of Decaturville, Hannah plans to become a dental hygienist. She loves playing basketball and softball, swimming and going to the river. Hannah is also a member of the Student Council, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Science Club, Spanish Club, History Club, and has been recognized as among the Most Distinguished of American High School Students.

Taylor Johnson- The daughter of Andy and Suzie Johnson of Bath Springs, Taylor plans to study nuclear medicine technology at the Baptist College of Health Sciences in Memphis. "I plan to work in a hospital or sports medicine clinic, then open my own business one day," Taylor says. She stays active by playing basketball and softball, and enjoys swimming at the river, eating sushi and being with friends. Taylor is a member of the Beta Club, Student Council, Mu Alpha Theta, Science Club, French Club, History Club and Who's Who in American High Schools.

Tori Odle- Tori will begin studies at the UT Martin Parsons Center in the fall before moving on the main campus to study nursing and become an RN. She is the daughter of Tim and Tylana Odle of Parsons and is a member of the Beta Club, History Club, Science Club, Mu Alpha Theta, FCCLA, Cultural Club and Spanish Club. She has also been recognized as Most Distinguished of American High School Students. Tori also enjoys reading, swimming, listening and performing to music, shopping and outdoor activities.

Dustin Boroughs- Dustin plans to become a CPA after studying accounting at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is the son of Mike and Sherry Boroughs of Decaturville. Dustin is a member of FFA, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Culture Club, Spanish Club, History Club and Science Club. He enjoys hunting and playing golf.

Tyler Ray- Tyler aspires to become a trauma nurse after studying nursing at the UT Martin Parsons Center. He is the son of Stacy and Janie Ray of Parsons. He enjoys traveling and swimming, and is a member of HOSA, the Beta Club, FFA, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, Science Club, History Club, FBLA and Culture Club.

Ashley Goodman- After studying biology at Freed Hardeman University, Ashley would like to become a biology teacher. She is the daughter of Larry Goodman and Kary Bennett of Parsons. Ashley is a member of FFA, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, FBLA, Band, Spanish Club, Science Club, History Club and Culture Club, and
Students’ community service earns honor for UT Martin

Community service projects carried out by University of Tennessee at Martin students have been as varied as the individuals involved.

A children’s art program, the Freshmen Service Experience and Martin Luther King’s Day of Service were among the projects that engaged students. The time spent volunteering added up, with 34,397 hours of service logged during fiscal year 2009-10. A total of 1,274 UT Martin students were engaged in academic service-learning and 5,489 students involved in other community service.

As a result of the collective “good works,” the university recently was named to the 2010 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll – the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

“We are honored to receive the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll designation and thereby join a small number of outstanding institutions throughout the nation,” UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes said. “This particular community service recognition reflects a national level perspective, involving the type and extensive nature of the work our faculty, students and staff are doing to improve the well-being of others.”

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual Honor Roll award, recognized 614 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice. On campuses across the country, thousands of students joined their faculty to develop innovative programs and projects to meet local needs using the skills gained in their classrooms.

“Congratulations to UT Martin and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities,” said Patrick Covington, Corporation for National and Community Service CEO. “We salute all the Honor Roll awardees for embracing their civic mission and providing opportunities for their students to tackle tough national challenges through service.”

Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including the scope of innovation of service projects, the extent to which service-learning is embedded in the curriculum, the school’s commitment to long-term campus-community partnerships and measurable community outcomes as a result of the service.

“It is gratifying to see our campus once again recognized for its many contributions to the region we serve,” Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Jerald Ogg said. “Our faculty have a rich tradition of creatively linking the learning and service components within their classrooms, which means our graduates are prepared to quickly assume leadership roles in the communities they join.”

College students make a significant contribution to the volunteer sector; in 2009, 3.2 million students performed more than 307 million hours of service. Last year, CNCS provided more than $215 million in support to institutions of higher education, including grants to operate service programs and the education awards that AmeriCorps members receive at the conclusion of their terms of service to pay for college.

The corporation oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council on Education.

Drue Barnes of Hornbeak received the Faculty Scholar Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Global Affairs banquet.

The award was presented by Dr. Ernest Moser, College of Business and Global Affairs dean.
Top graduates share their stories

Matthew Keathley

Valedictorian for the Class of 2011 at Union City High School is Matthew Ryan Keathley, son of Bryan and Angela Keathley of Union City.

Keathley has been a consistent name on the school's honor roll each year and has been a Top Ten student each year. In addition, he is a Kiwanis Club Student of the Month and a recipient of Pride of UCHS honors. He is a member of Beta Club, Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and Technology Students Association.

He has been class vice president for three years and has been voted Key Club Beau and Junior Class Beau.

Keathley has won Student Excel honors for the highest average in his classes in Innovations and Inventions, English 9, Document Formatting, Honors Geometry, Physical Science, Spanish I and II, chemistry, Honors Pre-Calculus, AP Biology and AP Calculus.

A Tennessee Scholar, he was also voted "Most Intellectual" by his classmates and was named a delegate to Boys State. He is a Senior Superlative and has claimed the President's Award for Educational Excellence, the University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor's Award and the University of Tennessee at Martin Valedictorian Recognition Award.

He took part in the UTM Math Competition in Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus and Calculus and, as a member of the UCHS football, basketball and baseball teams has claimed academic honors.

He is a member of Union City Second Baptist Church and has taken part in community service activities such as the Thanksgiving Feeding of the 5,000 and the annual Chimes for Charity food collection and delivery.

He enjoys sports and playing guitar and has worked in construction and maintenance jobs. He plans to attend UTM and study molecular biology and chemistry in preparation for a medical career.

Paxton Sisson

Paxton Kimber Sisson, the daughter of Mike and Tammy Sisson of South Fulton, is the South Fulton High School Class of 2011 valedictorian and a Tennessee Scholar.

She is a member of Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Book Club and Pep Club and is a Challenge Graduate.

Miss Sisson has been a member of the softball and basketball teams in high school and plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and major in biology, with a minor in Criminal Law.

Megan M. White, of Newark, has been named to the highest honors honor roll for the spring term at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
Jones announces retirement

New leadership announced for Lauderdale County Alternative/Optional School

Lauderdale County Alternative/Optional School Principal Jackie Jones has announced her retirement. The administrator will complete her duties at the Optional School on June 30, 2011.

A native of Ripley, Jones has been principal since 2003. She returned to Lauderdale County in 1984 and taught office technology for 13 years in the Ripley High School Vocational Department. Mrs. Jones then served as school counselor at Ripley High School and the Alternative/Optional School for six years before accepting the position as principal. She holds a bachelor of science and a master’s degree in business education from Tennessee State University, and has earned an additional 45 hours from the University of Tennessee at Martin in school counseling. She also holds a M.S. degree in school leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville. She and her husband, Robert, have three children, Lagenia Jones Lee, Bryan K. Jones, and Ashley P. Jones.

Shirley Robinson
**Special ed teacher program offered**

The BASE-TN (Become a Special Educator in Tennessee) Teaching Program, funded by the Tennessee Department of Education’s Division of Special Education, is now available at the University of Tennessee at Martin. BASE-TN is designed to increase the number of teachers qualified to teach students with special needs in Tennessee.

BASE-TN provides financial support for persons who meet eligibility criteria and desire to earn an initial Tennessee teaching license or endorsement in special education. This support involves a commitment to teach in a Tennessee public school two years for each academic year of financial support received. BASE-TN will pay for all tuition costs associated with obtaining an initial licensure or add-on endorsement in special education. Additional costs, such as testing, copying, meals and books, must be paid by the student.

There are two groups of candidates who are eligible to apply for BASE-TN. Those with first priority include individuals who hold a bachelor’s degree in an area other than special education (2.75 GPA required) and desire to obtain a special education teaching license. Individuals currently employed as an educational paraprofessional in a special education classroom that have already completed a minimum of two years of undergraduate coursework or have earned an associate degree (2.75 GPA required) are among those in the second priority group.

The deadline to apply for the BASE-TN Teaching program for application for fall semester is June 10. Approximately 10 students will be selected for tuition funding.

For more information, contact Dr. Beth Quick, UT Martin Department of Educational Studies chair, at bquick@utm.edu or 731-881-7210.

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**Special education seminar slated for June at UT Martin**

The University of Tennessee at Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences will offer the Bettie Graham Special Education Seminar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 17 in Room 232-233 of Gooch Hall.

The presenter will be Catherine Barnes, director of Silver Circles Inc., which provides services and programs for students who need academic intervention. Among her programs are the Irlen Method for Scotopic Sensitivity Irlen Syndrome, interactive metronome therapy, listening therapy, psychological and educational evaluation and sensory profiles. She has also been involved as an Irlen screener and diagnostician since 1995.

The morning session, from 9 to noon, will cover symptoms of Scotopic Sensitivity Irlen Syndrome and how they affect children. The afternoon session, from 1 to 4, will cover strategies for working with children diagnosed with the syndrome.

For information, contact the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at (731) 881-7125.
STUDENTS RECOGNIZED — The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. Jasmine Brooks (center) of Memphis and Trevor Smith of Union City received the Wayne Tansil Scholarship, presented by Tomi Parrish (left), instructor of communications.

HONORED FOR SERVICE — University of Tennessee at Martin student Anna M. Seratt (right) of South Fulton was recently presented the 2010-11 Nancy W. Hinds Student Service Award, which is given annually by the faculty to a student who has provided outstanding service to the Department of Chemistry and Physics at the university. The award is named in honor of Dr. Hinds' dedication and service to chemistry education at UT Martin. Ms. Seratt is a sophomore nursing major. Among those on hand for the presentation were Dr. Charles Thomas, Department of Chemistry and Physics chair, and Dr. Hinds, who retired in 2009.

German travel-study scheduled

The Christmas fairs and markets of Germany are unique. Anyone who would like to experience a traditional Christmas market may want to join a University of Tennessee at Martin travel-study trip to Germany Dec. 11-22.

All types of Christmas merchandise and gifts will be available.

The group will visit Frankfurt, Cologne, Würzburg, Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Munich, Augsburg, Ulm, Nürnberg and Regensburg in Germany and Salzburg, Austria.

The estimated travel cost will be $2,950 per person, double occupancy, including round-trip transportation from Martin to the Nashville airport, round-trip airfare from Nashville to Frankfurt and return from Munich to Nashville, transfers between the airports and hotels, four-star hotel accommodations based on double occupancy, daily buffet breakfasts, a 10-day first-class rail pass for Germany, hotel service charges and taxes.

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Alcoa honors retiring schools director Tom Shamblin's leadership

By Matthew Stewart mattie@thedailytimes.com

The reception was fit for a king.

For 2 1/2 hours Tuesday afternoon, city officials, teachers, students and other community members filed into the Alcoa City Schools Education Building’s Boardroom to honor Alcoa Director of Schools Tom Shamblin.

Alcoa High School teacher Paul Talley later complimented Shamblin. “I can’t think of anything bad to say about him. There’s truly not a more compassionate, mild-mannered and easygoing person.”

Talley, who also serves as the Alcoa Education Association’s president, said he had a positive working relationship with Shamblin. “He’s done a great job managing resources and personnel. He made sure that we had what we needed to teach and be successful.”

McClurg said Shamblin’s integrity was beyond reproach.

“When he told you something, you could take it to the bank. Throughout the years, I’ve found him to be a good people person, educator, family man, citizen and public servant. I wish him well in his retirement,” McClurg said.

Legacy to continue

While Shamblin’s daily presence will be missed by employees, his legacy and influence will still find its way into Alcoa’s classrooms, according to teachers and students who worked with him.

Educators, such as Alcoa Middle School teacher Keith Stephens, said they’ve been profoundly influenced by Shamblin. Shamblin served as Stephens’ sixth-grade science and math teacher.

“I’ve always remembered his sense of humor. He had this great way of building trust. You always wanted to work harder to see what he’d say or do next in class. I’ve tried to follow his example and use my own sense of humor to build a rapport with students,” Stephens said.

19 years in Alcoa

Shamblin, the son of Vernon and Judy Shamblin, was born in Texas but grew up in Blount County. He attended Eagleton Elementary and Junior High schools and graduated from Alcoa High School in 1972.

Shamblin is the first Alcoa High School graduate to serve as Alcoa’s director of schools.

After graduating from the University of Tennessee at Martin, he worked as an accountant for 18 months. Shamblin later went back to get his teaching certificate and completed his student teaching in Maryville High School’s business department.

Shamblin became a full-time Blount County Schools employee in fall 1979 and worked as an Eagleton Elementary School sixth-grade language arts teacher for three years. He also coached basketball and served as a volunteer football coach.

Shamblin transferred to Alcoa Middle School in 1982. He taught seventh-grade math and language arts and sixth-grade math, language arts, science and physical education for the next 20 years.

Shamblin became the system’s finance and food service director in fall 2002. He served in that capacity until being named the system’s director of schools in 2004.

He and his wife, Terry Marsh Shamblin, have three children. She is an Alcoa Elementary School Pre-K teacher and plans to retire this year.

He will retire effective June 30.

Community members expressed their sadness at Shamblin’s retirement and expressed their gratitude for his service.

“We’ll obviously miss him,” said Alcoa City Commissioner Ken White. “Tom has brought stability to Alcoa City Schools from a student and faculty perspective.”

“With all the changes and pressures on schools over the past five to seven years, I don’t think we could’ve had a steadier hand on the wheel,” said John Campbell, director of administrative services.

“He did a great job with finance, especially in these trying times,” said board member Charles Cameron.

“We were definitely fortunate to have someone who went to Alcoa and taught at the middle school leading our school system for so many years,” said board member Julie Rochelle. “He really understood this community and our priorities.”
PML promotes two

A pair of employees at PML Inc. have recently been promoted.

Robert Sleadd has been named director of quality, while Kelly Cherry was promoted to director of human resources.

Sleadd has worked at PML since 1997. He is a graduate of Henry County High School, and of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

In his 21 years in the automotive parts supplier industry, he has experience in manufacturing, purchasing and quality assurance. His professional affiliations include the American Society for Quality Control and the Institute of Supply Chain Management.

Sleadd is married to Sandra Sleadd. They have two sons, Rob and Will. They are members of First Baptist Church.

Sleadd volunteers for the Boy Scouts of America as chairman of the Eagle Scout board of review committee, and serves as a school board member for both the Paris Special School District and the Henry County Board of Education.

Cherry joined PML in 1993 as a member of the production control department. She has advanced to hold various positions such as production control supervisor, purchasing agent and human resource manager.

She received an associate’s of science degree from Draughons Junior College. She is a national member of the Society for Human Resource Management, and is also a member of the Clarksville Chapter of SHRM.

She and her husband, Tommy, live in Paris.
Local students named to UT Martin Chancellor’s honor roll

Christopher B. Fulcher, High Honors; Justin B. Hatler, High Honors; Matthew S. Hewett, Honors; Lacie C. Kelley, High Honors; Kara Kidwell, High Honors; Monica M. King, Honors; Sarah A. McAlpin, Highest Honors; Kristi A. Mendez, High Honors; Emily S. Moon, Highest Honors; Alayna S. Owens, Honors; Kristi L. Parsley, Honors; Cody W. Perkins, Highest Honors; Jessica M. Phelps, High Honors; Ronald E. Phillips, High Honors; Meagan H. Pittman, Honors; Vanessa D. Purdom-Smith, Honors; Amy L. Spence, High Honors; Dana D. Stanfill, Highest Honors; Abbey B. Stoker, High Honors; Dana L. Torrence, High Honors; Bradley R. Wheat, Highest Honors; Daniele M. Wilkerson, High Honors; and Brandon K. Williams, Highest Honors.

GREENFIELD — Jennifer M. Bethel, Highest Honors; Dakota R. Betts, High Honors; Rhiannon E. Caudle, Highest Honors; Cassie R. Chapel, Highest Honors; Lisa K. Franklin, Highest Honors; Devera K. Galey, High Honors; Arlene V. Hazelwood, Honors; John Hyde, Highest Honors; Christian A. Jenning, High Honors; Jamie M. Knott, Highest Honors; Barbara A. Manning, Honors; Katelin B. McCall, Highest Honors; Natalie L. Medling, Highest Honors; Kelsey L. Potts, Highest Honors; Mallory K. Robison, Highest Honors; Stephanie D. Sellers, Highest Honors; Anna M. Ussery, Highest Honors; and Graham E. Vickers, Honors.

MARTIN — Megan B. Ables, High Honors; Melissa J. Adams, Highest Honors; Juan D. Aguirre, Honors; Mustafa A. Alhanabi, Honors; Areej H. Alsaboukh, High Honors; Zena J. Ascensio, Highest Honors; Annikka S. Avent, High Honors; Kay R. Avery, Honors; Olivia G. Baltz, Highest Honors; Derek R. Barney, High Honors; Magen L. Beard, Highest Honors; Amy L. Belote, Highest Honors; Emily A. Belote, Highest Honors; Lindsey B. Blankenship, Highest Honors; Amanda M. Borah, Highest Honors; Kelsey B. Breden, Honors; Jake C. Brewer, Honors; Samantha L. Bridges, Highest Honors; Scott R. Bridges, High Honors; Sarah E. Brunstad, High Honors; Clytie L. Bui, Honors; Megan N. Burcham, Highest Honors; Lauren N. Burrell, Highest Honors; Ashley E. Bynum, High Honors; Stephanie N. Caldwell, High Honors; Christopher E. Capua, Honors; Megan N. Cartmell, Highest Honors; Emily M. Cates, High Honors; James K. Chappel, Honors; Alison M. Clayton, Honors; Logan S. Coates, Honors; Justin K. Cobb, Highest Honors; Scott E. Coleman, Honors; James D. Cope, Honors; and Gregory R. Curd, Honors.

Steven W. Dalton, Honors; Lesley A. Daniel, High Honors; Martha E. Daniel, Highest Honors; Bradley C. Davis, Honors; Jeffrey S. Davis, Honors; Jennifer L. DeYeso, Honors; Timothy M. DeHart, Honors; Amber E. Elliott, High Honors; Kevin L. Elliott, Highest Honors; Lee A. Elliott, High Honors; Jessica L. Erickson, Honors; Bryant J. Fisher, High Honors; Brandon S. Fletcher, Honors; Anna E. Frederick, High Honors; Brittany L. Fortner, High Honors; Christopher T. Fowler, Highest Honors; Abbie M. Fuqua, High Honors; Natalie J. Fuqua, Highest Honors; Ryan C. Garner, High Honors; Travis W. Garner, High Honors; Brandt M. Gibson, Highest Honors; Kesley J. Gibson, High Honors; Everett B. Griffin, Highest Honors; Ashley A. Grimes, High Honors; Laura N. Gullatt, Highest Honors; Chris Gunlefinger, Highest Honors; Dahlia M. Haddad, High Honors; Carolyn E. Hagen, Highest Honors; Cynthia A. Hahn, High Honors; Anthony D. Hamilton, Honors; Thomas W. Hansen, Highest Honors; Grant R. Harper; Kevin D. Harris, High Honors; Heather L. Higgs, Highest Honors; Katie J. Holland, Highest Honors; and Almutawa C. Almemawi, Honors.
Honors: Clifford E. Hopkins, High Honors; Dakota M. Huddleston, Honors.

Lenetta R. Humphrey, Honors; and Justin C. Hunt, Highest Honors; Christopher A. Jayne, Highest Honors; Melinda C. Jennings, High Honors; Jennifer K. Johnson, High Honors; Laquita R. Jones, Highest Honors; Tiffany L. Jones, High Honors; Frank W. Karlen, High Honors; Leah R. Kerassidis, Highest Honors; Jake R. King, Highest Honors; Sierra L. Kirk, Highest Honors; Kyeongmee Kim, Highest Honors; Josh S. Lemons, Honors; Rachel D. Lester, Honors Sydney L. Lowry, High Honors; Jay A. Lusk, High Honors; Patrick C. Lynch, High Honors; Chase G. Manley, Honors; Melissa A. Manuel, Honors; Joshua S. Marker, High Honors; Richard B. Mayberry, Honors; Candace L. McDaniel, Highest Honors; Shannon N. McMillin, Honors; Erica C. Miller, Highest Honors; Whitney B. Mount, Highest Honors; Michael L. Musser, High Honors; Ezra F. Nance, Highest Honors; Marey B. Nethery, Highest Honors; Ashley N. Newton, High Honors; Sarah M. Northgraves, Honors; Rebecca J. Norton, High Honors; Sara A. Olds, Highest Honors; Hunt E. Oliver, Honors; and Emily Osment, High Honors.

Alison Page, Honors; Alexander W. Parham, Highest Honors; Shonna R. Parker, Honors; James M. Payne, High Honors; Ronald C. Peckham, Highest Honors; Suzanne M. Peckham, Highest Honors; Giovonnie R. Pierce, Honors; Steven L. Pitts, Honors; Allison C. Price, Highest Honors; William T. Price, High Honors; La’ Nicqua C. Puckett, Honors; Angela D. Reddick, Highest Honors; Julie M. Reddick, Highest Honors; Amy L. Roberts, Highest Honors; Lauren B. Robertson, Highest Honors; Ahmad R. Robinson, Highest Honors; Irice M. Schaeffer, Highest Honors; Caitlin E. Simpson, Highest Honors; Kayla B. Simpson, High Honors; Donquetta M. Singleton, High Honors; Ashante L. Smith, Honors; Brent J. Smolen, Honors; Rachel E. Stegall, Honors; David M. Stepp, High Honors; Michael B. Stigall, Honors; Rory D. Stutzman, Highest Honors; Grace A. Swaim, Highest Honors; Madison A. Tate, High Honors; Channing K. Taylor, Honors; Christopher K. Taylor, High Honors; Shaun D. Thomas, Highest Honors; Delina K. Tiltman, High Honors; Ashley M. Totty, Highest Honors; Shauna A. Trichler, High Honors; Elisabeth M. Tucker, Honors; Shane M. Turbeville, High Honors; Carly R. Unger, High Honors; Robert C. Unger, Highest Honors’ Laura K. Vaughn, Highest Honors; Jessica L. Wade, Highest Honors; Benlee P. Walters, Honors; Hillary J. Watson, Highest Honors; Stanton T. Watson, Highest Honors; Ronnie Webb, Highest Honors; Latoya D. White, Honors; Cory A. Wilcox, Honors; Kelsey P. Wiley, High Honors; Amanda D. Williams, Honors; Elizabeth A. Williams, Highest Honors; Charles E. Wilson, High Honors; Libbi A. Wilson, Highest Honors; Brad E. Winter, High Honors; Breanne Wright, Highest Honors; Durant B. Wright, Honors; James L. Wright, Honors; Michael S. Yandel, Highest Honors; and Jennifer L. Young, High Honors.

SHARON — Chadwick M. Brewer, High Honors; Kenra J. Caldwell, Highest Honors; Matthew C. Caldwell, Highest Honors; Tracey L. Crossno, Highest Honors; Tonya M. Evans, Highest Honors; Matthew L. Fitzgerald, Highest Honors; Brittany L. Gilbert, Highest Honors; Derek T. Johnson, High Honors; Erika C. Klutts, High Honors; James K. Klutts, Highest Honors; Amber R. Nanney, Honors; Daryl A. Prater, Honors; Jeffrey D. Reid, Honors; Matthew D. Smith, Honors; Kimberly A. Thomas, Highest Honors; Kayla B. White, Honors; and Krystal A. Wood, Highest Honors.

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UT Martin FFA named top collegiate chapter

The University of Tennessee Martin Collegiate FFA chapter was named top collegiate chapter in the state for the seventh consecutive year at the recent Tennessee FFA Alumni State Convention at Montgomery Bell State Park.

UT Martin competition winners included Chris Martin, of Lincoln County, in prepared speaking; Neil Bringle, of Munford, in extemporaneous speaking; Jeremy Fair, of Dyer County, in agricultural production; Kris Newsom, of Friendship, in agricultural professions; Peyton Harper, of Lebanon, in agricultural business; and Laura Campbell, of Spring Hill, in agricultural education. The chapter also won first place in chapter scrapbook.

Bringle and Serena Flowers, of Jackson, each received a $500 academic scholarship.
UT Martin schedules Memorial Day event

Capt. Joseph Sanders of Waverly will be guest speaker at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s 11th annual Memorial Day Commemoration, set for 9 a.m. Friday at the Hall-Moody Administration Building entrance.

The program is also dedicated in memory of former Gov. Ned Ray McWherter, who died April 4. McWherter served 21 years in the Tennessee National Guard before retiring with the rank of captain.

Sanders is currently assigned as a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin and participating in the master of business administration program. He has 14 years of active duty service and came to the university in January 2011 as part of the U.S. Army’s Advanced Civil Schooling program, allowing him to pursue an advanced degree while maintaining active duty status.

He is a 2001 graduate of UT Martin, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. Additionally, he is a graduate of the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Basic Course and the Military Intelligence Captains Career Course. His assignments include electronics technician, U.S.S. Lake Champlain CG-57 at San Diego, Calif.; platoon leader, 1-63rd Armor Battalion at Vilseck, Germany, to include deployment to Iraq in support of OIF 06-08; and intelligence officer, 3-71 Cavalry Squadron, Fort Drum, N.Y., to include deployment to Afghanistan in support of OEF 09.

Sanders’ awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Expert Infantryman Badge.

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

Capt. Jeff Crawford, UT Martin Department of Military Science and Leadership scholarship and enrollment officer, will serve as master of ceremonies. Dr. Roberto Mancusi, UT Martin assistant professor of music, will perform the national anthem and Joe Walker, a Martin veteran, will offer the invocation. Veteran Dennis Kosta, UT Martin custodial services manager, will give the benediction.

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, will welcome guests. The Tennessee National Guard will present the colors before the ceremony and “Taps” at the end of the observance. The UT Martin Department of Public Safety will honor 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 across from Hall-Moody Administration Building.

Local residents receive degrees

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

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:

Dresden - Shonna Rachelle Parker; Joshua Seth Pirtle; Kenna Jane Caldwell; Emily Suzanne Moon; Erica B. Scott; Justin Lee Cochran; Ronald Eric Phillips; Justin Nathaniel Davidson; Dana Lashay Sharp; April Dawn Edenfield; Brandon Keith Williams; Brandi Alexandra Long; Amy Marie Bell; Anderson Leigh Stallings; Dukedom - Aaron Frederick Scott; Gleenon - Michael Logan Musser; Greenfield - Jamie Marie Knott; Allison Elizabeth Puckett; Devera Kay Galey; Morgan Britney Jones; Rhiannon Elizabeth Caudle; Cassie Renee Chapel; Lisa Kay Franklin; Martin - Austin Lane Kendall; Carah Lynne Hooten; Emily Ann Adams; Blake Matthew Alexander; Melissa Ann Manuel; Megan Nicole Hollis; Jeffery Paul Hart II; John William Boyd; Natalie Jo Fuqua; Candace Lynn McDaniel; Jessica L. Wade; Hillary Jean Watson; Heather Lynn Higgs; Laquita R. Jones; Lori A. Hutcherson; Jason Andrew Evans; Christopher Kirk Taylor; Dahlia Mahmoud Haddad; Jason Evans Rhodehart; Elizabeth Ashley Williams; Jennifer Lee DeYeso; Ronald Charles Peckham; Justin Charles Hunt; Tiffany Leigh-Anne Jones; Mary Katherine Under; Sharon - Krystal Ann Wood; Sidiiona - James Michael Allen.

The students receiving graduate degrees were:

Martin - Douglas Young Snider; Kathryn Amanda Moser; Julie Johnson Alexander; Mary Ann Burress; Nicole Terese Sudberry; Eric Christopher Wilson.

UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees. Dr. David Millhorn, UT executive vice president, represented Dr. Joe DiPietro, UT president, and congratulated graduates.
Students add wins at math contest

Two local students were among the overall winners in the 2011 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest recently held on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus.

Among those who claimed honors were Whitney Lee of Lake Road Elementary School and Matthew Atwill of Union City Middle School.

The contest was sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. It was also held at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Austin Peay University in Clarksville and Pellissippi State Technical Community College in Knoxville.

At UT Martin, the 2011 Middle School/Junior High Mathematics Contest drew more than 450 people representing 21 different public and private schools in northwest Tennessee. A total of 370 students sat for the exams and more than 80 teachers, sponsors and parents participated in the contest.

University School of Jackson won the Sixth Grade Team Award and Dyersburg Middle School won both the Seventh Grade Team Award and the Eighth Grade Team Award. The top four scores from a school constitute the team score.

The top 10 individuals by grade included:

- Sixth grade — First, Caleb Weatherly, Fayette Academy; second, Page Askins, University School of Jackson; third, Matthew Atwill, Union City Middle School; fourth, Tylin Barnhill, Milan Middle School; seventh, Rylee Smith, Rutherford Junior High School; and ninth (tie), Patrick Aherrera, University School of Jackson, and Emily Erwin, Martin Middle School.

- Seventh grade — First, James Pritchett, Martin Middle School; second, Hunter Norman, Dyersburg Middle School; third, Jose Morales, Dyersburg Middle School; fourth, Amanda Dunn, Dyersburg Middle School; fifth, Mallika Machra, University School of Jackson; sixth, Trip Johnson, Dyersburg Middle School; seventh, Justin Miller, Huntingdon Middle School; eighth (tie), Garrett Holland, Milan Middle School, and Houston Shearin, Trinity Christian Academy; and 10th (tie), Brianna Richardson, Crottet County Middle School, and Katelyn Swaim, Jackson Christian School.

- Eighth grade — First, Sawyer Antonetti, Fayette Academy; second, Whittney Lee, Lake Road School; third, Melissa Dill, Huntingdon Middle School; fourth, Gunner Garner, Northview Middle School; fifth (three-way tie), Johni Armstrong, Dyersburg Middle School, John Ferguson, Fayette Academy, and Savannah Fuqua, Milan Middle School; eighth, Zach Larson, Northview Middle School; and ninth (three-way tie), Lauren Gilbreth of W.O. Inman Middle School; Austin Roach of Ridgemont Junior High School, and Shehla Yousuf of Dyersburg Middle School.
UCHS PARTICIPATES — The 55th annual Tennessee Mathematics Teachers’ Association High School Mathematics Contest was conducted recently at the University of Tennessee at Martin, with about 6,000 of the state’s top mathematics students competing at 22 different testing centers located across the state. Examinations were given in six areas: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre Calculus, Statistics and Calculus. At the UT Martin testing site, 226 students competed. Students from Union City High School who participated were (from left, front row) Cody Robertson, Jordan Juigel, Aubree Guess, Tara Elam, Breanna Brown, Sarah Riley, Molly Maclin, (back row) Jonathan Hurtado, Chase Bowling, Daniel Williamson, Luke Searcy, Laura Sanchez, Kaleigh Bynum and Bre Morun; third row, Garrett Ransom, Victor Panetta, Britton Bugg, Matt Keathley, Grant Ransom, Abram Carroll and Julian Viall.

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AREAL PLUS — Whitney Lee, a Lake Road Elementary School student, won second place overall in eighth-grade competition at the 2011 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus. The award was presented to her by Dr. Steve Elliott, assistant professor of mathematics. The recent event was sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

BY THE NUMBERS — Matthew Atwill of Union City Middle School won third place overall in sixth-grade competition at the recent 2011 Middle School/Junior High School Mathematics Contest on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus. Dr. Steve Elliott, assistant professor of mathematics, presented the award to him. The event was sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.
Soldier speaks, veterans honored at UT Martin

Memorial Day observances planned throughout West Tenn. this weekend

Capt. Joseph Sanders, of Waverly, a University of Tennessee Martin graduate student, was the guest speaker Friday at the 11th annual Memorial Day commemoration at UT Martin.

Area veterans in attendance were recognized. The UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department also honored veterans with a gun salute, according to a news release.

Sanders is part of an increasing trend of active-duty military personnel pursuing advanced degrees as part of the U.S. Army’s Advanced Civil Schooling program. He was assigned to UT Martin, his alma mater, to gain the advanced degree after earning his bachelor’s degree in 2001. Sanders has a total of 14 years of active duty, with two deployments to Iraq and one to Afghanistan.

Master Sgt. James E. Harbin, of Jackson, University of Tennessee Martin senior military instructor; Staff Sgt. Frankie S. Hutchens, of Union City, military instructor; Sgt. 1st Class Joshua D. Spaulding, of Martin, military instructor; and Staff Sgt. Charles A. Sadler, of Martin, Tennessee Army National Guard on-campus recruiter, look at the program before the 11th annual Memorial Day commemoration Friday at UT Martin.

University of Tennessee Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes welcomes attendees to the 11th annual Memorial Day observance on Friday at UT Martin. Capt. Joseph Sanders, a UT Martin graduate student, was the guest speaker, and area veterans in attendance were recognized. The UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department honored area veterans with a gun salute. The program was dedicated in memory of former Gov. Ned Ray McWherter, who died April 4. McWherter served 21 years in the Tennessee National Guard before retiring with the rank of captain. Also pictured are from left, veteran Dennis Kosta, UT Martin custodial services manager, who gave the benediction; Sanders; and Lt. Col. Timothy Marshall, UT Martin professor of military science and leadership.
UT Martin hosts two summer Governor's Schools

The Jackson Sun

MARTIN — More than 100 high school students will have the opportunity to earn six hours of college credit while attending one of two Tennessee Governor’s Schools this summer at the University of Tennessee Martin.

Students in the Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences, which is located on the UT Martin campus since 1985, will host 68 students, according to a news release.

The Tennessee Governor’s School for the Humanities, which has been located on the UT Martin campus since 1985, will host 34 students. The schools are staffed by faculty from UT Martin with guest presenters from throughout the United States.

The agricultural sciences program will introduce students to a myriad of agricultural careers through research, living laboratories and study opportunities, the release said. Participants will expand their knowledge of food, genetics, agriculture, veterinary science, engineering and the sustainable use of renewable natural resources.

Students will be exposed to scientific and land stewardship concepts while sharpening their problem-solving and leadership skills. They also will learn about 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 utilize the fuels in laboratory engines.

Participants in the Governor’s School for Agricultural Sciences will receive laptop computers to use while on campus. The computers have been loaded with special software to help students organize their work.

“Agriculture today is a fast-paced, high-tech industry that requires strong analytical skills to be successful,” Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, TGSAS director and UT Martin professor of agricultural economics, said in the release. “TGSAS helps foster those skills through a variety of experiential learning opportunities.”

A four-day field trip to St. Louis is planned. Students will visit the Monsanto Research Center, the Federal Reserve Bank, Purina Mills, Missouri Botanical Garden and other sites.

The humanities immersion program includes high school juniors and seniors who have been selected based on academic achievements, writing skills, school and community service and the recommendations of high school principals, counselors and teachers. Students explore subjects such as philosophy, music and literature; develop their writing skills; and participate in afternoon seminars designed to challenge some of the “best and the brightest” 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 rigorous, engaging environment in which the scholars can further develop their intellectual abilities,” Dr. Gerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs and governor’s school director, said in the release.

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New advisor joins UC Ameriprise firm

John Cooper was recently appointed associate financial advisor with the Union City practice of Randy Thetford of Ameriprise Financial Services Inc.

The local Ameriprise office is located at 227 South First St. in downtown Union City.

Cooper graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 2009 with a degree in finance. He plans to marry his fiancee, Kyla Whitsitt, in October.

As an associate financial planner with Ameriprise Financial Services, Cooper is working with clients on planning their financial goals for a lifetime, through a personal long-term financial planning relationship.

Associate financial advisors help clients identify financial needs and objectives and recommend solutions to help them plan for their goals.
COMMEMORATION — Among the soldiers who looked over the program Friday prior to the 11th annual Memorial Day Commemoration at the University of Tennessee at Martin were (from left) Master Sgt. James E. Harbin of Jackson, senior military instructor; Staff Sgt. Shane Hutchens of Union City, military instructor; Sgt. 1st Class Joshua D. Spaulding of Martin, military instructor; and Staff Sgt. Charles A. Sadler of Martin, Tennessee Army National Guard on-campus recruiter. The program was dedicated in memory of former Gov. Ned Ray McWherter, who died April 4. McWherter served 21 years in the National Guard before retiring with the rank of captain.

UTM professor is appointed

Dr. Timothy N. Burcham of the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources at the University of Tennessee at Martin has been named the 2011-12 president-elect for the Tennessee Onsite Wastewater Association.

The Tennessee Onsite Wastewater Association was formed in 1997 and is a professional organization open to those working to advance and promote the onsite wastewater industry in Tennessee.

The association serves all members of the industry, including installers, manufacturers, field practitioners, suppliers, engineers, soil scientists, distributors, research professionals, educators, consultants and governmental regulatory personnel.

Members of the association also publish a newsletter that helps onsite professionals remain current with new technologies.

It also provides an update on relevant legislation associated with onsite industry.

Each year, the association sponsors an annual conference to bring onsite professionals in Tennessee together to discuss issues relevant to the onsite industry in Tennessee.

Combining classroom presentations with an exhibit hall gives onsite professionals a chance to learn about the latest developments in onsite technologies and products.

The president-elect is responsible for all aspects of planning and implementing the TOWA annual conference.

NEW MEMBER — Natalie Dickerson-Boyd, (left) coordinator of Personal Safety Empowerment Partnership Project (PSEPP) at UT Martin, was inducted into the Martin Kiwanis Club Wednesday. Martin Kiwanis President Tammy Hazelwood was on hand to welcome her.
UT MARTIN CELEBRATES MEMORIAL DAY

IN MEMORY OF - Capt. Joseph Sanders, of Waverly, a University of Tennessee at Martin graduate student, was guest speaker at the 11th annual Memorial Day Commemoration at UT Martin. Area veterans in attendance were recognized and asked to stand.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS - Members of the Tennessee National Guard opened the Memorial Day celebration by raising the flags in front of the UT Martin administration building Friday morning.
GUN SALUTE - Members of the UT Martin Department of Public Safety and the Martin Police Department performed a 21-gun salute towards the end of the Memorial Day commemoration program at UT Martin Friday morning. The event was dedicated to the memory of fallen soldiers and to Gov. Ned Ray McWherter for his many contributions to the country, state and county. He received the first and only honorary degree from UT Martin in December of 2003 and served 21 years in the Tennessee National Guard before retiring with the rank of captain.
STAND UP – Audience members recognized and applauded veterans at the UT Martin Memorial Day service last Friday morning.