UT Martin relives the 1960s for homecoming

The University of Tennessee at Martin is celebrating homecoming this week with a fond look back at the decade that brought The Beatles, John F. Kennedy, long hair and baby boomers.

The UT Martin Skyhawks are tied for second in the Ohio Valley Conference standings for the first time ever and with the homecoming match-up set for Saturday afternoon against the Tennessee Tech War Eagles, UT Martin is celebrating the many aspects that make campus life so enjoyable.

The Office of Alumni Relations is celebrating the 1960s with “Carnicus Retumicus” as the theme of this year’s homecoming celebration. The homecoming focuses on tradition and the many positive aspects of the college life.

Homecoming 2005 began Monday and will last all week, with Quad City’s live music, reunion tents, demonstration areas, petting farm, carnival games and fellowship as a focal point from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Oct. 8, in the Quad. Events include the UT Martin alumni dinner and awards program, a golf tournament, parade, pyramid building competition and pep rally and Greek Step Show.

For the final touch, the homecoming celebration will focus

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on the Skyhawks facing Tennessee Tech at Hardy M. Graham Stadium at 2 p.m.

Events throughout the week include Campus Ministries night on Wednesday, a womanless beauty revue pageant on Thursday along with a comedy event featuring Tom Deluca and an Alumni golf tournament set for Friday.

The annual UT Martin Alumni Dinner and Awards Program is set for Friday night at 6 with a monster pep rally and pyramid scheduled for Friday night at the Elam Center.

Larry Alexander will be given the Outstanding Alumni Award, Dr. Mike Revelle is being honored as the Outstanding Young Alumni and The Chancellor’s Award for University Service will be awarded to Ray Smith for outstanding service to UT Martin.

Activities have been planned for all day Saturday ending with a homecoming dance featuring The Crickets.

For additional information, go to www.utm.edu for alumni information and detailed scheduling of this week’s events.

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The current lineup of The Crickets will perform at the University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming dance and reunion at 7 p.m., Oct. 8, in the Student Life Center Alumni Gym. The dance is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Charley Deal, director of alumni relations at cdeal@utm.edu or 881-7610.

Collegiate Choir plans reunion

The University of Tennessee at Martin and the Collegiate Gospel Choir, formerly of UTM, is back together again for a reunion concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at the Fine Arts auditorium. Admission is free.

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Will York earns scholarship from International Door foundation

Will York, a college student from Milan has been awarded an educational scholarship of $2,000 per semester for eight semesters by the International Door Association Foundation.

York attends the University of Tenn. Martin where he is majoring in Pre-med and Communications.

He was among 11 students in the United States and Canada that received scholarships this year. 2005 is the fifth year the IDA Foundation Scholarships have been awarded.

The International Door Association represents firms that manufacture, sell, install and service door and access systems, and related products.

The IDA Foundation was established to assist selected employees or their family members to achieve educational goals.

Will is the son of Jo Anne and Pat York of Milan and is associated with Tull Brothers and Overhead Door of Jackson.

APPLETON IS SAACS OFFICER

MARTIN, Tenn., Sept. 27, 2005 – SAACS officers – The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) chapter recently claimed its 26th consecutive nationwide outstanding rating, joining 31 other chapters in a field of 950 chapters to receive the honor. New officers pictured with UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan, seated at center, and Dr. S.K. Airce, SAACS adviser, right, include, from left, seated, Andrew R. Bernard, Germantown, president; standing, Jonathan A. Bain, Mount Pleasant, vice president; Nicolas C. Appleton, Milan, treasurer; Kala M. Smith, Dickson, Delana J. McDaniel, South Fulton, and Zifel (Julie) Liu, Cordova, executive committee members. Not pictured is Rodel Cacas, Jackson, acting secretary.

Former UTM choir reunion concert set

The former University of Tennessee Martin Collegiate Gospel Choir will have a reunion concert at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fine Arts Auditorium of UT Martin. The choir was an integral part of college life for most African-American students attending UT Martin. This will be a special tribute to Dean Harold T. Conner. The event is free. The reunion will be a chance to meet with old friends and sing praise songs to God. For more details, call Jer- rian Moody Ellington at (901) 362-0454 or Ben Boyd at (901) 494-8860. Those interested may send an e-mail to: jmoodyellington@aol.com.

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Islamic students seek anti-terror resolution

By WENDY ISOM
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Concerned with interfaith relations in the aftermath of terrorist attacks, Islamic students at the University of Tennessee Martin have rallied for a Student Government Association resolution to denounce terrorism.

The declaration drafted by Islamic students was unanimously approved by the school’s SGA senate.

David Belote, interim vice chancellor for student affairs and an SGA advisor at UTM, said Monday he was confident that the Islamic students set an SGA precedent with their group declaration.

Emre Serbest, an Islamic student and UTM senator for the College of Business and Public Affairs, made a rousing presentation on the school’s senate floor about the importance of passing the declaration.

“I was exceedingly impressed with Emre and how he presented the information,” Belote said.

Serbest spoke to his peers Sept. 22 about interfaith tensions and increased prejudice against Muslims since the rise of terrorist attacks around the world.

These attacks, Serbest said, “have created a strong urge in good Muslims to defend themselves and their peaceful faith against accusations of violent crimes that they have not committed, and provocative, radical extreme thoughts that they do not endorse.”

A segment of the resolution statement reads: “We pray for the immediate defeat of these evildoers who call themselves ‘Islamic’ and yet do everything that Islam rejects and forbids.”

Last year, UTM instituted a diversity week in an effort to bring people of all faiths together, said 20-year-old Rachel Jayne Hammond, SGA vice president.

Diversity week is held the second week of November.

Abdul Majid, a worshipper at the Islamic Center of Jackson, was pleased on Monday to hear about the passing of that resolution statement.

“That’s what needs to be done,” said Majid, who belongs to an interfaith dialogue group in Jackson that includes representatives from Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths. “These acts of blowing up people have nothing to do with Islam.” The terrorists, Majid said, “are people who are not Muslims or are being led astray.”

Visit talkback.jacksonsun.com to share your thoughts.
— Wendy Isom, 425-9782

Student, parents attend UTM orientation

Amanda Harvey of Jackson attended summer orientation and registration at the University of Tennessee Martin. A Liberty Technology Magnet High School graduate, she will attend UT Martin in the fall. With Amanda are her parents, Diane and Ray Meggs.
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Key to new accommodations

Heidi Pickens of Bartlett, a community leader for Building "B," part of the new University Village apartment complex at the University of Tennessee at Martin, picks up the first key issued for the complex. Angela Kellough, Office of Housing senior secretary, assists Pickens. Building "B" was the first in the five-building complex to be completed and houses 96 students.
Martin engineering students visit UT Martin

Thirteen engineering students from The University of Tennessee at Martin got a look at graduate school opportunities during a recent tour of research facilities at The UT Space Institute.

Dr. Rich Helgeson, Chair of Martin's Engineering Department, and Associate Professor Dr. Robert A. (Bob) LeMaster, a 1983 graduate of UT Martin, accompanied the students. LeMaster lived in Estill Springs while earning his Ph.D. at the Institute and working at Arnold Engineering Development Center.

Joining her former classmates on the tour was Ashley Owens, who after graduating at UT Martin in May, entered the Space Institute as a candidate for a master's degree in mechanical engineering. She helped arrange the tour.

"I love this place," Owens said. "I like that my professors have been here for a long time. I feel lucky sitting in their lectures."

Professor Roy Schulz and Jim Goodman, manager of research labs, led the tour for the visitors who earlier had been to Arnold Engineering Development Center. Dr. K.C. Reddy, acting dean of academic affairs, also welcomed them.

The group visited the lab where a GE J85 afterburning turbojet engine is available for private industry and the U.S. Air Force to use as a test bed for exhaust gas emissions sensor development, afterburner research, and component life-cycle studies, among others.

Schulz said such tests at UT Martin are far less costly than in some other facilities.

"At the Center for Laser Applications, Goodman showed examples of various metals, including laser cut surfaces of various metals that UT Martin's Laser Induced Surface Improvement (LISI) process had improved for increased wear resistance and reduced mechanical stresses. He also pointed out how lasers are used to "mark" various kinds of tools, including surgical instruments, for permanent identification."

While visiting UT Martin's large vacuum chamber in the Center for Laser Applications, where space propulsion thrusters and other space simulation studies are performed, Schulz told about the Institute's continuing research program in electromagnetic and chemical propulsion, which is tied to UT Martin's internationally known short course programs.

These short courses and similar graduate study courses in aeronautical and mechanical engineering, have been offered to both full-time and off-campus students for many years.

"Now, some of our graduates return as lecturers for our short courses," Schulz said. "This is part of our historical legacy."

An important and unique feature of the Space Institute, Schulz says, "is the amount of personal attention that the students can get, which provides a good background for their studies. This, too, is one of our strengths."

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"UT-Martin and Jackson State Community College are natural partners, and this agreement further strengthens a link between strong academic programs offered by our institutions," said UT-Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan. "Agriculture is a major component within the Tennessee economy and by this agreement we help ensure a continuing flow of qualified students to enter the workforce. Partnerships better serve our students and the citizens of Tennessee by pooling resources and streamlining access to higher education."

"West Tennessee continues to be strong in the production of several agricultural products and we have some fantastic high school agriculture programs in our region," said Doug Teague, dean of professional and technical studies. "This agreement allows those students to be able to complete their first two years of a collegiate agriculture program here at home before transferring to a 4-year school."

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Dr. Nelson and Dr. Roberts at the Allen organ.

Instant piano course offered by ECCE

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) will offer “Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People” from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., November 1. The fee is $49, plus a $25 supply fee for a book and a 68-minute practice CD.

David Haynes, a piano workshop teacher and former music director from Ringgold, Georgia, will instruct the course. Participants will learn enough secrets of the trade in one short evening to make piano playing a part of their lives. The secret is learning chords, not notes. Participants will learn all the chords needed to play any pop song, any style and any key. They will also learn how to embellish songs.

Topics include: How chords work in music, musicians’ “shortcuts,” how to speed read sheet music, how to derive all major, minor and seventh chords, how to handle different keys and time signatures, simple techniques of counting and how to substitute for 12,000 complex chords.

The class is for beginners in chord piano techniques. Enrollees should be able to find middle “C” and know the meaning of “Every Good Boy Does Fine.” If potential enrollees do not know these things, they should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a free pamphlet to Music Masters, 90 Molly Lane, Ringgold, Georgia 30736.

For more information or to register, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.
USDA Grant Brings College to High School

Technology coordinator Wanda McMackin, CHS Principal Jack McGee, Director of Schools Rod Sturdivant, Rural Development state Director Ruth Tackett, and CHS history teacher Buddy Smothers discuss the distance-learning lab at CHS.

By Joel Washburn
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BRUCETON - High school students in McKenzie and Hollow Rock-Bruceton are receiving college credit while attending their high school classes, thanks to a $500,000 grant from the USDA to UT-Martin. Each of six grant-funded remote sites costs $90,000 for the giant screen monitor, cameras, and technology to transmit and receive the data over a dedicated T-1 transmission line.

USDA Rural Development state Director Ruth Tackett and James Sanders of USDA's regional office in Union City visited a new distance-learning classroom in Bruceton Friday. Both McKenzie and Bruceton are utilizing new high-speed Interactive Internet technology to connect high school students with college classes at UT-Martin.

Tackett visited with Hollow Rock-Bruceton school administrators and a select group of high school juniors enrolled in UT-Martin's dual credit history course.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton utilizes the interactive lab for 19 juniors and seniors. Juniors may participate in college freshman-level history classes and seniors in college freshman-level English classes, each receiving three hours college credit. Director of Schools Rod Sturdivant said the students were initially expected to pay approximately $600 tuition for the three-hour courses. However, the students were deemed eligible for the lottery scholarships, leaving each student to pay $186, which was still too costly for some students to participate. Buddy Smothers facilitates the history class taught by UT-Martin Professor Brent Cox. Cox, son of Jere Cox, curator of the Gordon Browning Museum in McKenzie. Van Wadley facilitates the senior English class, taught by UT-Martin Professor David Carithers.

Howell said MHS would increase its technology utilization in coming semesters. Ten teachers participated in an after-school class in conversational Spanish, said Howell. He hopes to add foreign languages, U.S. history, and possibly calculus to the dual credit offerings.

During the visit to Central High School, technology coordinator Wanda McMackin said the school had not experienced any glitches in the technology. The professor and students at UT-Martin and at each of the participating high schools can see each other over monitors. High school students may raise their hand to ask questions.

Bethany Allen, a junior at Central, said her brother is in the UT-Martin history class in which she participates by video. They can see each other.

Smothers said the professor has really "eased" the high school students into the curriculum. The history students take their exams on paper. The English tests are taken electronically over the college's Web site.

McGee said the lab allows students to learn what college will be like. "I'm really pleased with the students taking part in this."

Sturdivant envisions greater offerings in future years. He would like to see more foreign languages and advanced math courses.
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The primary mission of the REED Center is to assist individuals as they start and grow businesses in rural northwest Tennessee. The Center offers training sessions and one-on-one consulting services with small business experts to help prospective and existing entrepreneurs as they develop business plans, formulate marketing strategies, and secure working capital.

Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president, attended the reception and spoke about the formation of this public-private partnership.

“We have enjoyed great success partnering on an entrepreneurial basis with our technology centers and incubator enterprises around the Oak Ridge National Laboratory relationship in East Tennessee. This experience underscores the ability of the REED Center to be successful in the northwest region,” said Petersen. “The University of Tennessee looks forward to being supportive of this exciting effort.”

Among those attending the reception were representatives of the Tennessee Small Business Development Centers, commercial banks, chambers of commerce, professional service providers, higher education institutions and businesses. Funding and ongoing operating support, including referrals and expertise, will be provided by regional banking organizations and the University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs – including the Dunagan Chair of Banking, the Hendrix Chair of Free Enterprise and the Oldham Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Education. Community Bank Partners for the REED Center already include First Citizens National Bank, with headquarters in Dyersburg, and First State Bank, with headquarters in Union City; each of these institutions has community banking and financial services operations throughout northwest Tennessee. A Community Bank Supporter of the Center is Reelfoot Bank, with headquarters in Union City. REED Center Friends include Office Products, Regions Bank, First Choice Business Equipment, the Tennessee Small Business Development Center and the USDA Office of Rural Development.

“We are fortunate to have such outstanding supporting organizations and community banks in our region. By investing their money and time back into our local communities and the REED Center, these institutions are helping people realize the dream of owning their own business.

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The coordinator for the REED Center is Hollie Holt, who previously served as executive director of the Martin Economic Development Corp.

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Riley is the past president of the West Tennessee Gas Association and currently is serving as president of the Tennessee Gas Association.

Riley also serves as Trenton alderman. He completed all three levels of the Elected Officials Academy and Local Government Leadership Program in 2004. The University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service sponsors this program.

Riley is a 2002 graduate of the WestStar Leadership Program. He currently serves on the alumni committee.

He and his wife, Julie, served as co-chair of the 1996 Teapot Festival. He served as president of the Trenton Kiwanis Club in 1998 and president of the Trenton Rotary Club in 2003. He served as the president of the Greater Gibson County Chamber of Commerce in 2000.

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This month

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Monday at UT Martin University Museum. Collection of color photographs by former UT Martin professor, Dr. Goetz Seifert. Seifert will discuss photographs Oct. 27. Regular weekday business hours, and groups at other times by appointment. Admission: free.

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Lt. Gen. John Castellaw to speak at UTM

Lieutenant General John G. Castellaw, a 1972 agriculture graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, will speak to students and faculty at 7 p.m., Oct. 10, in the Norman Campbell Humanities Auditorium of the Andy Holt Humanities Building at UT Martin. The title of his presentation is “Iraq and Afghanistan, the Way Ahead.” Castellaw has traveled all over the world and is currently completing service as the chief of staff for the United States Central Command. His next assignment will take him to Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

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AAUW will meet

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Rugs, tapestries star in art show at UT Martin

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UT MARTIN COLLEGIATE CHOIR REUNION

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Students of Islamic faith denounces terrorism

Students of Islamic faith have inspired a Student Government Association resolution denouncing terrorism. Following a presentation by Emre Serbest, University of Tennessee at Martin senator for the College of Business and Public Affairs, the resolution unanimously was approved by the senate. In his presentation, Serbest noted that in the aftermath of recent terrorist attacks around the world, "the followers of Islamic faith started to encounter a lot of prejudice." He added that prejudice and other factors "have created a strong urge in good Muslims to defend themselves and their peaceful faith against accusations of violent crimes that they have not committed, and provocative, radical, extreme thoughts that they do not endorse."

As part of this action, the Islamic students at UT Martin prepared a declaration and signed a petition seeking recognition by the SGA Senate. A segment of the statement reads "We pray for the immediate defeat of these evildoers who call themselves 'Islamic' and yet do everything that Islam rejects and forbids."

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REED Center ready for business

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The Center offers training sessions and one-on-one consulting services with small business experts to help prospective and existing entrepreneurs as they develop business plans, formulate marketing strategies, and secure working capital.

Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president, attended the reception and spoke about the formation of this public-private partnership.

“We have enjoyed great success partnering on an entrepreneurial basis with our technology centers and incubator enterprises around the Oak Ridge National Laboratory relationship in East Tennessee. This experience underscores the ability of the REED Center to be successful in the northwest region,” said Petersen. “The University of Tennessee looks forward to being supportive of this ex-citing effort.”

Among those attending the reception were representatives of the Tennessee Small Business Development Centers, commercial banks, chambers of commerce, professional service providers, higher education institutions and businesses. Funding and ongoing operating support, including referrals and expertise, will be provided by regional banking organizations and the University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs – including the Dunagan Chair of Banking, the Hendrix Chair of Free Enterprise and the Oldham Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Education.

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Alan Page, the first African American to sit on the Minnesota Supreme Court, and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, will speak at 7:30 p.m., October 24, at Skyhawk Arena in the Elam Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Honors Programs, the Freshman Experience, Title III and the Student Activities Council sponsor this appearance. The lecture will end with a brief question-and-answer period.

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Page's law career began during his NFL-playing days when he had the foresight to attend law school at the University of Minnesota at the height of his football career to prepare for life after football. When he retired in 1981, he went to work for a Minnesota law firm before being appointed special assistant to the Minnesota attorney general. In 1987, he became assistant attorney general, and in 1993, he became associate justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court.

In addition to lecturing on a wide range of legal and judicial issues, Page speaks about creating educational opportunities and mentoring for underprivileged children.

Page earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Notre Dame and a JD degree from the University of Minnesota. He also received three honorary degrees. The recipient of numerous athletic and humanitarian awards, Page likes to think of football as a past chapter in his life, preferring to be remembered "with children, my children and other children."

For the 2003-2004 academic year, the Page Education Foundation has produced 565 Page Scholars. In addition to helping provide college tuition, the foundation requires its scholars to spend a minimum of four hours a month teaching or tutoring younger students.

"Alan Page is the classic definition of a role model, and he serves as outstanding example, to both athletes and the student body in general, of how a quality life may be led," said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director. He added, "Despite being one of the greatest football players to ever grace the field, Justice Page was unwilling to rest upon his athletic laurels. Instead, he has pursued a second career and has served as a crucial factor in the lives of thousands of underprivileged children."

The Academic Speakers Series annually brings distinguished scholars, writers and performers to the UT Martin campus. All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, contact McDonough at danmc@utm.edu or 731-881-7436.
By SARA REID  
Staff Writer

As is the way of everything in life, the past can come back to haunt and in the case of a building on the University of Tennessee at Martin, the old adage takes on an entirely deeper meaning.

Resting between Cooper Hall and the University Center at UT Martin, Clement Hall carries the outward appearance of an overused, battle scarred college dorm. With an undergraduate and lived-in charm surrounding the university landmark, few newcomers to the area would even consider the idea that the building has a rumored dark past extending beyond even the grave.

According to UT Martin historian Bob Carroll, initially, the building that was later to become Clement Hall was designed to house 236 women. Originally slated and authorized for construction by the Board of Trustees in 1955, a national steel strike delayed construction until a later date. The building was finally ready in September of 1957. Upon its completion, though, it was discovered that additional funds of $14,000 were needed to properly equip the dorm.

That’s when Gov. Frank Clement stepped in and promised to secure the funds to finish the project. Clement made good on his promise and forever endeared himself to the university by having the new dorm named after him.

From the very beginning, unforeseen trouble ensued. Earl Knepp, the resident engineer, recalled the open house as being a ”near catastrophe.”

On the Saturday morning before the scheduled opening on the following Monday, the dorm was cleaned and ready for the occasion. Knepp received a frantic phone call early Sunday, however, stating that water was standing two inches deep in the entrance, lounge and some of the rooms due to an improperly secured hot water line in the ceiling. The soggy tiles were quickly replaced, the water was vacuumed and open house commenced right on schedule, though.

This shaky beginning, with no pun intended, held no water compared to the rumor that would eventually float to the surface and stay there for the rest of the life of the dorm.

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The legend of Clement Hall at UT Martin has haunted students for years.

GHOSTLY TALE — Is the former female dormitory, Clement Hall, on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin really plagued with the ghost of a student?

Photo enhanced by Sabrina Bates
Clement
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To this day, an often repeated urban legend states that a college girl, caught in the depths of depression, decided to end her life by hanging herself in the community restroom on Clement's fourth floor. The legend also states that her ghost continues to haunt the restroom, even in the present day period.

Clement is now not only the oldest dorm on campus, but also the most widely used building. At one time it held the campus library and it now holds the Student Success Center, the Print Shop and various other academic offices.

But, does the ghost story really hold water?

"I lived on the fourth floor as a freshman, the first floor as a sophomore and the second floor as a junior and senior. Now, I am in Clement again as a faculty member. I have never encountered anything ghost-like," Jenna Wright, professor of English, reported.

"We had a dorm mother and we had to sign in and out and be back in the dorm by 10 p.m. We had to sign out where we were going and what person we were going with. Most people signed out to go to the library, but really not many people were in the library," she joked.

Earl Wright, director of Housing, attempted to bring the truth to the surface.

"I've heard all kinds of tales. It's really been embellished. The Student Government Association (SGA) once brought in a ghost story telling time between Austin Peay and McCard (other dorms).

"To add vim and vigor to the event, we had a light on in the third floor of Clement and just as the event finished, we had a person walk slowly by the window," Wright remembered.

"We don't try to encourage it, but we don't try to squash it either," he added.

Wright reports there is a Halloween party in the works designed for area children. Located in Cooper Hall and with the children of Grove Apartments and University Courts invited, Wright promises this event will be "one notch bigger than last year."

The question still remains, though, of whether or not Clement Hall really does house a visitor from beyond the grave or a life-long mysterious urban legend.

With mostly naysayers existing, the only way to get to the heart of the matter is to climb its scores of stairs, wander its narrow hallways and muster the courage to walk in the community restroom in the fourth floor in search of Clement's now infamous and much talked about permanent resident.

Philharmonic Music Guild holds meeting

A program titled "Introduction to the Organ" was the focus at a meeting of the Philharmonic Music Guild on Monday, Oct. 10, in the Recital Hall in the Fine Arts building on the UT Martin campus. The event was free and open to the public.

Dr. Scott Roberts, associate professor of music at UT Martin, presented the program and was assisted in an organ-piano duet by Allison Nelson Loebbaka, retired professor of piano at UT Martin and a long-time member of the Philharmonic Music Guild.

For this presentation, Dr. Roberts used a two-manual Allen organ that was recently given to the university. He explained the basic elements of the organ and the different stops and what they do. He played throughout the presentation which ended with the piano-organ duet by Cesar Franck titled "Prelude, Fugue, and Variation for Organ and Piano, Op. 18."

Dr. Roberts is beginning his fifth year as a faculty member at UT Martin where he teaches classes in music theory and music technology. He holds a Ph.D in music theory from Florida State University, master's degrees in both organ and music theory (also from FSU), and an undergraduate degree in organ from Bob Jones University. His love of music began at a very early age, and he knew that he wanted to play the organ by the time he was in first grade.

The next meeting of the Philharmonic Music Guild will be Monday, Nov. 14, when assistant professor Julie Hill, a new member of the UT Martin faculty in the Department of Music, will present a percussion program. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this event which will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building on the university campus.
SAACS celebrates National Chemistry Week

The Student Affiliates of the American Chemistry Society (SAACS) and the Kentucky Lake section of the American Chemical Society (KLS-ACS) are sponsoring a series of programs at the University of Tennessee at Martin to celebrate National Chemistry Week (NCW) from Oct. 16-22. Also, Mayor Randy Brundige proclaimed Chemistry Week in Martin.

The NCW theme for this year is the Joy of Toys. UT Martin SAACS will present special chemistry magic programs to the Kiwanis Club of Martin on Oct. 19; to Westview High School on Oct. 20; and to Martin Primary School on Oct. 21. The chapter has been recognized with the highest ratings by the Society on Chemical Education of the American Chemical Society for more years than any other chapter in the nation. Recently, the chapter carried out fund-raising activities for Katrina victims by collecting cans of food and engraving identification on calculators and other valuables for donations. The SAACS homecoming booth at UT Martin's Quad City won first place. The group displayed collected canned goods, made ice cream with coolant liquid nitrogen, and nursing students provided free blood glucose and pressure checks.

At 7 p.m., Oct. 20, SAACS will host the monthly meeting of the Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society at the Boling University Center Duncan Ballroom at UT Martin, where student affiliates from Bethel College, Murray State University, Lambuth University, Union University and UT Martin will present a variety of chemistry demonstrations. Nursing students will sponsor a mini-health fair preceding the meeting from 5:30-7 p.m. The event is free and open to public.

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UTM winners announced

Homecoming 2005 competition produced winners in several categories, Oct. 7-8, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Those earning recognition were, Homecoming Queen, Hollie Richardson, of Elizabethton; Rope Pull Competition (Sorority), first, Alpha Delta Pi; second, Chi Omega; Rope Pull Competition (Fraternity), first, Alpha Gamma Rho; second, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Pyramid Competition (Sorority), first, Chi Omega; second, Alpha Delta Pi; Pyramid Competition (Fraternity), first, Alpha Tau Omega; second, Alpha Gamma Rho; Pyramid Best of Show (Sorority), Chi Omega; Pyramid Best of Show (Fraternity), Alpha Tau Omega; NPHC Greek Show (Sorority), first, Zeta Phi Beta; second, Delta Sigma Theta; NPHC Greek Show (Fraternity), first, Phi B eta Sigma; second, Omega Psi Phi; Quad City Competition (Sorority), first, Chi Omega; second, Alpha Omicron Pi; third, Zeta Tau Alpha; Quad City Competition (Fraternity), first, Alpha Gamma Rho; second, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; third, Kappa Alpha Order; Quad City Competition (Student Organization), first, SAACS; Quad City Competition (Department/College), first, Housing; Participation Award (Sorority), Chi Omega; Participation Award (Fraternity), Alpha Gamma Rho.

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EXHIBITION: 'REFLECTIONS'
Monday at UT Martin University Museum. Collection of color photographs by former UT Martin professor, Dr. Goetz Seifert. Seifert will discuss photographs Oct. 27. Regular weekday business hours, and groups at other times by appointment. Admission: free.
Vanguard to present play

Vanguard Theatre at the University of Tennessee at Martin will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream," by William Shakespeare, Nov. 10-13, at the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. It is the first of three productions planned during the 2005-06 season. Evening performances begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. Shakespeare's timeless comedy is about a group of lovers who spend the night in the forest, where they are victims of fairies, pranks and enchantments. The play features five interlocking plots, all of which are connected by a celebration of the wedding of Theseus and Hippolyta. Rolling fun and merriment abound when two young Athenian men, both in love with the same woman, become involved in a maze of romantic entanglements, when major issues arise between Oberon, king of the fairies, and his estranged wife, Titania, and when a troupe of lower-class artisans hired to perform at the wedding festivities blunder into the forest for their rehearsal. When it's all over, you'll be amused and delighted with the beloved magical romantic romp. "Lord, what fools these mortals be!"

Cast members and their roles include the following: Anne Albrecht, Memphis; Puck; Derrick Casey, Humboldt, Lysander; Judy Chaipelli, Martin, Starveling; Andrea Cash, Memphis, Dancer; Will Cook, Martin, Demetrius; Eric Danz, Martin, Quince; Morgan Darden, Collierville, Dancer; Brandon Douglas, Jackson, Flute; Stephanie Dowell, Franklin, Hermia; Jessica Eslinger, Newport, Fairy; Bobby Gilkey, Memphis, Oberon; Joyce Harris, Dyersburg, Philostratus; Megan Hollis, Lebanon, Dancer; Jennifer Horbelt, Memphis, Titania; Natalie Horbelt, Memphis, Peasblossom; and Jonathon Johnson, Homestead, Snug. Others are: Nikki Johnson, Alamo, Dancer; B.J. Keeton, Lawrenceburg, Egeus; Nick Mounts, Centerville, Snout; Anderson Nichols, Torrington, Conn., Theseus; Annie Pelfrey, Mount Juliet, Hippolyta; Grant Pugh, Milan, Bottom; Ana Shaw, Knoxville, Helena; Tori Shaw, Dyer, Dancer; Jessica Jo Sims, Dyer, Mab; Leighanna Sims, Dyer, Mustardseed; Ashley Spicer, Ripley, Cobweb; Sandy Tolar, Union City, Starveling; and Shawanna Vester, Memphis, Dancer.

Admission prices are $5 for students and $10 for all others. Box office operates from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily beginning Nov. 7. It opens two hours before the curtain nightly.

Receives scholarship

University of Tennessee at Martin student Lori Rinks of Bradford received the first-year valedictorian scholarship at the recent University of Tennessee National Alumni Association UTNAA dinner. This award is a two-year scholarship of $3,000 to the valedictorian who is designated as the top academic student in each high school across the state of Tennessee. Recipients of this award may attend the UT campus of their choice. UTNAA President Dean Skadberg presided over the event. Scholarships were presented by UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan (right). UTNAA was established in 1836 as a tradition of service of alumni from the Chattanooga, Knoxville, Martin, Memphis and Tullahoma campuses.
West Tennessee Writing Project workshop will be held Nov. 12

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HOMECOMING COURT - Hollie Richardson, center, a family and consumer sciences major from Elizabethton, was crowned 2005 University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming queen during halftime of the UT Martin-Tennessee Tech football game, Oct. 8, at Hardy M. Graham Stadium. Members of the homecoming court were, from left, Leslie Bailey, Jackson; Krystle Jones, Martin; Jeri Jones, Trenton; and Rachel Mansfield, Dresden.

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A Weakley County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2005-06 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

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**Buttrey receives $20,000 scholarship**

Beth Buttrey, a University of Tennessee at Martin graduate recently received the Andy Holt Scholarship, worth $20,000 or $5,000 a year for four years. Buttrey, who received a Bachelor of Science degree, attended the recent UTNAA scholarship luncheon at UT Health Science Center. With her is Dean Skadberg, UTNAA president. Buttrey played softball all four years at UT Martin and was consistently one of the team’s most dependable go-to players throughout her career. In her senior year, she started in 53 of 58 games and sported a .256 batting average. She helped lead the Skyhawks to a second-place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

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UTM alumni, daughter attend legacy luncheon

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UT Martin cited as a Princeton Review
'Best Southeastern College'

Some of the best measures of a university's effectiveness in carrying out its mission are found in comments made by the students. University of Tennessee at Martin students are quick to cite what's "right" with West Tennessee's only public, four-year institution outside of Memphis and some of their comments are included in the recently released student opinion data in The Princeton Review.

UT Martin was named a "Best Southeastern College" by The Princeton Review in 2006.

"University of Tennessee at Martin is one of 140 schools ... receiving our "Best in the Southeast" designation," said Robert Franek, The Princeton Review publisher and editorial director. "We believe these schools uphold the standards of our "Best Southeastern College" distinction and provide students with a wide breadth of excellent schools to consider."

With approximately 5,000 undergraduates, UT Martin "is big enough to get the full college experience, yet small enough to get one-on-one attention from your teachers," said one student responding to the survey. Another student added, "Martin's "small-town atmosphere provides a safe environment in which to spend your four years because it reminds many of the students of the towns they left. Students feel like they belong here ..."

Another student referring to small average class sizes said UT Martin professors "take time to explain their goals for us so that we can understand each assignment and responsibility better. The teaching skills are great and our professors really show that they have knowledge of what they're saying."

Overall, students also love that it's "so easy to get involved" here and that the school "offers a lot of additional help when needed to allow its students to excel."

"I am pleased that The Princeton Review has chosen to recognize UT Martin in its new rankings," said Dr. Nick Dunagan, university chancellor. "Our students do the best job of telling the university's story, and these comments accurately reflect the experiences that many of them have at UT Martin."

UTM Homecoming royalty

Jeri Jones was chosen first maid during The University of Tennessee at Martin's Football Homecoming ceremonies held recently. A run-off was needed to select the queen. Jones is a senior education major from Trenton.
Former Peabody students participate in UTM Homecoming

Wamble protects Wahlberg
Skyhawks offensive lineman Jody Wamble protects UTM quarterback Brady Wahlberg on this pass attempt in a game played recently against Tennessee Tech. With plenty of time to throw the football, Wahlberg completed 13-of-19 passes for 130 yards and zero interceptions. He threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third. Both players are UTM offensive captains.

UTM Homecoming performance
Tyrell Brown plays the trombone part during the UTM band's Football Homecoming performance held recently. Brown is a sophomore music education major. He is one of five former PHS Band of Gold members currently playing in the UTM band.

Instant piano course offered
The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) will offer "Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People" from 6-9:30 p.m., November 1. The fee is $49, plus a $25 supply fee for a book and a 68-minute practice CD.

David Haynes, a piano workshop teacher and former music director from Ringgold, Georgia, will instruct the course. Participants will learn enough secrets of the trade in one short evening to make piano playing a part of their lives. The secret is learning chords, not notes. Participants will learn all the chords needed to play any pop song, any style and any key. They also will learn how to embellish songs.

Vaughn performs with UTM band
Chris Vaughn performs with the UTM band during the Skyhawks Football Homecoming held recently. Vaughn is a freshman music education major from Trenton. He is a former member of the PHS Band of Gold.
Murray or Martin?
Musician couple splits difference, picks Paris

By HEATHER BRYANT

"The possibility of the two of us ending up with jobs within an hour’s driving distance was interesting."

Kurt Gorman, Stephanie Rea’s fiancee, said that about the coincidence of the two of them meeting.

It turns out one of Ms. Rea’s colleagues at Murray State was also a close friend to Gorman, leading to the couple’s introduction.

Gorman teaches trumpet and jazz ensemble at the University of Tennessee at Martin, so a passion for music is a passion they obviously share together.

They have played together in the Jackson Symphony and played at the 12th annual Bach Festival in Peru during the summer.

“Meeting the Peruvian musicians was a lot of fun and I got to practice my Spanish a little bit,” Gorman said.

She also has performed at the Rome Festival in Italy and at the ninth International Suzuki Conference in Matsumoto, Japan.

Gorman has played in an orchestra in Mexico.

“She’s a great flutist,” Gorman said of his fiancee. “I think it’s great (she has recorded a compact disc). It makes me look forward to doing similar projects.”

He said a flute and a trumpet are not usually played together by themselves, only when in a symphony or orchestra with a variety of other instruments.

“We have a lot of independent projects but we like to work together when we can,” he said.

One bit of history Gorman revealed is that his grandfather was sent to Camp Tyson in Henry County during World War II, and his grandparent were married in Paris but only lived here about one month.

He and Ms. Rea share a home in Paris because the driving distance to each of their jobs is about the same.

Eric Ewazen, a composer who teaches at The Juilliard School in New York, is composing a piece for the couple.

Ms. Rea said they met him at a performance and just asked him if he would write a piece for them and to her surprise, he said yes.

“In classical music, it’s an honor to premier a work,” she said.

Ms. Rea said the piece will probably be ready in another year or so because of the composer’s busy schedule.

She said the way she composes music is usually by thinking of a melody or rhythmic pattern.

“A composition can be built around a short improvisation,” she said. “I think the creative process is very similar (in all forms of art).”

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Blocks for first down

UTM offensive lineman Jody Wamble (#69) blocks a Tennessee Tech defender so that teammate Don Chapman (#23) can vault over the top for a first down. Wamble, a former star player for the Peabody Golden Tide, is one of four captains for the Skyhawks football team.
Stephanie Rea (left) and fiancé Kurt Gorman play music together in their Paris home. Ms. Rea is a professional flutist and will perform a release recital for her compact disc recording Oct. 30 in Murray. It begins at 3:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Hall in the Murray State University Fine Arts building.

University of Tennessee at Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) chapter has claimed its 26th consecutive nationwide outstanding rating, joining 31 other chapters in a field of 950 chapters to receive the honor. New officers with UT Martin chancellor Nick Dunagan (seated at center) and Dr. S.K. Airee, SAACS adviser (right) include (from left, seated) Andrew R. Bernard, Germantown, president; (standing) Jonathan A. Bain, Mt. Pleasant, vice president; Nicolas C. Appleton, Milan, treasurer; Kala M. Smith, Dickson, Delana J. McDaniel, South Fulton, and Zifel 'Julie' Liu, Cordova, executive committee members. Not pictured is Rodel Cacas, Jackson, acting secretary.
At the college level

Three Obion County students have been awarded scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

They include:
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- Hunter Galloway of South Fulton, recipient of the second-year valedictorian scholarship, presented at the recent UT National Alumni Association dinner.

The award is also a two-year scholarship of $3,000 to the valedictorian who is designated as the top academic student in each high school across Tennessee.
- Emily Kendall of Troy, a freshman English major who received the first-year alumni national merit scholarship at the recent UTNAAA dinner.

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UT Martin welcomes Chinese scholars

Chinese scholars participating in a new exchange program developed by the University of Tennessee Martin were involved in a variety of activities in September in Martin and the surrounding area. Liu Luping, Chinese delegation leader, presented Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, and Martin Mayor Randy Brundige with gifts. Earlier, the mayor gave them a key to the city and individual mementos. As part of the exchange, UT Martin participants are expected to visit Shandong University for two weeks in 2006, where they will study Chinese legal structures. The exchange program is part of a three-pronged grant program sponsored by a private gift to the university. The grant also provides funding for special-education awareness and scholarships for travel-study exchanges.

Submit photos of your group or activity by using the contact information below.
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When it's all over, you won't be confused—you'll be amused and delighted with the beloved magical romantic romp. "Lord, what fools these mortals be!"

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Chancellor speaks candidly about UTM and its students

By Theresa A. Oliver
Special to the Press

Although Chancellor Nick Dunagan faces challenges in his position daily, his source of pride is the students here at UTM.

As he settled into a comfortable chair in his adjoining office, his casual smile and easy demeanor was that of a grandfather or a father rather than as chancellor. As Dunagan spoke, he voiced his thoughts and pride in looking back over his last five years as chancellor, and ahead to the future of UTM and its students.

UTM is placing a growing emphasis on student leadership opportunities, said Dunagan.

"A lot of leadership opportunities are provided with PEP leaders and SAC. We are organizing faculty, staff and advisers to help students strengthen their leadership skills," Dunagan said. "The Student Success Center will also be of great assistance to students. It will be interesting to see how it all pans out."

In his position as chancellor, Dunagan has the opportunity to meet many employers in Martin and the surrounding areas of Tennessee. As he spoke with employers, Dunagan realized that the graduate who knows how to work with others, has leadership ability and an area of expertise is better off when applying for jobs.

"We are looking for ways to give students the opportunity to see the global market," Dunagan said. "There is more to see than just Tennessee."

That was one of the topics at the last planning faculty meeting—the challenges that the world will be facing within the next 25 years and how to deal with globalization.

"I asked the faculty to look at the curriculum to make sure that we are providing that. If we do, students will be more prepared and that's what it's all about."

Recently, Gov. Phil Bredesen and UTM President Peterson commented that higher education within the institutions is important to the economic viability of Tennessee.

"As we enter a new era, the importance of having a post-secondary education is crucial. We must advocate for that and work together with other higher education institutions," Dunagan said.

"The positive factor in the economic development of the state is that it will be good for graduates. And with good jobs, they will become good providers for their families in whatever lifestyle they choose," he said.

Another challenge for Dunagan is that technology has changed considerably since he became interim chancellor in 2001.

"Our IT (Information Technology) people have done a terrific job with using more technology in the classroom," said Dunagan, "and the challenge is to stay on top of technology without falling behind."

"It's important to stay state of the art," Dunagan said. "Our technology is not perfect, and there is room for improvement, but UTM has done a good job over the last several years."

During this term as interim chancellor, Dunagan is proudest that, despite minimal state appropriating increases, UTM has still been able to increase the academic budgets of most departments. The result is better classrooms and more opportunities for students, he said.

In response to rumors of his retiring after five years, Dunagan laughed and said, "I've heard them, too. I love my job and, although I don't want to die in this position and I would like some grand-kid time, I do not plan on leaving soon."

For Dunagan, things are left undone that keep him here. His plans for the UTM campus include the Technology Globalization issue.

"Unfortunately, you can't do it all in one semester," he said. "Another ongoing major project is the replacement of residence halls."

"I plan to shepherd that and see how it all works out," Dunagan said.

After students are out of McCord Hall, UTM will take out the asbestos and the building will come down. UTM plans to build more residence halls by 2007 and will begin construc-
Local students take part in choir tour

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In regard to campus improvements, Dunagan said that the UTM Energy Project Electrical Plant will be online in October. As a result, UTM will go from a non-interruptible rate to an interruptible rate, which means that the utility company can call the UTM offices at any time to crank up the generator. Energy and dollars will be conserved as a result. Within the first seven years, the financial savings from the plan will first go to pay back the bond purchase. After that the money saved will be available for other UTM projects, Dunagan said.

A committee visited Old Miss., which has been on the program for three years.

"Their savings are exceeding what they thought it would be," Dunagan said. Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Al Hooten is the lead person on this project.

When Dunagan is not acting as chancellor, he takes time to stop and smell the flowers, literally. He loves to "work in his yard and grow flowers and other garden type things."

"My blueberries and blackberries are my favorite things to grow," Dunagan said. He also enjoys spending time with his four children and four grandchildren. He likes to play tennis and golf, as well.

Then Dunagan spoke of his family, mentioning that one of his sons was displaced out of Houna, La., after Hurricane Katrina.

"I told him to leave, but he wouldn't at first," Dunagan said. "When the hurricane was upgraded and my other son talked to him, he finally left and is in Memphis staying with my other son."

Dunagan also expressed his concerns regarding students from New Orleans and Mississippi now enrolled at UTM who were displaced after the hurricane.

Speaking of the topics discussed, Dunagan said, "These things seem administrative, but one of the things I try to ask is how this will impact students. What will be in their best interest during their years here? Once students graduate and they tell people that they went to UTM, I want people to say that UTM is a good school. I want to do the right things for the right reasons—and that reason is students."
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The project was developed by the WestStar Alumni Council Continuing Education Committee. Speakers will be available at no charge.

"One of the priorities of the WestStar Alumni Council has been to develop a speakers' bureau that would facilitate access to the wealth of leadership skills and knowledge of WestStar graduates," said Nick Dunagan, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor and WestStar director. "WestStar is equipping graduates to take on the challenges of applied leadership."

Currently, there are 50 graduates available to fill speaker requests throughout West Tennessee. The WestStar Web site is the clearinghouse for speakers' bureau activities. There is information regarding the purpose, policies and procedures for using the service and reserving speakers. Included on the Web site is a listing of speakers and their topics with contact information. The Web site address is: http://www.utm.edu/weststar.

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Lt. Gen. John Castellaw visits UT Martin students

Lt. Gen. Castellaw talks about war. Andrew Brown, left, University of Tennessee at Martin assistant director for International Initiatives, Center for Global Studies and International Education, talked to Lt. Gen. John Castellaw after his remarks about the War in Iraq to students at UT Martin during a recent visit. The title of his presentation was 'Iraq and Afghanistan, the Way Ahead.' Castellaw, a 1972 UT Martin graduate, has traveled all over the world and is currently completing service as the chief of staff for the United States Central Command. His next assignment will take him to Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
TENNESSEE: Ford Says It's No Fun Being Dependent On Oil

Rep. Harold Ford Jr. (D-09) spoke to Univ. of TN-Martin students and faculty 10/13 "during a small lunch-time reception and later returned to UTM as a guest speaker" to the Weakley Co. Dems. He gave an interview to the school's paper. On why he's running: "I love the country and I love the challenge with what we have to do in the next ten years: reduce our dependence on oil, make it where every kid can go to college and graduate school and get the budget situation in Washington straightened out." On SCOTUS nominees: "I would have voted for yes (for John Roberts). I don't know enough about her (Harriet Miers)."

On Katrina: "We have to make sure that we don't make the same mistakes. We have not yet had an independent commission look at what is wrong with FEMA. ... It is obvious that there is not the coordination between the federal government and other entities. It is obvious that the agency FEMA can be overwhelmed pretty easily. ... And I think finally, we have seen now that the military is going to have to play a large role when it comes to emergency preparedness and response."

His advice to students: "Do the hard stuff. Take science, math, engineering, and related courses. If you have learned Spanish or French, then thank God. But, I would encourage you to learn another one: Mandarin, Farces, Arabic, something that we like to consider mission critical. The Chinese will be our biggest competitor" (Teets, UTM Pacer, 10/25).

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UT-Martin singers touring in November

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Beloved UTM professor still makes mark more than 30 years after death

By SARA REID
Staff Writer

Inspiration, in its own unique way, can come from the very tiniest to the extremely largest of life's everyday events.

For one legendary University of Tennessee at Martin English professor, the greatest inspiration would ironically enough be drawn from the supernatural taking on the shape of an old friend from the past in the form of an apparition.

Walt Haden began his teaching career in 1954 with the backdrop of Missouri's Ozark Mountains as his home. In 1967, Haden met Stephen Mooney, PhD, college instructor of writing, editor of "The Tennessee Poetry Journal" and poet-in-residence at UT Martin. After learning of Haden's desire to take on more teaching responsibilities and more income, Mooney recommended that Haden come to UT Martin.

Forming a fast and strong friendship, Mooney practically became part of the Haden family. In fact, Mooney, lacking in nearby family of his own and beloved by so many of the college staff, became seemingly a member of everyone's family.

As time wore on, the visits from "Uncle Steve" became less frequent and their busy schedules kept Haden and Mooney apart. On May 12, 1971, Mooney suffered a fatal heart attack, leaving the English department with a huge void "because so many people loved him as mentor and friend."

What happened next, however, can only be described by Haden's own magical words. In the book "More Missouri Ghosts," written by Joan Gilbert, an undergraduate friend of Haden's, is an account in vivid detail of an event that would transform Haden's life forever.

"Perhaps it was in late September of 1971, almost five months after his death, that I..."

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Haden

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was lying on a throw rug in the family room at home, grading a set of student essays. Betty and the children had been in bed for an hour or more. As I recall, the time wasn't late, perhaps 10:20 in the evening. A cup of hot black coffee sat on a napkin on the hardwood floor within reach. It was not Irish coffee. I was fully alert, wide awake.

"Gradually as I lay with my back to the couch, a strange feeling grew: I was not completely alone in the room. I glanced backward over my right shoulder.

"The sliding door was not cracked even a half-inch. Betty wasn't peeking through to ask how much longer I might be up and working, as she sometimes did when I worked past midnight.

"But there was something further to the right of the closed door. I pivoted on my right elbow to look more closely. What I was about to see may have taken no more than ten to fifteen seconds.

"At the foot of the couch were what appeared to be brown Oxford work shoes, these leaning against the lower arm of the couch.

"Did I leave my shoes on the couch? I wondered. When I slipped out of my shoes I must have kicked them off there."

"Pivoting even farther on my right elbow and looking over my right shoulder, I saw now that there were brown socks in the shoes. These were not empty socks.

"When could the children have stuffed and placed an effigy on the couch? I brought my right knee up and turned around in a kneeling position something less than six feet away from the couch. What I saw jerked me to my feet. I had never before, and I have never since had such an experience.

"Stretched in full length in brown khaki trousers and shirt, Stephen Mooney lay on his back, his hands folded across his belt. He appeared to be sleeping. He did not look dead. There was as much color in his face as I remembered its having in life.

"His reading glasses were cocked high on his cranium. Light from the reading lamp reflected on his glossy bald head. The expression on his face looked only unconscious, neither pleasant nor unpleasant. In the few seconds I stood there, it was a benign apparition I saw."

"My heart was in my throat as I inhaled around and sprang toward the kitchen, narrowly missing — I noticed later — my coffee cup. Before I ran out the kitchen door and down four steps into the breezeway, I stopped, my hand on the door knob, to look back, still unsure of what I had witnessed.

"What I had just seen had faded from the feet up to the midriff. I could see orange couch through the lower half of the fast-fading apparition. But from the waist up through his shining pate, the apparition still looked solid. I slammed the door and rushed out, gasping cool, fresh air. From the deep breezeway, I couldn't have looked — even if I had tried — through the high window into the corner of the room and the upper arm of the couch on which only a few seconds before I had seen Mooney's head resting.

"I was running down our driveway, sucking deeper breaths with each length I sprinted. I didn't look back. Apparently, I wasn't thinking of my sleeping family.

"I thought only of putting more distance between me and what I had just seen. I ran completely around the new nine of the golf course just across from our farm."

"When I returned to the house half an hour later, I peered through the kitchen door that I opened only a crack. The couch..."
looked as empty as it had when I lay down near it to grade papers. I examined the upper arm where the apparition’s head had rested. How could I expect to find any indentation? Neither was there any other sign that what I had seen had ever been on the couch or anywhere else in the room. My cup and papers were still there where I left them. I emptied out the cold coffee and woke Betty.”

Though Haden was at first reluctant to share this story with anyone else, when he finally did gain the courage to share it at a faculty Halloween party, he received an even bigger shock.

“We were to learn of nine or ten other sightings of Mooney reportedly occurring immediately before and shortly after those described at the party,” Haden reported.

How could this all be rationally explained?

Eerily enough, Haden, while looking through books Mooney wrote entitled “Grave of the Dwarf” and “News From the South” came upon a passage written by Mooney in “The Guide’s Speech” which completed the tale and gave Haden his answer:

“To be a successful apparition, be tangible in a few expert ways. And most of all, believe: Always believe that you are real. Have a real face. With eyes. And hands, each hand uniquely veined; the patterns must not match.

“Some evidence of struggle, a personal mark. A scar on the thumb or at the edge of the cheek-bone will be persuasive, stimulating images of falls in childhood and normal adolescent accidents with knives.

“Inner organs do not matter in our usual public appearances; they will be assumed. Expand your clothing to its proper curve and line. Bend, bow and kneel. Everyone will think you a sensible creature, pouncing with life, rounded and bunched and bagged and bundled with life. So designed, you may descend to find what you shall find.”

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Fri., Oct. 28 2005

Film at UTM

“The Red Violin” (“Le Violon Rouge”) will be shown at 7 p.m. today in Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee Martin.

The film is the third in a series of four foreign films scheduled during the fall semester.

All films are in the original foreign language with English subtitles. The series is sponsored by the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council.

All films in the series are free and open to the public. For more information, call (731) 881-7420.

The Messenger, Union City, Tennessee, Friday, October 28, 2005

Local faculty member earns certification

Before books and modern methods of recording stories, oral interpretations were key to heritage and culture survival.

A University of Tennessee at Martin professor is practicing the art in a modern context as the first person in Tennessee to become a National Association for Interpretation certified trainer.

Dr. Philip Smartt, assistant professor of natural resources management, recently completed all requirements for NAI’s certified trainer category.

“It took a while to complete. It requires work experience in interpretation, course work, testing and an evaluation of your ability to present the certification material,” he said. “I was surprised to find that I was the first in Tennessee to complete it.”

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NAI’s mission is to inspire leadership and excellence to advance heritage interpretation as a profession.
Digital printing service gets ready for business

Making the move from offset to digital printing, Digital Printing Services, providing everything from departmental printing to personal printing for faculty, staff and students, is now under the direction of Information Technology Services with Susie Nanney, manager.

The space, located in Room 007, Clement Hall, previously housed printing and duplicating services and is being renovated. Offset printing presses are being cleared to provide space for digital printing equipment. Startup date is set for Nov. 16.

"Changing printing and duplicating into Digital Printing Services is a natural move to keep up with the changing technologies related to printing and imaging," said Shannon Burgin, director of Information Technology Services. "Bud Grimes (director of the Office of University Relations), Nancy Yarbrough, (director of Budget and Management Reporting) and Mike Abney (assistant director of Information Technology Services) studied the current operation and future needs. Outside consultants provided valuable input for improvements. Digital Printing Services, in conjunction with the Information Technology Services staff expertise of the digital world and University Relations staff expertise of publications and design, will soon be ready to meet the current and future media needs of the campus through a variety of state-of-the-art options."

Digital ink printing, digital quick copy, color copies, personal page sign and setup, and a variety of bindery functions are among the services offered. Letterheads, envelopes, business cards, invitations and flyers are among the printed pieces offered. Shredding services also will be offered.

Willie Geiger and Ann Adams, previous press operators, and Wanda Forrester will have new responsibilities.

"In a way it feels like something is ending, but then again, I am excited that a new beginning is around the corner," said Adams.

"I am excited to go into the digital field," added Geiger.

"I think the new services, new equipment and the updated look of the facilities will help us provide the campus with all their printing needs," said all of the changes going on with the new Digital Printing Services," said Nanney. "With new equipment like the RISO 8000 Digital Press, high-speed color copier, high-speed black and white copier, new bindery equipment, which offers wire coil binding, along with other new equipment, we look forward to servicing UT Martin and the community with all of their printing needs." For more information or to place an order, call 7844.

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Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant is Nov. 19

 plans are under way for the combined Miss University of Tennessee at Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant to be staged at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at UTM.

The winners of each crown will gain the opportunity to compete in the 2006 Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in Jackson next summer.

The combined pageant is co-sponsored by the city of Martin and UTM and is open to single women ages 17-24 who are residents of or students in Tennessee. The Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant is open statewide, while the Miss UT Martin event is open only to UTM students.

Valli Kugler Kelly 2002 Miss Tennessee and twice Miss UT Martin, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Crowning their successors will be 2005 Miss UT Martin Mandy Hopper of Milan and 2005 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Kayla Hockett of Humboldt.

“Miss UT Martin is one of our premier student events,” said David Belote, interim vice chancellor for student affairs. “It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to compete in the pageant and to be able to advance to the Miss Tennessee Pageant. Likewise, the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant gives young women in the area an opportunity to compete and move onto the Miss Tennessee Pageant.”

“It gives me so much pleasure to work with this pageant as the executive director,” said Lynn Gibson of the Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant. “I know that we will crown two lovely women who will represent our university and our city so well. It is exciting to know that the scholarship money won will help in their pursuit of an education and aid them to be the best that they can be.”

Contestants in the Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant will compete in several categories including presence and poise in evening wear, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, presentation and community achievement, talent and an overall composite score based on an on-stage question asked of each contestant.

The winners of each crown will receive a $1,500 scholarship, a $300 gift certificate from Joann’s of Union City, a $200 gift certificate to Lan’s in Martin, an official crown, an official Miss America crown pin and flowers. The first runner-up will receive a $500 scholarship and flowers.

The second runner-up will receive a $300 scholarship and flowers.

A $50 scholarship and flowers will go to Miss Congeniality, a non-finalist talent winner, and a non-finalist swimsuit winner.

Deadline to register for the pageants is Nov. 4. Applications from all UT Martin students should be returned to David Belote, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, Office of Student Life, Student Life Center. All others should be sent to Lynn Gibson, 500 Sandhill Rd., Martin, TN 38237.

General admission tickets for the Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Pageant are $10. UTM students may purchase $5 tickets in advance. General admission and advanced tickets can be purchased at the Boling University Center.

For more information, contact Gibson at 731-588-2570 or lynn-gibson@frontiernet.net.
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"I'm very excited about the possibilities," Smartt said. "My students will be able to graduate with a degree in natural resources management and a certification as an interpreter. It also expands my outreach opportunities with the Center of Excellence for Experiential Learning in the Agricultural Sciences. I can now conduct workshops for agencies that employ interpreters."

McPherson to speak at UT Martin

The Jackson Sun

Dr. James McPherson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and former president of the American Historical Association, will speak at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 7, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to a release from the university.

McPherson will speak on "When Will This Cruel War Be Over? The Failure of Peace Negotiations, 1864-1865." He is the George Henry Davis '86 Professor Emeritus of History at Princeton University.

McPherson has published more than a dozen books and more than 100 articles and reviews. His "Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era" won the Pulitzer Prize for history and his "For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War" won the Lincoln Prize.

McPherson's appearance is part of the Academic Speaker Series and is sponsored by Honors Programs and the Vertical Immersion Program.

The lecture will end with a brief question-and-answer period and will be followed by a reception.

The Academic Speaker Series annualy brings distinguished scholars, writers and performers to the UT Martin campus. All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Dan McDonough at danmc@utm.edu or (731) 881-7436.