Professional accounting skills workshop slated at UT Martin

A workshop is planned for persons who want to improve professional accounting skills, September 27-28, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Offered by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) and the UT Martin Department of Accounting Finance and Economics, the workshop will be in the Boling University Center both days, Room 206, on September 27 and Room 111, Legislative Chambers, on September 28.

Fifteen UT Martin professors will staff the workshop that will provide participants with 16 continuing professional education (CPE) credits. The first day begins at 7:30 a.m. with refreshments and a 7:50 a.m. welcome by Dr. Ernest Moser, dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, and ends at 4:40 p.m. Second-day sessions begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m.

Session topics include: auditing updates, goal setting, property appraising, technology issues, certified management accountant professional designation, retirement planning, market orientation and future changes in accounting. Others include: a tax update, information systems for accountants, the charter financial analyst program, economic update, current issues in accounting education, financial accounting, the ethical implications of cheating, financial/managerial accounting tax and auditing and information systems.

Instructors include Jim Green, C.P.A., C.M.A., an instructor at UT Martin. He has an MBA from the University of Arkansas and around 30 years of experience with Fortune 500 companies. He teaches various accounting and economics courses.

Dr. Richard Griffin, C.M.A., is a professor of accounting. He has his doctorate from the University of Mississippi and teaches managerial and advanced accounting.

Dr. Kevin Hammond is a professor of marketing. His doctorate is from Louisiana Tech University, and his teaching focus is sales management, sports marketing and logistics.

Dr. Bob Hearn is an associate professor of business law. He earned his J.D. from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Dr. Paula Hearn Moore is an assistant professor of accounting and business law. She earned her J.D. from the University of Memphis, and she teaches financial accounting, business law and taxation.

Steve Holt is assistant director of Information Technology Services and UT Martin webmaster. He has a M.B.A. of graduate of UT Martin, and is an instructor of computer science and information systems. Dr. Mary Lemons is a professor of management. She earned her doctorate from the University of Memphis, and teaches human resource management and business policy.

Dr. Jennifer Levy, staff psychologist, Counseling and Career Services Center at UT Martin. She earned her doctorate in clinical psychology from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She is currently the Martin branch president of the American Association of University Women.

Dr. Tom Payne is a professor of finance and holds the Horace and Sara Dunagah Chair of Excellence in Banking at UT Martin. His doctorate is from the University of Arkansas, and he teaches banking and finance.

Dr. Bob Putman, C.P.A., is a professor of accounting. He earned his doctorate from the University of Memphis and teaches financial/managerial accounting.

Dr. Arnold Redman is a professor of finance. He received his doctorate from the University of Illinois and teaches finance, investments, and real estate.

Dr. Ken VanVuren, C.P.A., C.M.A., is an assistant professor of accounting. He earned his doctorate from the University of Mississippi and he teaches managerial accounting and auditing.

Dr. Richard Williams, C.P.A., is an associate professor of accounting. He earned his doctorate from the University of Arkansas and teaches graduate and graduate financial accounting.

Dr. Denise Williams is an assistant professor of information systems. She earned her doctorate from the University of Mississippi and teaches management information systems.

Dr. Phil Young, C.P.A., is a professor of finance. He received his doctorate from the University of Arkansas and teaches corporate finance, investments, advanced financial management, money and banking and survey of economics.

To register or for additional information, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or at ecce@utm.edu. Registration prior to Sept. 20 is $160; after that date, it is $175. Checks should be made payable to UT Martin.

Classes await participants interested in ballroom dance, yoga

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering several classes in September and October designed for those interested in ballroom dance and yoga. For more information or to register, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.

* Ballroom Dance I II will be offered, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Mondays, September 19 - October 2. The Robinsons will be the instructors. The class fee is $40 for singles/ $110 for couples. This six-week course is designed for participants to learn the basics of ballroom dancing. Dances covered include the swing, waltz, fox trot, tanga, and the Cha-Cha. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes (no tennis shoes or rubber soles). A partner is not required.

* Yoga & You, taught by Ken Zimmerman, is slated from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays, September 7, and Mondays, September 12, 19, 26, October 3 and 10. Interested in exploring the fitness craze that's sweeping the nation? Or would you rather participate in a 5,000-year-old practice of self-improvement? They're the same.

Yoga. The six-week course will introduce beginners to the basics of this ancient art, which promotes physical well-being and mental and emotional clarity. Zimmerman, certified teacher with Yoga Alliance, will guide the class toward creating a personal practice that can aid strength, endurance and flexibility while it boosts energy. Mentally, yoga can improve concentration, help to deal more effectively with stress and benefit overall mood. Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights). Class fee is $55.

* Beginning Yoga - Level II, also with Zimmerman as instructor, will be offered from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays, September 6 - October 11 at a cost of $55. This six-week course will continue the basic principles introduced in Yoga and You. Focus will be placed on flowing sequences of poses (vinyasa yoga) as well as precision, alignment and breath. For anyone who has done some yoga practice before but is feeling a little rusty, this is the perfect class. Zimmerman, nationally certified yoga teacher, will conduct the class and help students who wish to establish or improve a personal practice or who are looking for a way to gain flexibility, increase energy, endurance and strength in a class situation. Yoga aims at improving lives from the inside out as well as from the outside in. Classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights).
New faculty introduced at UTM

Thirty-five new lecturers, instructors, assistant professors and associate professors have been appointed to the faculty at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the fall semester. In addition to those who are joining the faculty, there are a number of others who have assumed new responsibilities.

Speaking at the annual fall faculty meeting, Aug. 23, Dr. Thomas A. Rakes, UT Martin provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, recapped recent achievements and special recognitions on which he thinks another successful school year can be built.

Among those were increased enrollment; re-accreditation of the engineering program; a highly regarded dual-credit program "serving" high schools across the region, with an enrollment ranking No. 1 in the state for four-year institutions; the growing enrollment through the Extended Campus and Continuing Education Program; development of an off-campus center in Ripley; and a recently funded TRIO - Student Success Center program initiative to increase the retention of disadvantaged, low-income college students, first-generation college students, and college students with disabilities.

Rakes also pointed to the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center that has been established by UT Martin and several partners to serve existing and prospective entrepreneurs and support economic development in rural northwest Tennessee; the West Tennessee Writing Project which was the first and currently, one of two such projects in Tennessee; Scholarfest that showcased the work of some of the university's best and brightest students; the Honors Programs; a new finance major; some of the fastest-growing master's programs in Tennessee and two of Tennessee's nine Governor's Scholars hosted on campus during summer as "positives."

A revised First-Year Experience Program, designed to increase retention by helping freshmen succeed; residence halls at 100 percent occupancy; dramatic increases in grants and contracts and an enhanced Center for Global Studies and International Education also were cited.

Rakes capped his "good news" noting the just-released U.S. News and World Report ranking placing UT Martin tied for 20th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor's and master's degrees, up from 23rd place last year.

With lottery scholarships, enhanced programs and recognitions attracting more students, Rakes said an enrollment task force would begin this fall studying "how big should UT Martin become?" He added, "Let's plan now. It's a great problem to have."

"We have much to be pleased about on this campus," he said. "Truly, I am excited this year about our accomplishments. There are several challenges and we can handle those. I encourage you all, for many good reasons, to stay positive about what we're doing."

Rakes also credited "the work Chancellor Dunagan has done to move the campus forward by stepping up and doing the right thing at the right time."

Among the 35 new faculty members are:
- Dr. Janet Bailey, assistant professor of animal science;
- Donna Emerson, instructor of interior design;
- Major Janet Kirkton, professor of military science;
- Paula Moore, assistant professor of accounting/business law;
- Dr. Phillip Young, Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise and associate professor of finance;
- Joy Roach, assistant professor of office information systems;
- David Williams, instructor of information systems;
- Dr. Christopher Baxter, assistant professor of political science;
- Ashley Kilburn, instructor of marketing;
- Dr. Susan Jones, assistant professor of instructional technology;
- Dr. Cherry Watts, assistant professor of education;
- Dr. Jerry Woods, assistant professor of education and coordinator of online advising;
- Dr. Laura Brown, assistant professor of pedagogy;
- Terra Davenport, lecturer (faculty associate);
- Mark Walton, assistant professor of exercise science;
- Tina Lee, assistant professor of criminal justice;
- Dr. Lisa Blankinship, instructor of biology;
- Dr. Ann Gathers, assistant professor of biology;
- Dr. Laura Haubrich, assistant professor of biology;
- Dr. James Smart, assistant professor of biology;
- Dr. Hugh Turner, instructor of biological sciences;
- Dr. Jeffrey McCullough, assistant professor of engineering;
- Dr. Lionel Crews, assistant professor of physics;
- Dr. Steve Elliott, assistant professor of mathematics;
- Ann-Marie Lovelace, instructor of mathematics;
- Jefferson Wolski, instructor of mathematics;
- Stacy Freed, instructor of communications;
- Dr. Christopher Hill, assistant professor of English;
- Dr. David Barber, assistant professor of history;
- David Daussat, instructor of music;
- Julie Hill, assistant professor of music;
- Dr. Amy Parks Simmons, assistant professor of music;
- Diane Shaw, assistant professor of art;
- Georgia Baskett, assistant professor of library science;
- Samuel Richardson, assistant professor of library science.
Freshman Experience evolves to better meet students' needs

More collaboration between faculty and staff to foster a successful first-year experience for freshmen entering the University of Tennessee at Martin was the goal of a restructuring effort for the Freshman Experience.

The program remains a comprehensive effort that encourages and supports freshmen as they transition from high school to college life. The Freshman Experience incorporates tools, strategies and skills freshmen need initially and delivers those during Freshman Welcome Week, August 25-28. General Studies 101 is a twice-weekly class that reinforces the academic tools and habits and gives support throughout the semester. One of the weekly sessions will provide information specific to each student’s field of study, led by a faculty member in his or her respective college.

The restructuring of the Freshman Experience was based on delivering information that freshmen need at timely junctures instead of concentrating it in the Freshman Welcome Week.

“We were trying to do so much in a short period of time prior to the start of classes,” said David Belote, interim vice chancellor for student affairs and director of student life, who noted it amounted to an information overload. Belote co-directs the Freshman Experience with Dr. George Daniel, director of the Student Success Center.

Some of the topics that previously would have been introduced to freshmen during welcome week are now being delayed until it is more timely. That information will be provided at General Studies 101 college meetings as it is needed by faculty mentors and academic Peer Enabling Program (PEP) leaders, who are students trained as resources for incoming freshmen.

“Freshman Welcome Week is designed to get them ready for the first day of class,” said Daniel. “101 will help them be successful during the first year.”

Belote said when freshmen arrive they have to get acclimated to the classes, study habits and a totally new environment. While accomplishing that, a student needs to know how to avoid pitfalls that adversely affect his or her grade point average.

“We want to lead them to success, not burden them with information,” said Belote.

Belote added that there is increased pressure on students because a “stumble,” if not corrected, can cost them a lottery scholarship.

Daniel said a five-year $1.8 million Title III grant UT Martin received in 2003, made it possible for additional support services to be offered and consolidated at the Student Success Center on campus.

“Through the Title III program, there are more resources to dedicate to retention of students,” said Daniel.

Daniel pointed to the institution of college or group leaders as one of the most exciting changes in the program. College of group leaders are experienced faculty, staff and administrators who are committed to assisting entering freshmen. They will provide direct leadership in the GENs 101 curriculum. GENs 101 will meet twice weekly for the 15 weeks of the semester. The traditional small group of approximately 25 students will meet with a faculty mentor and a PEP leader. The other weekly session will be a large group of all GENs 101 sections assigned to a respective college. At these sessions, specific information about fields of study within a particular college can be delivered, and students can meet others in their respective colleges.

College or group leaders include the following: College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Dr. Sue Byrd; College of Business and Public Affairs, Dr. Chris Baxter; College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, Rhonda Shanklin; College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Ed Wheeler; College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Dr. Charles Bradshaw; and Special Interests, Daniel.

Grass Roots Network for Greener Chemistry Education

Kentucky Lake section officers displaying the grant check are (from left): chair-elect/program chair, J. Brent Montgomery of Palmersville; chair, Dr. Harry B. Fannin of Murray, councilor/project coordinator; Dr. Airce; and secretary/treasurer, Joseph A. Sam of McKenzie.

On behalf of the Kentucky Lake and Nashville sections and Student Affiliate chapters of the American Chemical Society, Dr. S.K. Airce of the University of Tennessee at Martin has received a $3,000 grant for coordinating an Innovative Project: Grass Roots for Greener Chemistry Education. Local Sections Activities Committee of ACS funded projects for 40 out of 189 sections nationwide.

The project involves a novel interface of student affiliates and neighboring local sections of ACS with high school students/teachers and college faculties to generate awareness and practice of benign by design green chemistry. It includes a Nov. 11 joint meeting of the two sections featuring two speakers from the University of Oregon Green Chemistry Center: Jim Hutcherson, co-author of the first Green Organic Chemistry laboratory manual, and Dr. Julie Haack, who is compiling GEMS, a database of Greener Education Materials for chemists. There will be a Nov. 12 workshop for high school teachers visiting UT Martin in conjunction with the 26th Annual High School Science Bowl. The workshop will be presented by Dr. Sallie Henrie, Union University, Jackson. She has authored a green chemistry laboratory manual for high school chemistry classes. Associate director of ACS education division, Michael Timesand, will present green chemistry demonstrations program for high school students/teachers following the workshop.
Woody named UT Martin Director of Minority Affairs

Enhancing the multicurricular opportunities for students at the University of Tennessee at Martin will be the responsibility of Teresa Woody, who recently was named director of minority affairs.

"Having Teresa Woody as director will allow UT Martin to focus on one of our major goals - to achieve a extraordinary degree of international, multicultural, and multiracial integration," said David Belote, interim vice chancellor for student affairs and director of student life. "Her combination of credentials and experience puts her in the perfect position to capitalize on the diversity in the UT Martin student body."

Woody will work with the Black Student Association and the International Student Association to bring speakers to campus and offer events that will allow these groups of students to play a larger role in the extracurricular life of the campus.

"UT Martin is extremely fortunate to have someone of Teresa's caliber on the student affairs staff," said Belote.

"I am pleased to be in a position to support and enhance all the positive work that UT Martin is doing related to multiculturalism and diversity," said Woody. "The Division of Student Affairs is very committed to that work. We have a lot of good ideas in place for the upcoming semester, focusing closely on academic and cultural growth for all of our students."

"So many good people on campus and in the community have reached out and helped me all along the way to the completion of my master's degree. I just want to do my part, in turn, to help others succeed as well."

Since 1998, Woody has served as a library associate in technical services at UT Martin Paul Meek Library. She has also completed a mental health internship at Pathways serving the main office in Martin and the adolescent residential facility. Prior to the library position, Woody was a summer youth employment monitor at the JTPA-Wakeley County Service Center in Dresden, a substitute teacher employed by the Union City Board of Education, a job coach and academic tutor for the Tennessee Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in Union City and a volunteer GED tutor for the Obion County Board of Education. She was employed in the Office of International Programs while attending UT Martin. From 1988-95, she was employed at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

Woody earned a bachelor of arts in English with a minor in philosophy in 1997 and a master of science degree in community counseling in 2005, both from UT Martin. She also attended Vanderbilt University.

She is a member of Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society and Alpha Kappa Alpha at UT Martin. Woody's office is in the Division of Student Affairs, located at Hall Moody Administration Building. Contact her at 881-7282 or e-mail twoody@utm.edu.

WTWP Workshop series to kick off September 24

The West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) at the University of Tennessee at Martin is offering a series of four standards-based writing workshops for K-12 teachers of all disciplines. The first workshop in the series will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., September 24, at the Tennessee Tech Center in Jackson.

Other sessions will follow on November 12 in Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin; February 11 at Central High School in Bruceton; and April 1 at Dyersburg State Community College. All workshops are facilitated by Teacher Consultants of WTWP.

On September 24 at the Tennessee Tech Center in Jackson, 2468 Tech Center Drive, Beverly Frederick, of Central High School, Hollow Rock-Bruceton, will present the 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. opening session, "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words." This session will address different types of writing using reflective, technical and fictional writing techniques. The afternoon session, from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., "Using Picture Books as a Springboard for Thoughtful Writing," will be facilitated by Carolyn Stark, K-5 teacher, Dyersburg/Dyer County. This session will show teachers how to use picture books to create mental images, ask questions, infer and synthesize information to make connections and create writing.

The workshops are adaptable for all grade levels. They teach hands-on practice that is applicable to all subject areas and are consistent with Tennessee standards and the objectives of differentiated instruction. Teachers will receive certificates of participation for six hours of optional in-service. Participation could also count toward points for Highly Qualified status.

The registration fee for each six-hour workshop is $45. Participants are encouraged to register early to reserve space. Materials needed for each session are paper and pen. Lunch is on your own. Register, send a check, payable to UT Martin with name and address to: Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, 110 Gooch Hall, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238; or see the website at www.utm.edu/wtwp.

These workshops are sponsored by the West Tennessee Writing Project in the Department of English at UT Martin in cooperation with the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, UT Martin.

For more information about these workshops or in-service from WTWP, contact the WTWP in-service coordinator, Betty Hicks, sixth grade reading teacher at Dyer County's Northview Middle School in Newbern, blhicks@wtwp.com.
Faculty will help students quickly "connect" in their fields of study

"I would like to teach them to think critically about their studies and about the educational experience and career training that they are getting," Bradshaw said. "There are so many wonderful things that the university offers here if the students can take advantage of them. I'm most effective when I can help them see this."

Rhonda Shanklin, who will represent the College of Educational and Behavioral Sciences, said it will be good for students to be acquainted with their dean, department chairs and faculty before classes begin. Her first "order of business will be to activate the spirit of self-motivation and confidence." She also wants to help students avoid being "party animals" and doing things to "fit in" that they might not otherwise do.

"By the end of the semester, I would like our first-year students to be independent...making wise choices and being able to know and carry out the steps necessary to successfully complete their college degrees," said Dr. Sue Byrd, professor of textiles, clothing and fashion merchandising and leader of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

"We should be able to measure the effectiveness of dividing the first-year students by college by looking at increased involvement in preprofessional student organizations, college-wide and department activities and events," said Byrd. "We should examine retention numbers to also measure success."

Dr. Chris Baxter, assistant professor of political science, is the College of Business and Public Affairs leader. Baxter said he wants students to immediately "feel a connection" to the college's faculty and staff.

"I want our students to immediately feel confident that they will be receiving an excellent education at UT Martin, as evidenced by the college's recent reaccreditation by the Association of Advance Collegiate Schools of Business after a rigorous review process."

He added, "Most importantly, though, I want to make them aware of the exciting opportunities they will have for personal growth and career planning as students in the CBPA. There are great opportunities for international travel in the college. We also encourage internship experiences in all of our disciplines, such as the legislative internships on Capitol Hill in Nashville. This is a dynamic and exciting time in the CBPA, and our students will have opportunities for some meaningful and fun experiences."

Baxter said the benchmark of the restructuring of the Freshman Experience is retention. "As with all of the colleges, a high priority is retention; we do not only want to keep students at UT Martin, but to keep them in the CBPA," he said. For those who find a home in business, political science or computer science and information systems, this new structure should help the students make a strong connection with the professors in their discipline in their freshman year.

"Hopefully this will empower them to focus on what they need to do to be successful in their major and, consequently, what they can be doing now to build a successful career. As always, our success is measured by our students, and if this new structure helps our students to take advantage of greater educational and career opportunities, then we can say 'mission accomplished.'"
UT Martin sets record summer enrollment; Fall numbers up

Summer enrollment at the University of Tennessee at Martin set an all-time record with 2,148 students enrolled for classes, breaking the previous high of 2,097 set in 1975. Enrollment increased 10.4 percent compared to summer 2004. All enrollment numbers are compiled and reported by the university’s Office of Institutional Research. Undergraduate students totaled 1,694 students compared to 1,643 in summer 2004 for a 3.1 percent increase. Graduate students totaled 454 students compared to 303 in summer 2004 for a 49.8 percent increase.

Undergraduate student numbers included participants in the Tennessee Governor’s School for the Humanities and the Tennessee Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences, both held at UT Martin. High school students attending these Governor’s Schools earned six hours of college credit, a first for the summer programs that were expanded from four to five weeks. Graduate-student numbers continue to reflect interest in the university’s new online graduate degree in educational administration and supervision that began fall 2004. The online degree is offered by the UT Martin Department of Educational Studies through UT New College located at the Martin campus.

“The strong summer enrollment numbers are encouraging,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan, university chancellor. “The involvement of the two Governor’s Schools in regular-credit courses is great for those students and for UT Martin. We continue to be very pleased with interest in the new online graduate education degree.”

Early enrollment numbers for fall semester 2005 continue to show increases compared to the same period last year. Students enrolled for classes following the fourth and final Summer Orientation and Registration session totaled 5,490 compared to 5,051 for fall 2004, an 8.7 percent increase. A record 6,104 students enrolled for fall 2004 classes. Registration for fall semester continues with classes set to begin August 29. Information about UT Martin is available by calling 1-800-829-UTMI.

Social studies workshop focuses on Civil War; enhancing American history education

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Department of History and Philosophy in conjunction with the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) will sponsor the 27th Annual Social Studies Teachers’ Workshop. Slated to begin at 9 a.m., September 10, in the Paul Meek Library Conference Room at UT Martin, the workshop will offer several sessions on the Civil War and enhancing American History education. Presentations will close out the experiences of West Tennessee teachers who participated in a travel-study program to the Northeast United States that was funded by a federal grant.

Announced in July 2004, a regional partnership funded by a $981,949 grant planned to focus on enhancing student knowledge and achievement in American history by improving teachers’ knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the subject matter.

The Teaching American History grant was part of Tennessee’s $3.5 million allocation through the U.S. Department of Education. Partners include the Dyersburg City School System, the University of Tennessee at Martin, the Pink Palace Museum, the Professional Development Center in Dyersburg, the Tennessee State Library and Archives and other West Tennessee school systems.

Registration for the event is $20 and includes refreshments, lunch and handouts. To register, contact the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, 110 Gooch Hall, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238, or (731) 881-7082, or e-mail: ecce@utm.edu. Make checks payable to UT Martin.

Presentations include:

• “Coming to Grips with the Civil War,” will be presented by Dr. David Coffey, UT Martin associate professor and chair of the Department of History and Philosophy. This presentation involves ideas about approaching the Civil War from new angles and dealing with controversial subjects such as racism, slavery and the Confederate flag, and the “Heritage Not Hate” argument.

• “Native Americans and the American Civil War” will be presented by Brent Cox, instructor in the Department of History and Philosophy. Cox will talk about how American Indians were drawn into the Civil War, and how old issues (such as the Trail of Tears and Removal Act) resurfaced and increased tribal divisions.

• “The Story of Shiloh” is the title of the presentation by Dr. Timothy Sarette, Shiloh National Military Park staff member. His presentation will include a discussion of the history of the site from American Indian inhabitation through today’s modern visitation. The main emphasis will be on the battle of April 6-7, 1862, but also will cover federal involvement from the Civil War to the presence of the national cemetery through control of the battlefield by the National Park Service.

• “The VIP Program: Enhancing American History Education” is planned as the last session. Dr. Daniel McDonough, UT Martin professor of history, Dr. Kenneth Vogler, University of South Carolina assistant professor of education, will serve as moderators. Participants will be Kari Bernier, Dyersburg Primary School, Jon Gardner, Martin Middle School, Quintin Willis, Munford Middle School. During the summer, Bernier, Gardner and Willis participated in the Northeast travel-study program. They will discuss how the program will enhance their classroom skills.
The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering classes in Spanish for Educators, Excel and ACT prep classes at several locations this fall. Also to be offered will be online classes. For more information or to register, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.

Spanish for Educators
- Session I will be from 4-6 p.m., Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, and 27, at Martin, McKenzie and Covington.
- Session II will be from 4-6 p.m., Thursdays, September 8, 15, 22, and 29, at Martin, Paris and Bruceton. The instructor will be Itzel Espitia.
- Session III, taught by Ron Ramage, will be 3:30-5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, and 27, at Obion County Public Library. The class fee is $55.

This class was developed to equip the educator to be better able to communicate with children and parents in Spanish speaking families.

Beginning Excel
- 9 a.m.-noon, September 13 and 15. Instructor is Shannon Burgin, and the class fee is $110.
- Participants will learn to build useful spreadsheets using easy-to-use techniques. They will learn about functions and how to manage files, move and copy and format. Students will use sample worksheets, multiple worksheets and learn how to summarize. Other topics include: easy-to-do graphs, drawing tools for special emphasis, hints, tips and back-ups.

ACT Help! Prep Class
- Boost chances for higher ACT score with the ACT Help! prep class offered 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, September 17-October 8. The fee is $45.
- Instructor, Ron Ramage, will teach test-taking skills, practice the ACT and review the mathematics section completely. Higher scores mean going to the college of the student’s choice and possible scholarship money.

Students will use “The Real ACT Prep Guide.” Cost of the text ($19.95, plus tax) is not included in the fees, and students are responsible for having the book the first class meeting. The book may be purchased on the UT Martin campus at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Call 731-881-7760. The class is designed for high school juniors and seniors. Class limit is 15.

Online professional training is offered through the ECCE. Each student learns at his or her own pace with the convenience of a 24/7 classroom. All courses require Internet access, e-mail, the Netscape Navigator, or the Microsoft Internet Explorer. Some courses have additional requirements.

UT Martin moves higher in 2006 U.S. News rankings

The University of Tennessee at Martin improved its top-tier ranking for master’s level public universities in the South in the 2006 edition of “America’s Best Colleges” compiled by “U.S. News & World Report.” The rankings, released this week, rates colleges and universities using information gathered from various sources.

UT Martin tied for 20th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor’s and master’s degrees, up from 23rd place last year.

Colleges are ranked against their peers using information submitted in a survey completed by the institutions. Additionally, “U.S. News” gathers information from other sources including the American Association of University Professors, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Council for Aid to Education and the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics.

Categories used to determine the rankings and to measure academic quality include peer assessment, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and the alumni giving rate. According to the magazine, the greatest weight is given to peer assessment, which surveys individuals who are “in a position to judge a school’s academic excellence.”

In the 2006 rankings, UT Martin improved its peer-assessment score and its retention and graduation rates. Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, said the university's efforts to improve total quality are positioning the university to better serve students.

“The U.S. News” rankings are important, and I’m pleased that UT Martin’s position in the rankings has improved the last two years,” Dunagan said. “Still, my primary concern is improving overall quality in academic programs and services so that our students receive the best education possible. We’re making excellent progress in these areas.”

Dunagan said improvement in student retention is traced in part to the university’s Student Success Center that opened last fall, the center offers advising support, career services and other initiatives, all designed to help students succeed.

The current “U.S. News” rankings follow three consecutive semesters of record student enrollment at UT Martin. A record 6,104 enrolled for fall 2004 classes, followed by record enrollments for both spring and summer 2005. Early enrollment numbers for fall semester 2005 point to a fourth consecutive record enrollment at the university.
Entrepreneurs, small business owners have new ally

The Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center has been established by several partners in the region to serve existing and prospective entrepreneurs and support economic development in rural Northwest Tennessee.

The center, to be located in downtown Martin following renovation of office space, will assist entrepreneurs with one-on-one consultations, interactive training programs and technical resources, encourage and support new small-business ventures and promote existing businesses.

"The REED Center will be an outstanding resource for the region," said University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan. "Besides providing opportunities for UT Martin students to gain real-world experience through internships, the center will also offer assistance to small businesses."

Crawford Gallimore, chief financial officer of Hamilton-Ryker Co. and REED Center Planning Committee member, noted that "this is just the kind of public-private partnership that can make a real difference in the lives of people in West Tennessee. By serving as a resource to new entrepreneurs, this center will also help stimulate job growth in the region."

The center's primary service area is Weakley, Henry, Carroll, Gibson and Obion counties. The center's secondary service area will include Benton, Crockett, Dyer and Lake counties. The population within a one-hour drive of the center is approximately 225,000.

Many potential small-business owners, while enthusiastic about a business idea, are not prepared to assess the business feasibility, develop a marketing plan or determine and secure working capital. This non-profit partnership will provide needed consultations with volunteer financial-services professionals, trained small-business consultants and successful entrepreneurs.

The additional support provided through computer-based resources, seminars, workshops and ongoing assistance will prepare new entrepreneurs as they transition from a business idea to actual operation. This process includes preparing clients to enter into formal relationships with lenders, accountants, vendors and other stakeholders. Individualized services include assistance in preparing feasibility studies, business plans, financial projections, employee benefit plans and personal financial planning.

Center coordinator is Hollie Holt, who previously served as executive director of the Martin Economic Development Corp. Holt is a UT Martin graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in communications and an emphasis in public relations. While at MEDC, Holt coordinated a broad range of activities related to industrial and community development, including recruiting business and industry, developing and implementing the City of Martin marketing plan, developing entrepreneurship opportunities in the community and internships for UT Martin students.

"Hollie brings a great deal of experience and energy to the coordinator position," said Dr. Tom Payne, UT Martin Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking. "She has an outstanding reputation as a regional leader in economic development and is personally committed to helping others achieve their goals."

"I am very excited about this opportunity to help this entire region, to strengthen and grow our small businesses," said Holt. "I have personal experience with small businesses, and I know some of the challenges that small businesses face. I believe that small businesses are the heart and soul of any small town, so that makes the REED Center that much more important." She added, "I view this center as not only needed, but critical to the growth of our communities and the economic health of our region."

Partners supporting the REED Center include the Tennessee Small Business Development Centers, commercial banks, chambers of commerce, professional service providers, higher education institutions and experienced business leaders. Initial funding and ongoing operating support, including referrals and exper-
New faculty introduced at UT Martin

Thirty-five new lecturers, instructors, assistant professors and associate professors have been appointed to the faculty at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the fall semester.

In addition to those who are joining the faculty, there are a number of others who have assumed new responsibilities.

Speaking last week at the annual fall faculty meeting, Dr. Thomas A. Rakes, UT Martin provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, recapped recent achievements and special recognitions on which he thinks another successful school year can be built.

Among those were increased enrollment; reaccreditation of the engineering program; a highly regarded dual-credit program “serving” high schools across the region, with an enrollment ranking No. 1 in the state for four-year institutions; the growing enrollment through the Extended Campus and Continuing Education Program; development of an off-campus center in Ripley; and a recently-funded TRIO Student Success Center program initiative to increase the retention of disadvantaged, low-income college students, first-generation college students and college students with disabilities.

Rakes also pointed to the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center that has been established by UT Martin and several partners to serve existing and prospective entrepreneurs and support economic development in rural northwest Tennessee; the West Tennessee Writing Project, which was the first and currently one of two such projects in Tennessee; Scholarfest, which showcased the work of some of the university’s best and brightest students; the Honors Programs; a new finance major; some of the fastest-growing master’s programs in Tennessee; and two of Tennessee’s nine Governor’s Schools hosted on campus during summer as “positives.”

A revised First-Year Experience Program, designed to increase retention by helping freshmen succeed; residence halls at 100 percent occupancy; dramatic increases in grants and contracts; and an enhanced Center for Global Studies and International Education also were cited.

Rakes capped his “good news” by noting the just-released U.S. News and World Report ranking that places UT Martin tied for 20th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor’s and master’s degrees, up from 23rd place last year.

With lottery scholarships, enhanced programs and recognitions attracting more students, Rakes said an enrollment task force will begin this fall studying “How big should UT Martin become?”

He added, “Let’s plan now. It’s a great problem to have.”

“We have much to be pleased about on this campus,” he said. “Truly, I am excited this year about our accomplishments. There are several challenges and we can handle those. I encourage you all, for many good reasons, to stay positive about what we’re doing.”

Rakes also credited “the work Chancellor Dunagan has done to move the campus forward by stepping up and doing the right thing at the right time.”

New faculty members are:
• Dr. Janet Bailey, assistant professor of animal science;
• Donna Emerson, instructor of interior design;
• Major Janet Kirkton, professor of military science;
• Paula Moore, assistant professor of accounting/business law;
• Dr. Phillip Young, Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise and associate professor of finance;
• Joy Roach, assistant professor of office information systems;
• David Williams, instructor of information systems;
• Dr. Christopher Baxter, assistant professor of political science;
• Amelie Kilburn, instructor of marketing;
• Dr. Susan Jones, assistant professor of instructional technology;
• Dr. Cherry Watts, assistant professor of education;
• Dr. Jerry Woods, assistant professor of education and coordinator of online advising;
• Dr. Laura Brown, assistant professor of pedagogy;
• Terra Davenport, lecturer (faculty associate);
• Mark Walton, assistant professor of exercise science;
• Tina Lee, assistant professor of criminal justice;
• Dr. Lisa Blankenship, instructor of biology;
• Dr. Ann Gathers, assistant professor of biology;
• Dr. Laura Haubrick, assistant professor of biology;
• Dr. James Smart, assistant professor of biology;
• Dr. Hugh Turner, instructor of biological sciences;
• Dr. Jeffrey McCullough, assistant professor of engineering;
• Dr. Lionel Crews, assistant professor of physics;
• Dr. Steve Elliott, assistant professor of mathematics;
• Ann-Marie Lovelace, instructor of mathematics;
• Jefferson Wolski, instructor of mathematics;
• Stacy Freed, instructor of communications;
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• Dr. David Barber, assistant professor of history;
• David Daussat, instructor of music;
• Julie Hill, assistant professor of music;
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• Diane Shaw, assistant professor of art;
• Georgia Baskett, assistant professor of library science;
• Samuel Richardson, assistant professor of library science.
Professional accounting skills workshop set

A workshop for people who want to improve professional accounting skills is planned for Sept. 27-28 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Fifteen UT Martin professors will staff the workshop, which will provide participants with 16 continuing professional education (CPE) credits.

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Session topics include auditing updates, goal setting, property appraising, technology issues, certified management accountant professional designation, retirement planning, market orientation and future changes in accounting. Others include a tax update, information systems for accountants, the chartered financial analyst program, economic update, current issues in accounting education, financial accounting, the ethical implications of cheating, financial/managerial accounting tax, and auditing and information systems.

To register or for more information, contact the ECCE by telephone at 1-800-482-5199 or by e-mail at ccce@utm.edu. Registration prior to Sept. 20 is $160; after that date, it is $175.

Checks should be made payable to UT Martin.

Man on Campus

What was your first impression of Martin?

"The town is small and the campus is nice and small."

TAYLOR

"This is great. It has been a blast. This has been better than I expected. The upperclassmen are nicer than I thought."

KENDALL

"It is a nice campus and very clean. Everyone is all around sincere and I like the small atmosphere."

HUFF

"The people are friendly. Lots of people from town came to see everyone, even the mayor."

Knoxville

Cameron Huff
Chapel Hill

"I am from Martin and I like it."

BRATTON

"I like the idea of utm and Martin."

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Kirchner-Harriss recital set for Sept. 11 at UTM

Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of piano at the University of Tennessee at Martin, and two of her colleagues from Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University — Jane Kirchner, associate professor of flute, and Frank Kirchner, adjunct associate professor of saxophone — will present a program of chamber music by French composers at 3 p.m. Sept. 11 in the Harriet Futon Theater of the UT Martin Fine and Performing Arts Building.

Selections on the program include "Six Epigraphes Antiques" by Debussy, arranged for flute, saxophone and piano; a trio by Rameau for flute, alto flute and piano; Messiaen’s "Le Merle Noir" for flute and piano; "Bozza’s Aria" for alto saxophone and piano; and a duet by Berbiguié, arranged for saxophone and flute.

Ms. Kirchner was a member of the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, studied flute with Judith Cook Bentley and took master classes with Julius Baker, Jeanne Baxtresser, William Bennett and Trevor Wye. She has been flutist with the Blair Woodwind Quintet since 1966 and for many years served as associate dean for the Blair School of Music. Kirchner was a saxophone student of Don Cassel and had coaching with Neal Ramsay and master classes with Sigurd Rascher, Sir David Wilcocks and William Mathias. He has had numerous performances at Opryland USA and on radio and television. Kirchner has been with the Blair School of Music since 1989.

"Dr. Harriss studied piano with Lucien Stark," Erin Katahn, Ford Hill, Benning Dexter and Allison Nelson. She is well known as a collaborative artist with her extensive chamber music and accompanying experience.

She has performed piano duo and duet music for many years with partner Allison Nelson.

Dr. Harriss has been on the faculty of UT Martin since 2001.
Dr. Jerry Gresham, chairman of the University of Tennessee Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, recently was named the recipient of a University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Distin-
guished Service Professorship.

The $3,000 faculty award is an
annual salary supplement to be
continued until the recipient
retires from full-time university
employment, or relinquishes
professorial duties and assumes a
non-academic, administrative position.
To be eligible for selection, a pro-
fessor must demonstrate effective-
ness in teaching and distinction in
a subject matter or professional
field as evidenced by publications
or other appropriate demonstrations
of distinction.

Gresham, professor of animal
science since 1973, received bache-
lor of science, master of science
degree from Oklahoma State Univer-
sity. He was
named chair of the department in
2003. He also serves as
director of the
tennessee Governor's School
for the Agricultural Sciences and
director of the Center of Excel-
ience for Experiential Learning in
the Agricultural Sciences. Gre-
sham is a member of the American
Meat Science Association and
the American Society of Animal
Science.

He received the UT Martin Cun-
ningham Outstanding Teacher/
Scholar Award in 2003 and the
Outstanding Academic Advisor
Award in 1990. He currently
serves on the UT Martin Research
and Development Committee.

Gresham has numerous publica-
tions and presentations to his cre-
dit, has secured grant funding for
the establishment of a Livestock
Merchandising Center, and con-
struction funds for a sheep and
meat goat teaching/research center
and other projects at UT Martin.
He is a consultant for the Norwe-
gian Beef Breeders Association
and Classic Medical in Florida.

Princeton Review cites
local university

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 Ten-
nessee’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

“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 about 5,000 undergraduates,
UT Martin “is big enough
to get the full college experi-
ence, yet small enough to get
one-on-one attention from your
teachers,” said one student re-
sponding to the survey.

Another student added that
Martin’s “small-town atmos-
phere provides a safe environ-
ment 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 in-
volved” at UT Martin and that
the school “offers a lot of addi-
tional help when needed to
allow its students to excel.”

“I am pleased that The Princ-
eton Review has chosen to recog-
nize UT Martin in its new
rankings,” UT Martin Chancellor
Dr. Nick Dunagan said.

“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 Mar-
tin.”

Faculty horn recital slated

Dr. Michael Hermann, profes-
sor of music at the University of
Tennessee at Martin, will per-
form at 8 p.m. Sept. 15 in the
Harriet Fulton Theatre of the
UT Martin Fine and Performing
Arts Building.

Hermann will perform 19th and
20th century pieces that high-
lighthearted beautiful tone of the
French Horn. Feature pieces in-
clude the “York Bowen Sonata
for horn, a piece with three
diverse movements and a part-
nership with the piano; “Alec
Wilder Sonata Number Three,”
a jazzy piece for the horn and
piano; and “Intermezzo” from
composer Reinhold Gliere.

Admission is free and the
public is invited to attend, a
spokesman said.
Katrina-weary students get aid

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Rich Grimm, Union University vice president for enrollment services, said, "We join many in the higher education community who desire to assist students adversely affected by the hurricane. Union pledges its support to these students and their families and will be responsive to their needs, financial and otherwise."
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Education honors
William J. Lawrence of Mayfield achieved the summer semester dean's list with high honors at the University of Tennessee, Martin.

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UT-M to Offer Flight Class
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'Erin was a welcomed addition to our staff during the month of July,' Tanner said. 'It was a pleasure having her work with us in Washington.' The two are pictured on the steps of the United States Capitol Building.
ECCE will sponsor teachers' workshop

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Department of History and Philosophy in conjunction with the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) will sponsor the 27th Annual Social Studies Teachers’ Workshop. Slated to begin at 9 a.m., Sept. 10, in the Paul Meek Library Conference Room at UT Martin, the workshop will offer several sessions on the Civil War and enhancing American History education.

Presentations will close with the experiences of west Tennessee teachers who participated in a travel-study program to the northeast United States that was funded by a federal grant.

Announced in July 2004, a regional partnership funded by a $961,949 grant planned to focus on enhancing student knowledge and achievement in American history by improving teachers’ knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the subject matter.

The Teaching American History grant was part of Tennessee’s $3.5 million allocation through the U.S. Department of Education. Partners include the Dyersburg City School System, the University of Tennessee at Martin, the Pink Palace Museum, the Professional Development Center in Dyersburg, the Tennessee State Library and Archives and other west Tennessee school systems.

Registration for the event is $20 and includes refreshments, lunch and handouts. To register, contact the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, 110 Gooch Hall, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238, or (731) 881-7092, or e-mail: ecce@utm.edu. Make checks payable to UT Martin.

Presentations include:
- “Coming to Grips with the Civil War,” will be presented by Dr. David Coffey, UT Martin associate professor and chair of the Department of History and Philosophy. This presentation involves ideas about approaching the Civil War from new angles and dealing with controversial subjects such as racism, slavery and the Confederate flag, and the “Heritage Not Hate” argument.
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The Child and Family Grant Program has been awarded five grants to promote the highest standards for quality of life to children, family and community by offering education, training and support. The program is housed at the University of Tennessee at Martin and comprised of the Child Care Resource and Referral Center, Healthy Start Program, Infant Stimulation Program, Tennessee’s Early Intervention System and Therapeutic Visitation Services. UT Martin staff and students involved in the program held a meeting. Pictured, from left, are: Chrissie Campbell, Sarah Sullivan, Rene Bard, Becky Scott, and Sarah Harrison; second row, Diana Luther, Jena Johnson, Julie Black, Debbie Ary, Beverly Bryant, Debbie Abel, Jennifer Crouch, Courtney Collins, and Bonnette Palmer; third row, Sharon Wenz, Vicki Nance, Janie Morehead, Jennifer Patrick, Debbie Walden, Wanda Hail, Melissa Seymour, Gwynne Fleener, Wendy Freeman, Natalie Dickerson-Boyd, Serena Blanton, Lailana Adkins, Jean Little, and Anita Milbrath; and back row, Sherree Sinclair, Sharye Hendrix, Tracyle Valentine, Vickie Olds and Judy Davis. (Photo submitted)

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ECCE offers private pilot ground school course

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) will offer “Private Pilot Ground School,” a 12-week course that prepares students for the Federal Aviation Administration required written exam. Passage of the exam is required to become a certified private pilot. The course will be from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays from Oct. 4-Dec. 6. The fee is $350.

Each student will be required to purchase a Private Pilot Training Kit for $164.63 from the instructor.

Jo Ann Speer, commercial pilot, will instruct the course. Speer is a certified flight instructor, instrument rated, an advanced ground instructor and FAA safety counselor.

To obtain a private pilot certificate, a person must be at least 17 years old, have a minimum of 40 hours of flight time, and have a Class III medical exam performed by a Class III medical exam performed by an FAA designated physician.

In the final stage before becoming a certified private pilot, a student must complete an oral exam and practical check-ride with an FAA examiner. Private pilots are able to fly solo or with passengers. They must pass a Class III medical exam every 24 calendar months.

The $90 written exam is administered by Speer at Everett-Stewart Airport. The student must receive an endorsement from a flight instructor, such as Speer, to be eligible to take the test.

For more information or to register, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.

Legacy Luncheon held

University of Tennessee alumni and their children who are enrolled at the university for the fall semester were invited to the inaugural Legacy Luncheon recently hosted as the students moved in their residence halls. Among those attending the luncheon at Paul Meek Library were Hurshell and Tina Knox of Martin. Hurshell Knox is senior secretary of the Department of Accounting, Economics, Finance and International Business. With the Knoxes is Charleston Deal, Director of the Office of Alumni Relations.
There are no do-overs for first impressions; Freshman Experience vital

Freshmen arrive at the University of Tennessee at Martin each fall excited to be on their own, but carrying the weight of high expectations and a measure of apprehension. How they fare in their first weeks on campus can set the tone for their college years.

At UT Martin, there is a program committed to helping them succeed. The Freshman Experience is a campus-wide, comprehensive and collaborative program that encourages entering freshmen to engage in active learning. The mission is to provide them with the tools and skills to make decisions that enhance and support their first-year academic and social success at UT Martin.

The “experience” begins with Freshman Welcome Week and continues with General Studies 101, a class that provides regular reinforcement and support of academic goals. Freshman Welcome Week is packed with information vital to navigating campus, settling into student housing, interacting with faculty, creating good time management and study habits, and getting involved in campus organizations and leadership opportunities.

It also provides time for freshmen to make friends, some they will keep throughout college. General Studies has been redesigned this year to enhance academic rigor and to provide information relevant to freshmen at particular times during the semester. GENS 101 will meet twice a week during the semester.

Matt Ragan, a senior criminal justice and political science major from Humboldt, and Amy Moore, a junior human learning K-6 major from Trezevant, were those anxious freshmen several years ago. Having participated in the Freshman Experience as a first-year student, as a Peer Enabling Program (PEP) leader and now as a member of the Student Life staff that carries out the program, they’ve seen it from all sides.

“Freshmen need to begin college with a strong foundation so that they will be able to face the upcoming challenges over the next few years,” said Moore.

Ragan agreed and added, “Many students are very cautious about using every possible tool that UT Martin and other universities provide,” said Ragan. “A student should come to college ready to succeed. He or she should be prepared to, most importantly, work hard academically, but also embrace the leadership, social and civic opportunities that come with getting a great college experience.”

Ragan said he learned three important things during his Freshman Experience including the fact that he was responsible for his own success. “I came to grips with being my own keeper.” He also learned that UT Martin’s purpose was to help students. “I quickly found out that the faculty and staff here at UT Martin are friendly people who worked hard to help each student on a personal level.” Finally, he added, “I came to realize that whatever I wanted to do with my life, that UT Martin would be a place that I could chase my dreams.”

Moore said during Freshman Welcome Week she became aware of the importance of academics and study habits that are essential for a successful college experience. “All of the activities on campus are important for success, but academics are the sole basis for a college education.”

Leading small groups of entering freshmen through Freshman Welcome Week are faculty mentors, academic PEP Leaders and Freshman Welcome Week Leaders.

“The Freshman Experience staff is a very influential part of this campus,” said Ragan. “They really understand the problems and questions that students face. They answer those questions and make it an enjoyable learning experience.”

Moore said the PEP Leaders are a vital part of the experience. “They have been through the first year and can give the new freshmen real-life experiences and personal examples of how to deal with certain obstacles. PEP Leaders are ‘walking encyclopedias’ for UT Martin,” she said.

“They are full of energy and help students out of their comfort zone and embrace this new starting point,” added Ragan.

Having experienced the program from several vantage points, Ragan and Moore can attest to its value. “I understand now more than ever how an event in your life can either inspire or dissuade a person,” aid Ragan. “I know first hand that the Freshman Experience inspires the freshmen at UT Martin and I just wanted to be a part of something that special.”

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Student flute recital to be held September 22 at UT Martin

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Teachers in grades kindergarten through college level and education majors are encouraged to attend, organizers said.

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The workshop will begin with a light breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by group sessions until 3 p.m. A buffet luncheon will be served at noon.

Attendees must pre-register to reserve a space in the workshop and for meals. The registration fee is $25 for teachers and $15 for education majors. For more information, immediately contact Theresa Rushing by e-mail at trushing@utm.edu or by phone at (731) 881-7371. Thursday was the registration deadline.

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KIRCHNER-HARRISS
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Leaving a legacy

UTM professor proud of late husband's project

By WENDY ISOM
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MARTIN — Every day on her way to work, Laura Brown is reminded of her husband's legacy and life motto.

"Work hard. Play hard. Pray hard and love your family," she said, repeating the motto that her husband, Brian, loved and lived by.

As soon as her husband shared his motto with her, "I liked it," she said, and their family quickly adopted it.

He was the director of campus recreation at the University of Tennessee Martin and a native of Crossville. Laura, who was born in Brampton, Ontario, Canada, became an American citizen in 1998.

She moved from Canada with her family to Mount Juliet when she was in the ninth grade. The couple met at UTM as students and married on January 16, 1993.

On July 18, 2000, Brian Brown was struck and killed by a truck while riding his bicycle on the U.S. 45 Bypass in Martin during his lunch hour. Before his death, he had designed plans for a Greenway project for the City of Martin.

The Greenway was designed to be a safe, handicapped accessible linear park complete with paved bike trails, nature signs and benches for outdoor enthusiasts to walk, run, skate or bike without having to compete with the traffic of motor vehicles.

The Greenway, which will now carry Brian Brown's namesake, has been given the green light and is in its first part of a five-phase development plan.

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For years, Laura Brown and her husband shared their love of recreational sports with the community and students through their work at UTM.

Laura Brown works as a professor of pedagogy at UTM in the school's department of health and human performance.

She is also the adviser for the Sports, Health, Athletic and Physical Education Club. After her husband's death, Laura Brown went back to school, completing her master's in physical education and health from Murray State University and her doctorate degree in educational leadership from Union University.

She did this all while working on the Brian Brown Greenway project and raising the Browns' two children: 10-year-old daughter Georgia and 7-year-old son Boone.

She also had to complete unfinished renovation work on the family home, which her husband had overseen before his death. She and her husband had helped to design and build their home.

Laura Brown doesn't dwell on obstacles for long.

"I just don't want to sit and feel sorry for myself. That's not going to make anything better," she said.

"I think she's an extraordinary person," said Belote of Laura Brown. What was most remarkable about her and Brian, he said, were their upbeat spirits.

"It just radiated wherever they went. They had a beautiful family, and they still do. I know Laura is doing everything she can do to maintain that," he said.

Cile Grasfelder agrees. "She's really overcome a huge obstacle in her life. She's a good Christian person and she's always been one of my favorite people," said Grasfelder.

Grasfelder, a professor in the health and human performance department at UTM, had Laura and Brian as students at UTM. Now, she works and often team teaches with Laura Brown as a fellow professor.

"She's really a great inspiration to our students," said Grasfelder, who is in her 37th year of teaching at UTM.

And, "she's quite a comic in the classroom." She's also quite an athlete. She has trained and competed in the one-mile swim in the Music City triathlon, and has future plans of hiking the Grand Canyon.

Nominate someone

An ancient Chinese proverb reads 'Don't curse the darkness — light a candle.'

This proverb was used by Adlai Stevenson (1900-65), praising Eleanor Roosevelt in an address to the United Nations General Assembly in 1962.

Stevenson said: "She would rather light candles than curse the darkness, and her glow has warmed the world."

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives is an occasional series in the Religion section of The Jackson Sun. Is there a person in your life who has inspired you? Let us know about it.

E-mail the nominee's name, along with your name and phone number, to reporter Wendy Isom at wisom@jacxonsun.com

Sen. Roy Herron (D-Dresden) also holds Laura Brown in high regard.

"Laura has been enormously inspirational to so many of us. Laura Brown is a person of deep faith. Her faith has been manifested in so many ways," said the senator, who was a friend of Brian Brown.

Laura Brown said constant prayer is what sustains her.

"When you just don't know what to do, if you open your heart, the answer comes," she said.

In relation to losing a loved one, she said: "You've got to remember the good times."

She readily shares words of encouragement for other people who may be grieving.

"Don't forget to pray and don't forget to ask God for help," she said, "and you've got to be patient."

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— Wendy Isom, 425-9782
Hip-hop stars head to Martin

Ying Yang Twins, Nappy Roots scheduled to perform on Saturday

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Concertgoers in West Tennessee will only have to "Wait" until Saturday to see the summer's biggest rap stars.

The University of Tennessee Martin's Student Activities Council is sponsoring a concert featuring Atlanta's own Ying Yang Twins and Kentucky-based group Nappy Roots.

"We've been looking for a big name to come to Martin for a while," said Brittany Dowdy, the SAC entertainment chairwoman.

The groups are scheduled to perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Skyhawk Arena on campus.

"The concert is the council's way of making good on the students' requests, SAC president April Cheung said in a press release.

"We've had numerous requests over the last 24 months for something in hip-hop ... it's what the students have been asking for," Cheung said in the release.

If you go

- The Ying Yang Twins and the Nappy Roots will be in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Skyhawk Arena on the campus of the University of Tennessee Martin.
- Tickets can be purchased at the UT Martin Boling University Center or by credit card by calling 881-7757. Tickets cost $20 for UT Martin students; $30 for general admission; and $35 for reserved floor seating.

The Twins, D-Roc and Kaine, performed on Lil' Jon and the East Side Boys' cross-over megahit, "Get Low," in 2002.

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The group has enjoyed success on their own with singles like "Whistle While You Twurk," "Naggin," "Wait (Whisper Song)," and their new single, "Badd," featuring Mike Jones.

Last year, the Twins were booked by Florida Atlantic University to perform, but the show was canceled because officials felt the group's lyrics were obscene and sexually suggestive.

Obscene lyrics will not be a problem at this concert, Dowdy said. The SAC deemed it necessary to include a clause in the groups' performance contracts that will bar them from performing some of their lyrics.

"They can't perform anything that the FCC wouldn't approve for radio play; that's in case we have any high school kids coming," Dowdy said.

As of Thursday afternoon, a SAC adviser, John Abel, estimated that 500 to 700 tickets were sold since they went on sale in late August.

The arena holds 3,000 people, he said.

Dowdy said Thursday that she believes that a lot of people are "waiting until the last minute" to buy their tickets.

Abel said that he would like to see the concert sell out, but he doesn't expect it.

"The concert is for student benefit. All proceeds will go to pay for the show," Abel said. "Any profit will go back to the SAC to pay for other student activities."

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-Tiffany S. Jones, 425-9763

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Submitted photo
New faculty introduced at annual meeting

Thirty-five new lecturers, instructors, assistant professors and associate professors have been appointed to the faculty at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the fall semester. In addition to those who are joining the faculty, there are a number of others who have assumed new responsibilities.

Speaking at the annual fall faculty meeting, Aug. 23, Dr. Thomas A. Rakes, UT Martin provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, recapped recent achievements and special recognitions on which he thinks another successful school year can be built.

Among those were increased enrollment; reaccreditation of the engineering program; a highly regarded dual-credit program “serving” high schools across the region, with an enrollment ranking No. 1 in the state for four-year institutions; the growing enrollment through the Extended Campus and Continuing Education Program; development of an off-campus center in Ripley and a recently funded TRIO – Student Success Center program initiative to increase the retention of disadvantaged, low-income college students, first-generation college students, and college students with disabilities.

Rakes also pointed to the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center that has been established by UT Martin and several partners to serve existing and prospective entreprenuers and support economic development in rural Northwest Tennessee; the West Tennessee Writing Project which was the first and, currently, one of two such projects in Tennessee; Scholarfest that showcased the work of some of the university’s best and brightest students; the Honors Programs; a new finance major; some of the fastest-growing master’s programs in Tennessee and two of Tennessee’s nine Governor’s Schools hosted on campus during summer as “positives.”

A revised First-Year Experience Program, designed to increase retention by helping freshmen succeed; residence halls at 100 percent occupancy; dramatic increases in grants and contracts and an enhanced Center for Global Studies and International Education also were cited.

Rakes capped his “good news” noting the just-released U.S. News and World Report ranking placing UT Martin tied for 20th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor’s and master’s degrees, up from 23rd place last year.

With lottery scholarships, enhanced programs and recognitions attracting more students, Rakes said an enrollment task force will begin this fall studying “how big should UT Martin become?” He added, “Let’s plan now. It’s a great problem to have.”

“We have much to be pleased about on this campus,” he said. Truly, I am excited this year about our accomplishments. There are several challenges and we can handle those. I encourage you all, for many good reasons, to stay positive about what we’re doing.”

Rakes also credited “the work Chancellor Dunagan has done to move the campus forward by stepping up and doing the right thing at the right time.”

Among the 35 new faculty members are:

- Dr. Janet Bailey, assistant professor of animal science;
- Donna Emerson, instructor of interior design;
- Major Janet Kirkton, professor of military science;
- Paula Moore, assistant professor of accounting/business law;
- Dr. Phillip Young, Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise and associate professor of finance;
- Joy Roach, assistant professor of office information systems;
- David Williams, instructor of information systems;
- Dr. Christopher Baxter, assistant professor of political science;
- Ashley Kilburn, instructor of marketing;
- Dr. Susan Jones, assistant professor of instructional technology;
- Dr. Cherry Watts, assistant professor of education;
- Dr. Jerry Woods, assistant professor of education and coordinator of online advising;
- Dr. Laura Brown, assistant professor of pedagogy;
- Terra Davenport, lecturer (faculty associate);
- Mark Walton, assistant professor of exercise science;
- Tina Lee, assistant professor of criminal justice;
- Dr. Lisa Blankinship, instructor of biology;
- Dr. Ann Gather, assistant professor of biology;
- Dr. Laura Haubrick, assistant professor of biology;
- Dr. James Smart, assistant professor of biology;
- Dr. Hugh Turner, instructor of biological sciences;
- Dr. Jeffrey McCullough, assistant professor of engineering;
- Dr. Lionel Crews, assistant professor of physics;
- Dr. Steve Elliott, assistant professor of mathematics;
- Ann-Marie Lovelace, instructor of mathematics;
- Jefferson Wolski, instructor of mathematics;
- Stacy Freed, instructor of communications;
- Dr. Christopher Hill, assistant professor of English;
- Dr. David Barber, assistant professor of history;
- David Daussat, instructor of music;
- Julie Hill, assistant professor of music;
- Dr. Amy Parks Simmons, assistant professor of music;
- Diane Shaw, assistant professor of art;
- Georgia Baskett, assistant professor of library science;
- Samuel Richardson, assistant professor of library science.
Accounting skills workshop slated

A workshop is planned for persons who want to improve professional accounting skills, Sept. 27-28, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Offered by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) and the UT Martin Department of Accounting Finance and Economics, the workshop will be in the Boling University Center both days, Room 206 on Sept. 27 and Room 111, Legislative Chambers, on Sept. 28.

Fifteen UT Martin professors will staff the workshop that will provide participants with 16 continuing professional education (CPE) credits. The first day begins at 7:30 a.m., with refreshments and a 7:50 a.m. welcome by Dr. Ernest Moser, dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, and ends at 4:40 p.m. Second-day sessions begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3:50 p.m.

Session topics include: auditing updates, goal setting, property appraising, technology issues, certified management accountant designation, retirement planning, market orientation and future changes in accounting. Others include: a tax update, information systems for accountants, the Siloam financial analyst program, economic update, current issues in accounting education, financial accounting, the ethical implications of cheating, financial/managerial accounting tax and auditing and information systems.

Instructors include Jim Green, C.P.A., C.M.A., an instructor at UT Martin. He has an MBA from the University of Arkansas and around 30 years of experience with Fortune 500 companies. He teaches various accounting and economics courses.

Dr. Richard Williams, C.P.A., is an associate professor of accounting. He earned his master’s degree from the University of Arkansas and teaches undergraduate and graduate financial accounting.

Dr. Denise Williams is an assistant professor of information systems. She earned her doctorate from the University of Mississippi and teaches information systems.

Dr. Phil Young, C.P.A., is a professor of finance. He received his doctorate from the University of Arkansas and teaches corporate finance, investments, advanced financial management and money and banking survey of economics.

To register or for additional information, contact ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or at ecce@utm.edu. Registration prior to Sept. 20 is $160; after that date it is $175. Checks should be made payable to UT Martin.

UTM student to hold recital

Linda Farmer, a senior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will present a flute recital at 8 p.m., Sept. 22, in the Harriet Fulton Theater of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. Farmer, a graduate of Dresden High School, is an University Scholar and a music and math education double major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farmer of Dresden.

Farmer was the 2004 state winner of the collegiate auditions for the Tennessee Music Teachers Association, first flute with the university wind ensemble, and a member of the UT Martin flute choir. She is a flute student of Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music at UT Martin, and also has studied with Charles Lewis of Martin.

The program will include Chaminade’s "Concertino," Copland’s "Duo for Flute and Piano," Mozart’s "Andante in C," C.P.E. Bach’s "Hamburger Sonata," and Hindemith’s "Acht Stucke." Pianist Elaine Harriss will be the accompanist.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

For more information, contact Elaine Harriss at 881-7411 or elaineh@utm.edu.
ECCE offers personal enrichment class, private pilot ground school course

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE), will offer four personal enrichment classes in October. “Beginner’s One-Stroke Painting” is offered from 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, from Oct. 4-25; “Calligraphy,” from 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, from Oct. 4-25; “Holiday Decorating: Christmas Wreath,” from 6-8 p.m., Oct. 11; and “Photography,” from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, from Oct. 13-Nov. 3. The courses will be held at UT Martin.

“Beginner’s One-Stroke Painting” will be taught by Charlie Boyd, a One-Stroke Certified Instructor. The fee is $125, and there is a $40 supply fee. Artist Donna Dewberry on PBS and QVC use the One-Stroke method. Participants will be taught to paint wildflowers, sunflowers, pansies and roses in the one-stroke style.

Ron Ramage will instruct “Calligraphy.” The fee is $55. Students will learn the basics of calligraphy and two alphabets. Participants will choose a project to create by the end of the course. Supplies needed are calligraphy pens, paper and a ruler.

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Jo Ann Speer, commercial pilot, will instruct the course. Speer is a certified flight instructor, instrument rated, an advanced ground instructor and FAA safety counselor.

To obtain a private pilot certificate, a person must be at least 17 years old, have a minimum of 40 hours of flight time, and have a class III medical exam performed by an FAA designated physician.

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In the final stage before becoming a certified private pilot, a student must complete an oral exam and practical check ride with an FAA examiner. Private pilots are able to fly solo or with passengers. They must pass a Class III medical exam every 24 calendar months.

The $90 written exam is administered by Speer at Everett-Stewart Airport. The student must receive an endorsement from a flight instructor, such as Speer, to be eligible to take the test.

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Weakley County student receives scholarship to attend UT Martin

We, a Weakley County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

* Jonathan Richwine, son of James and Frances Richwine of Martin, is a sophomore finance major. He received the Hamilton- Ryker Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
Lottery Scholarship changes, students have more opportunities

The Tennessee Educational Lottery Scholarship Program (TELS) has made several key changes this year, including a provision to regain the scholarship.

“The lottery scholarship program is moving in the right direction. We are fortunate in Tennessee to have legislators and a governor who realize that increasing scholarships for education will produce a better future for Tennessee,” said Sandy Neel, director of student financial aid at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The Tennessee HOPE Scholarship base amount was increased from a maximum of $1,500 per semester/$3,000 per year to $1,650 per semester/$3,300 per year for four-year institutions and from $750 per semester/$1,500 per year to $825 per semester/$1,650 per year for two-year institutions. Students must achieve a final unweighted high school grade point average of 3.0 and attain a score of 21 on the ACT or a combined score of 980 on the SAT. These tests must be taken prior to enrolling in a post-secondary institution.

The HOPE Scholarship is available to those who graduated high school after Dec. 1, 2003. The recent changes in the TELS program have made it possible to regain the lottery scholarship after it has been lost. Students can regain the lost scholarship by repeating a course and have the new grade recorded for the lottery GPA. Both credit hours will count when determining the number of hours attempted for the lottery.

Students also can regain the scholarship by raising the lottery GPA to a 3.0. Students can use each of these options one time only. The eligibility is re-established at the normal checkpoints. The General Assembly Merit Award cannot be reinstated. Students who graduated in 2004, including those who went to an out-of-state post-secondary institution, now have the opportunity to take advantage of the TELS program. Students no longer have to immediately enroll in college after graduating high school. Eligible students have up to 16 months to enroll in a Tennessee institution.

Another change in the program is the Dual Enrollment Grant. This grant is awarded to students who are attending high school and who also are enrolled in college courses at an eligible post-secondary institution for which they will receive both high school and college credit. Students can be awarded up to $300 per semester/$600 per year.

Beginning in the Fall 2006 semester, a non-traditional student, age 24 and older, who is an entering freshman may become eligible for the HOPE Scholarship. If the student achieves a 2.75 GPA at the end of the semester in which 24 hours are completed, he or she will be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship in subsequent semesters.

The HOPE foster child tuition grant is available to students who meet eligibility requirements. Students must have an adjusted annual gross income that does not exceed $36,000, apply for a Tennessee HOPE access grant and present official certification from the Department of Children's Services. The award is in addition to any other TELS award. The grant is applied to the cost of tuition, maintenance fees, student activity fees and required registration fees at the post-secondary institution.

Students applying for the TELS program must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. The FAFSA is available each year on January 1. The priority deadline for UT Martin is March 1. The priority deadline for TELS program is September 1 for the fall semester and February 1 for the spring and summer semesters. Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

County students make Dean's List at UT Martin

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Summer 2005 Dean's Lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Public Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

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

Students from Gibson County include:
- Trenton: Grant W. Gates, highest honors; Eric B. Howell, high honors; and Julia M. Manning, highest honors;
- Bradford: Ashley L. Horne, highest honors;
- Humboldt: Jacqueline J. Bonds, high honors; Justin L. Brown, high honors;
- Medina: Steven D. Torrance, highest honors;
- Milan: John L. Presson, high honors.

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

Math Teachers Workshop set

The Fall Mathematics Teachers Workshop returns to the University of Tennessee at Martin from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., September 17.

Teachers in grades kindergarten through college level and education majors are encouraged to attend. The featured speakers are Dr. Bill Austin, president of the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association and UT Martin professor of mathematics, and Scot Eddins, math consultant for the State of Tennessee Department of Education.
Child and Family Grants awarded

The Child and Family Grant Program has been awarded five grants to promote the highest standards for quality of life to children, family and community by offering education, training and support. The program, housed at the University of Tennessee at Martin, is comprised of: the Child Care Resource and Referral Center, Healthy Start Program, Infant Stimulation Program, Tennessee's Early Intervention System and Therapeutic Visitation Services. UT Martin staff and students involved in the program are (L to R): Chrissie Campbell, Sarah Sullivan, Rene Bard, Becky Scott, Sarah Harrison; second row, Diana Luther, Jena Johnson, Julie Black, Debbie Ary, Beverly Bryant, Debbie Abel, Jennifer Crouch, Courtney Collins, Bonnette Palmer; third row, Sharon Wenz, Vicki Nance, Janie Morehead, Jennifer Patrick, Debbie Walden, Wanda Hall, Melissa Seymour, Gwynne Fleener, Wendy Freeman, Natalie Dickerson-Boyd, Serena Blanton, Lalania Adkins, Jean Litle, Anita Milbrath; back row, Sherree Sinclair, Sharye Hendrix, Trucye Valentine, Vickie Olds and Judy Davis.

Speaker coming to UTM to discuss young leaders

Eric Chester, a nationally recognized motivational speaker, regarded as the expert on "Generation Why," is the first speaker in the University of Tennessee Martin Academic Speaker Series. Chester offers insights on educating and employing the next generation. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Life Center Alumni Gym. There will be some time for your questions and a reception will follow the lecture. Chester will talk about "The Power of Young Leaders." This is free and open to the public. For more details, send an e-mail to Dan McDonough at dannoc@utm.edu, or call 881-7436.

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Young leaders seminar features ‘Generation Why’ expert Chester

"The Young Leaders Seminar," featuring Eric Chester, recognized as an expert on "Generation Why," will be presented by WestStar Leadership Program and LEAD Academy 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 22 at Boling University Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The seminar is free of charge and open to the public, including high school students and adults who are involved in youth leadership activities. Tuesday is the deadline to register.

WestStar is an adult regional leadership program and LEAD Academy is a comprehensive leadership education and development program for UT Martin undergraduates.

Chester will speak at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon, leadership breakout sessions at 1 p.m. and a general assembly and closing remarks at 2 p.m.

Chester will visit UT Martin as the first speaker in the Academic Speakers Series at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Life Center Alumni Gym.

Chester earned an undergrad-
uate degree in marketing and education and became a high school business teacher and varsity football coach. He also earned a master’s degree in counseling.

Known for his high-impact speeches and seminars to audiences of all sizes and ages, he is the co-author of six books, two audiocassette programs and 11 videotape programs.

For more information, call the UT Martin Office of Student Life at (731) 881-7525.

Accounting workshop planned at UT Martin

Space is still available for a workshop for people who want to improve professional accounting skills Sept. 27-28 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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UT Martin hosts students from China

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Chinese scholars will participate in an exchange program developed by the University of Tennessee at Martin through a private grant.

In partnership with Shandong University Law School of China, UT Martin will launch the American Civics and Culture Program on Saturday.

Ten scholars from the Chinese law school will be the first participants. They will study at the Martin campus before traveling to Nashville and Washington, D.C., to observe the American legal, political and cultural system.

The UT Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education directs the program. Shandong University, located in Jinan City, Shandong Province, has established a Center for the Study of Sino-American Legal Cultures. Chinese participants will learn about the U.S. system of government as it relates to the U.S. Constitution.

The regional itinerary for the Chinese scholars includes visits to the Obion County Chancery Court, election commission, detention center and the Northwest Tennessee Corrections Center. The Obion County Bar Association will host a reception for the delegation.

UT Martin participants are expected to study Chinese legal structures during a two-week visit to Shandong University next year.

For more details, call Andrew Brown, UT Martin assistant director of international initiatives, at 881-7636.
UT Martin exchange program involves China University

Chinese scholars will participate in a new exchange program developed by the University of Tennessee at Martin. The program is part of a three-pronged grant program sponsored by a private gift to the university.

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 grant also will provide funding for special-education awareness and scholarships for travel-study exchanges.

The university, in partnership with Shandong University Law School of China, will launch the American Civics and Culture Program (ACCP), Sept. 17, on the UT Martin campus.

“This is especially promising as we mount a vigorous international and intercultural awareness initiative to make sure our students are prepared to succeed in today’s global structure,” said Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president.

Ten scholars from Shandong University Law School will be the first program participants. This pilot group will begin its study at the UT Martin campus before traveling to Nashville and Washington, D.C., to observe the American legal, political and cultural system at local, state and federal levels.

The ACCP program is under the direction of the UT Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education. The center was established to further the educational experiences of university students, faculty and the community through international partnerships and university exchange programs.

Shandong University, located in Jinan City, Shandong Province, has established a Center for the Study of Sino-American Legal Cultures to facilitate cross-cultural collaboration and exchange.

Through such programs, Chinese participants will learn about the United States system of government as it relates to the U.S. Constitution.

The delegation will be welcomed to the community and university by Martin Mayor Randy Brundige and UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan.

“This exchange program is another way that UT Martin students will see the impact of living in a global economy,” See UTM, Page 4

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Dunagan said, “In turn, these programs allow citizens of other countries to learn about America.”

Building on seminars on government and law led by UT Martin professors and local government leaders, the regional itinerary for the Chinese scholars includes visits to the following governmental offices: Obion County Chancery Court, Election Commission, Detention Center and Northwest Tennessee Corrections Center. A private reception will for the delegation will be hosted by the Obion County Bar Association.

In addition to the ACCP program beginning this week, the gift supports a special-education awareness program, and will help facilitate student and faculty international travel-study and exchange programs.

The special-education awareness initiative is a collaborative project involving public educators, UT Martin special-education professors and parents of children with special needs. The program will heighten awareness and inform parents of available opportunities for intervention.

Using a children’s book along with accompanying Web and printed materials, this program is slated for statewide and eventual national and international distribution.

This program further supports new and existing global learning experiences for UT Martin students, faculty and international partners.

It is expected that more than 20 students will receive significant scholarships to participate in university-sponsored travel studies or exchanges in this academic year.

Visiting international students and professors also will benefit from this program through exchange scholarships, an effort dating back to the former Office of International Programs that was established 30 years ago at UT Martin.

More information about the ACCP and other Center for Global Studies programs is available by calling Andrew Brown, assistant director of international initiatives, UT Martin, at 881-7636.
St. Louis Brass Quintet to perform

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Since 1964, the St. Louis Brass Quintet has performed throughout the country.

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Local student earns scholarship

RICHWINE

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.

- Jonathan Richwine, son of James and Frances Richwine of Martin, is a sophomore finance major. He received the Hamilton-Ryker Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. In-state residents telephone (800) 829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call 881-7040.
9 colleges seek better grad rates

By TIFFANY S. JONES
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Nine area colleges are united toward one goal.
That goal is to better inform people about the importance of
staying in school to complete the highest education level possible.
Lambuth University president Fred Zucker said Thursday.
"We're trying to better inform parents and students about the wide
diversity of resources available to help students achieve their educationa
goals," he said.

Lambuth, along with Bethel College, Dyersburg State Communi
ty College, Freed-Hardeman University, Jackson State Communi
ty College, Lane College, Union University, the University of Ten
nessee Martin and the University of Memphis, have teamed up to
form the West Tennessee Higher Education Consortium to help promote the benefits of education.
The consortium is the brain
cold of Jackson State President Bruce Blanding and UTM Chan
cellor Nick Dunagan, who said the colleges saw the state's low rank
ings in per pupil spending, high school graduation rates and the
amount of students who attend college as common challenges —
so they decided to work together to defeat them.
"It's a win-win. Everybody ben
efits, and we have more people with better education — and better education equals better jobs," Dunagan said.
The consortium plans to pool its resources to pay for billboards with messages that reinforce staying in school. The group also will launch other promotional efforts to inform the public about the benefits of education, Zucker said.

Dunagan believes that instilling the information begins early.
"We have to raise the aspiration levels of students in middle school and high school," he said.

Some local students believe the consortium is a good idea.

Union University freshman Amanda Johnson agrees. She said the institutions working together will eliminate the perception that these schools are competing against each other for students.
"I don't think it is a competition; students know where they want to go," she said.

Lane College President Wesley C. McClure agreed.
"Each of us has a different role ... if each of us do what we're supposed to do, then we become the institution of choice," he said.

Zuker hopes that the consortium will help to ease the transition process.
"We're trying to make the education (environment) seem more welcoming," Zuker said.
— Tiffany S. Jones, 425-9763

The Jackson Sun names 10 of the hippest young leaders reaching out in creative new ways to the next generation of local Christians

Who they are

- On our list of top young evangelicals in the West Tennessee community are:
  Robert Dodrill, 28
  Jimmy Goodman, 27
  Marcus Hendricks, 27
  Juanita Horton, 28
  Delita Johnson, 34
  Delmar Lawrence, 27
  Johnathan North, 31
  Kristy Richardson, 36
  Jakeeta Smith, 31
  Steven Whitson, 23

Jimmy Goodman, 27

Ministry: Youth pastor at North Jackson Church of God
Hometown: Wynnburg

Education: Graduate of Lake County High School in Tiptonvill; Dyersburg State Community College; bachelor's in secondary mathematics from the University of Tennessee Martin

Favorite Bible verse: 'My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptations.' (James 1:2, King James Version)

How did you become involved in the youth ministry? I used to be a member of a youth group. Anthony Love, pastor of North Jackson Church of God, started a youth group and had me take it over.

What do you want to impart the most to the youth you work with? The main thing is to get them saved. I want them all to know that they have hope and acceptance at church.
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MISS TENNESSEE BOUND — Cassie Stoffer (center) of Knoxville will be making a return trip to the Miss Tennessee pageant in Jackson in 2006 after claiming the crown in Saturday night's Miss Fall Fest Tennessee pageant. She has previously competed as Miss Chattanooga and Miss Spirit of Tennessee. She is a student at University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Her court includes (from left) third maid Holly Buchanan of Covington; a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin; first maid Tabitha Covington of Mason Hall, a student at Dyersburg State Community College; and second maid Kayla Hockett of Humboldt, a student at Middle Tennessee State University.
Nearly 600 from Gulf Coast colleges enroll in Tennessee schools

KNOXVILLE (AP) - Some 600 college students displaced by Hurricane Katrina are enrolled in state institutions across Tennessee, according to education officials.

The University of Memphis, which served as the state's clearinghouse for displaced students, has the most with 308. Second is the University of Tennessee, where more than 100 students have ended up finding higher ground.

Others receiving students are Tennessee State, Middle Tennessee State, UT-Chattanooga, UT-Martin, Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay, East Tennessee State and several community colleges.

Linda Doran, a senior policy officer for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, said 581 Gulf Coast students had enrolled in state schools as of Friday. It's not clear how many are at private institutions.

"We had people up here Friday (Sept. 2, four days after the hurricane struck the Gulf Coast)," said Tom Milligan, UT Knoxville's vice chancellor for communications.

Milligan indicated that about 60 percent of the students at UT are either from Tennessee or have family ties here. Others came because UT had programs similar to what they had been studying in New Orleans.

Shortly after the hurricane hit, Gov. Phil Bredesen announced state schools would accept transfer students from colleges and universities closed by the disaster. Those who already paid tuition at their former schools wouldn't have to pay tuition at their new Tennessee school.

New Orleans schools were closed at least temporarily after the hurricane and most have canceled the fall semester. Officials estimate there were nearly 60,000 college students in New Orleans before the storm.

Students have come to the Volunteer State from 11 closed institutions along the coast, according to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

Milligan said UT has tried to make the transition quick and easy for students by compressing the admissions process, which normally takes weeks, down to a matter of hours. He said UT has also helped students get their books, sign up for meal plans and find dorm rooms, if needed.

Milligan said the school may be reimbursed from federal and state sources down the road.

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A CLU President to speak at UT Martin

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"In her role as president of the American Civil Liberties Union, Nadine Strossen is one of the most zealous defenders of civil liberties on the national stage today," said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honors Programs director. "Since 9/11, one of the most confounding questions in American life is how to balance a protection of national and individual security with protection of personal and civil liberties. Ms. Strossen will present an engaging and provocative presentation of these most serious issues."

Strossen, professor of law at New York Law School, has written, lectured and practiced extensively in the areas of constitutional law, civil liberties and international human rights. Since 1991, she has largest and oldest civil liberties organization. The ACLU presidency is "The National Law Journal" has twice named Strossen one of "America's 200 Most Influential Women" and in 1999, "Ladies' Home Journal" included Strossen in "America's 100 Most Important Women."

Since becoming ACLU president, Strossen has made more than 200 public presentations per year before diverse audiences. She comments frequently in the national media, having appeared on virtually every national news program. Strossen has authored one book, co-authored another and published approximately 250 scholarly works.

Strossen graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard College in 1972 and magna cum laude in 1975 from Harvard Law School, where she was editor of the Harvard Law Review. Before becoming a law professor, she practiced law for nine years in Minneapolis and New York City.

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Democracy Project to be held at UTM

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'Generation Why' specialty of academic series speaker

Eric Chester, a nationally recognized motivational speaker who is widely regarded as the premier expert on "Generation Why," is the first speaker in the University of Tennessee at Martin Academic Speaker Series. He will speak at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 21, in the Student Life Center Alumni Gym. His appearance is sponsored by the Honors Program, Student Success Center, Freshman Experience, Office of Student Life, Student Activities Council, Lead Academy and Title III. The lecture will end with a brief question-and-answer period. A reception will follow the lecture.

"Eric Chester is a nationally known motivational speaker who offers cutting-edge insights, perspectives and strategies for educating and employing the next generation. We are very pleased to bring a speaker of Mr. Chester's caliber to UT Martin to work with our students, faculty, staff and the community," said Dr. George Daniel, director of the UT Martin Student Success Center.

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UT Martin Offering Horsemanship Course

MARTIN, Tenn. - The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) and the UT Martin women's equestrian team is offering "Beginning Horsemanship." The course will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Oct. 20-Nov. 22. The fee is $250.

Instructors are UT Martin women's equestrian team coaches Meghan Cunningham and Kristen McDonald. The course will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship and includes handling, grooming, equipment, western riding and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being.

The course is great for children who are interested in horses and is a good parent and child activity. Children must be at least seven years old to participate. Participants will be required to wear long pants and boots with heels. Riding helmets will be required and provided.

Interested individuals are encouraged to register soon as the course is limited to seven. To register for the course, call ECCE at 731-881-7082 or 1-800-482-5199.

More Carroll County Students Choose UT Martin

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Piano workshop at UTM scheduled for Oct. 1

The department of music at the University of Tennessee at Martin will host a free workshop for intermediate piano students Oct. 1 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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Dr. Jane Magrath, professor and chair of the Keyboard Department at the University of Oklahoma, will conduct the workshop. The clinic is funded with support of the Martin Area Music Teachers Association and is under an agreement with the Tennessee Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Piano teachers and students are invited to attend.
UTM exchange program involves China university

Chinese scholars will participate in a new exchange program developed by the University of Tennessee at Martin. The program is part of a three-pronged grant program sponsored by a private gift to the university.

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 grant also will provide funding for special-education awareness and scholarships for travel-study exchanges.

The university is in partnership with Shandong University Law School of China, launched the American Civics and Culture Program (ACCP), Sept. 17, on the UT Martin campus.

"This is especially promising as we mount a vigorous international and intercultural awareness initiative to make sure our students are prepared to succeed in today's global structure," said Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president.

Ten scholars from Shandong University Law School will be the first program participants. This pilot group will begin its study at the UT Martin campus before traveling to Nashville and Washington, D.C., to observe the American legal and cultural system at local, state and federal levels.

The ACCP program is under the direction of the UT Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education. The center was established to further the educational experiences of university students, faculty and the community through international partnerships and university exchange programs.

In addition to the ACCP program beginning this week, the gift supports a special-education awareness program, and will help facilitate student and faculty international travel-study and exchange programs.

The special-education awareness initiative is a collaborative project involving public educators.

UT Martin special-education professors and parents of children with special needs. The program will heighten awareness and inform parents of available opportunities for intervention. Using a children's book along with accompanying Web and printed materials, this program is slated for statewide and eventual national and international distribution.

This program further supports new and existing global learning experiences for UT Martin students, faculty and international partners.

It is expected that more than 20 students will receive significant scholarships to participate in university-sponsored travel studies or exchanges in this academic year.

Visiting international students and professors also will benefit from this program through exchange scholarships, an effort dating back to the former Office of International Programs that was established 30 years ago at UT Martin.

More information about the ACCP and other Center for Global Studies programs is available by calling Andrew Brown, assistant director of international initiatives, UT Martin, at 731-881-7636.
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UT Martin SAACs to sponsor free Green Chemistry seminar

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The seminar is free of charge and open to the public.

Dr. James Mack, University of Cincinnati assistant professor of chemistry, will discuss his research at the seminar. He is a physical organic chemist with research interests in the areas of solid-state synthesis, polyaromatic hydrocarbons and host-guest chemistry. After receiving an undergraduate degree from Middlebury College, he was a NEBHE doctoral scholar at the University of New Hampshire. He earned a doctorate with professor Glen P. Miller, studying Diels-Alder reactions of fullerenes with various linear alocenes.

After completing his degree in 2000, he was a post-doctoral fellow with professor Lawrence T. Scott at Boston College developing rational syntheses of unique fullerenes and nanotubes.

In 2003, he joined the faculty at the University of Cincinnati. His group studies solid state synthesis with the goal of developing environmentally benign chemical reactions and processes. In addition, the Mack group studies the host-guest interactions of corannulene-based cyclophanes and other bowl-shaped aromatics.

For more information, contact Dr. S.K. Airee, UT Martin professor of chemistry, at (731) 881-7454 or skairee@utm.edu.
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U.S. Constitution focus of discussion

Making the U.S. Constitution more relevant to students, faculty, staff and the community is the focus of a panel discussion planned at 4 p.m. Thursday in Watkins Auditorium at Austin Peay University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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For more information, contact Mike McCullough at mccullou@utm.edu or (731) 881-7325.

Noted instructor to host piano workshop at UTM

The Department of Music at the University of Tennessee Martin will present Jane Magrath in a free workshop for intermediate piano students from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 1. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the lobby of the UT Martin Fine and Performing Arts Building.

This piano workshop is funded with support from the Martin Area Music Teachers Association and under an agreement with the Tennessee Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. All piano teachers and students may attend. To learn more, call Elaine Harris at 881-7411 or send an e-mail to elaineh@utm.edu.

UT Martin offering Horsemanship course

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) and the UT Martin women’s equestrian team is offering “Beginning Horsemanship.” The course will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from October 20-November 22. The fee is $250.

Instructors are UT Martin women’s equestrian team coaches Meghan Cunningham and Kristen McDonald. The course will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship and includes handling, grooming, equipment, western riding and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being.

The course is great for children who are interested in horses and is a good parent and child activity. Children must be at least seven years old to participate. Participants will be required to wear long pants and boots with heels. Riding helmets will be required and provided.

Interested individuals are encouraged to register soon as the course is limited to seven. To register for the course, call ECCE at 731-881-7082 or 1-800-482-5199.

Making the Constitution more relevant for all

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Faculty will help students quickly 'connect' in their fields of study

As first-year students at the University of Tennessee at Martin settle in, they will immerse themselves in the Freshman Experience by taking General Studies 101 during the first semester. Led by faculty in their respective academic colleges, the students will continue to receive general information that will assist their progression, but also gain insight into their specific fields of study.

"Each of the five colleges on campus has a unique and distinct personality," said Ed Wheeler, associate professor of engineering who will lead the students in the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences. "The College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, by virtue of the majors it offers, has a very concrete, hands-on personality." Wheeler said having a Freshman Experience leader who has a science background should help with transition from high school to college.

Wheeler, who has been involved for 19 years in the Freshman Experience and its predecessor, Freshman Studies, has enjoyed seeing the students in his group succeed. "When they graduate, even if they have changed majors from engineering, they still have accomplished the most important goal — obtaining a degree and it thrills me seeing them graduate," Wheeler said.

Wheeler said he also enjoys the enthusiasm of the freshmen, which "reminds me of why I enjoy teaching so much." Dr. Charles Bradshaw, assistant professor of English, will lead the students in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. "I think students entering college can have a lot of misconceptions about what the college experience is like, where they fit into that experience academically, and what a college education can prepare them for," said Bradshaw. "I think this can be especially hard for humanities students who may not be exactly sure what they want to be when they grow up." Too often students sell themselves short by viewing college as a sort of assembly line production plant:

they enter on one side and come out four years later as a product to be used by the workplace.

He added, "I hope that I can show them a college education is much more important than that — that it prepares them to encounter the world inside and outside the workplace in a more sophisticated and ethical manner."

Bradshaw said maintaining close contact with first-year students is the most effective way to assist them if they will view him as someone to help them navigate some of the difficulties college presents.

"I would like to teach them to think critically about their studies and about the educational experience and career training that they are getting," Bradshaw said. "There are so many wonderful things that the university offers here if the students can take advantage of them. I’m most effective when I can help them see this."

Rhonda Shanklin, who will represent the College of Educational and Behavioral Sciences, said it would be good for students to be acquainted with their dean, department chairs and faculty before classes begin.

Her first "order of business will be to activate the spirit of self-motivation and confidence." She also wants to help students avoid being "party animals" and doing things to "fit in" that they might not otherwise do.

"By the end of the semester, I would like our first-year students to be independent...making wise choices and being able to know and carry out the steps necessary to successfully complete their college degrees," said Dr. Sue Byrd, professor of textiles, clothing and fashion merchandising and leader of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

"We should be able to measure the effectiveness of divid- ing the first-year students by college by looking at increased involvement in pre-professional student organizations, college-wide and department activities and events," said Byrd. "We should examine retention numbers to also measure success."

Dr. Chris Baxter, assistant professor of political science, is the College of Business and Public Affairs leader. Baxter said he wants students to immediately "feel a connection" to the college’s faculty and staff.

"I want our students to immediately feel confident that they will be receiving an excellent education at UT Martin, as evidenced by the college’s recent re-accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business after a rigorous review process."

He added, "Most importantly, though, I want to make them aware of the exciting opportunities they will have for personal growth and career planning as students in the CBPA. There are great opportunities for international travel in the college. We also encourage internship experiences in all of our disciplines, such as the legislative internships on Capitol Hill in Nashville. This is a dynamic and exciting time in the CBPA, and our students will have opportunities for some meaningful and fun experiences."

Baxter said the benchmark of the restructuring of the Freshman Experience is retention. "As with all of the colleges, a high priority is retention; we not only want to keep students at UT Martin, but to keep them in the CBPA," he said. For those who find a home in business, political science or computer science and information systems, this new structure should help the students make a strong connection with the professors in their discipline in their freshman year. "Hopefully this will empower them to focus on what they need to do to be successful in their major and, consequently, what they can be doing now to build a successful career. As always, our success is measured by our students, and if this new structure helps our students to take advantage of greater educational and career opportunities, then we can say 'mission accomplished.'"
Mack is Green Chemistry Speaker, September 29

Dr. James Mack

University of Tennessee at Martin Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) is sponsoring a seminar on benign-by-design practices of Green Chemistry at 7 p.m., September 29, in Room 318 of the Joseph E. Johnson Engineering and Physical Sciences Building. The seminar is free and open to the public.

Dr. James Mack, University of Cincinnati assistant professor of chemistry, will discuss his research at the seminar. Mack is a physical organic chemist with research interests in the areas of solid state synthesis, polyaromatic hydrocarbons and host-guest chemistry. After receiving an undergraduate degree from Middlebury College, he was a NEBHE doctoral scholar at the University of New Hampshire. He earned a doctorate with professor Glen P. Miller, studying Diels-Alder reactions of fullerences with various linear acenes. After completing his degree in 2000, he was a post-doctoral fellow with professor Lawrence T. Scott at Boston College developing rational syntheses of unique fullerences and nanotubes.

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First of two Senior Preview Days set for October 1 at UT Martin

The first of two Senior Preview Days is set for October 1 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Senior Preview Days are opportunities for high school seniors and their families to visit and learn about the university. Each event is designed to enable future college students to become familiar with the Martin campus and to get that all-important first impression of university life.

Registration for the Senior Preview Day, October 1, will be from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Boling University Center and November 12, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Elam Center.

On each occasion, registration will be followed by a welcome and general information session; the university’s academic fair, which will take place in the Duncan Ballroom in the University Center October 1 and in the Elam Center November 12; academic department visits and campus tours.

For more information about Senior Preview Day activities and events, call the UT Martin admissions office at 1-800-829-UTMI or 731-881-7020.

Saint Louis Brass meshes chamber music and fun

For an evening of fun with brass, plan to see the Saint Louis Brass Quintet at 8:00 p.m., October 6, at the University of Tennessee at Martin in the Harriet Fulton Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Building. The performance is free and open to the public.

The quintet will also offer free masterclasses for trumpet, French horn and low brass instruments at 5:30 p.m. in the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

Although the members of the Saint Louis Brass Quintet look formal when they perform, audiences are pleasantly surprised at the relaxed and informal atmosphere they create. The ensemble transforms the stuffiness associated with classical chamber music, combining professionalism and showmanship to produce an enjoyable musical experience.

The quintet members will perform a variety of selections featuring music from their CD, "Pops Music of the Americas," and other recordings. A new work, "Arias," by James DeMars is included. The quintet commissioned this work, and this will be the premiere performance. Also new is Anthony Plog's "Aesop's Fables," with music as a backdrop for the stories. The quintet will also perform a new jazz medley - "Tribute to Pops," hits of Louis Armstrong - and a special arrangement of the upbeat "Sweet Georgia Brown" by jazz arranger, Joey Sellers.

The quintet brings with it many of the ancestors of the brass family of instruments starting with the animal's horn and the conch shell to the short trumpet found in King Tut's tomb. The group also has a straight trombone from the 14th century - before man had learned to bend the metal.

Since 1964, the Saint Louis Brass Quintet has performed throughout the country. Members of the group include trumpet players, Allan Dean, Yale University and Ray Sasaki, University of Texas. Thomas Bacon is now the solo hornist with the Houston Ballet. Melvyn Nemigan, formerly with the Saint Louis Symphony, plays trombone and the tubist is Indiana University’s Daniel Perantoni. Several of the members are well known as soloists and clinicians and also perform with Summit Brass.

For more information, contact Dr. Jeremy Kolwinski, interim chair of the Department of Music and assistant professor of music, at 731-881-7402 or music@utm.edu.
Kiwanis Scholarship presentation

Whitney Coomer, of Martin, a freshman at the University of Tennessee at Martin, recently received a $1,000 Martin Kiwanis Club Scholarship. Making the presentation are, from left, Steve Lemond, Kiwanis treasurer; Elaine Knight, second from right, Martin, president; and Frances Bynum, right, secretary. The annual scholarship is presented to a Westview High School graduate. Monies received during club fundraisers make this and other Kiwanis projects possible.

Chinese scholars visit UTM

A group of Chinese scholars, who are participating in a new exchange program developed by the University of Tennessee at Martin are involved in a variety of activities this week in Martin and the surrounding area. Sunday, Liu Luping, Chinese delegation leader, presented Dr. 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.
UT Martin has record enrollment, largest increase in state

The University of Tennessee at Martin recorded the largest enrollment percentage increase of any public university in the state based on preliminary fall enrollment figures. It was the fourth consecutive period UT Martin has enrolled a record number of students.

A total of 6,484 students are enrolled for the fall semester, an increase from 6,210 recorded for fall 2004. It also follows top numbers for spring and summer 2005.

The fall 2005 total includes a record fall enrollment for dual-credit and overall record for graduate students.

“This fall’s numbers show increases in important categories besides total student enrollment,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan. “Record enrollment for dual-credit and graduate students shows that UT Martin is expanding its educational reach.”

Dual-credit courses are offered in high schools in West Tennessee and allow students to earn both high school and college credit before entering college. Graduate enrollment is led by interest in the university’s new online master’s degree in educational administration and supervision offered by UT New College.

As with last fall’s record enrollment, Dunagan again credited the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program with bringing more students to Martin. He also credited the university’s service areas for their efforts to retain students.

“This is the second year of operation for our Student Success Center, which is making a difference for students by offering academic support services outside of the classroom,” Dunagan said. “From orientation to the classroom, students are finding the support they need to stay in school and be successful.”

Based on final figures, this fall’s enrollment at UT Martin is a 6.2 percent increase over fall 2004. Final figures are compiled by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

The record enrollment also reflects 1,219 freshmen, the second largest freshman class on the UT Martin campus. Fall enrollment indicates that first-time freshmen have an average 3.30 high school grade-point-average, up from 2004, and an average ACT score of 22.

“The steady enrollment increases at the university are important for UT Martin, the city of Martin and the region,” said Martin Mayor Randy Brundige. “Current students are important contributors to the local economy, while the education they receive improves the quality of life for everyone when they graduate and enter the work force.”

Compared to last year’s totals, UT Martin will have 380 more undergraduates and graduates for a 6.2 percent increase; 73 more first-time freshmen, a 6.4 percent increase; 65 additional dual-credit students, a 22.3 percent increase; and 105 additional graduate students, a 24 percent increase.

The enrollment growth trend follows the recent notification from U.S. News and World Report that UT Martin is tied for 20th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor’s and master’s degrees, up from 23rd place last year. UT Martin also was named a “Best Southeastern College” by The Princeton Review for 2006.

Young Leaders Seminar features Eric Chester

“The Young Leaders Seminar,” featuring Eric Chester, recognized as an expert on “Generation Why,” will be presented by WestStar Leadership Program and LEAD Academy, from 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., September 22, at Boiling University Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin. The seminar is free and open to the public, including high school students and adults who are involved in youth leadership activities. Deadline to register is September 20.

WestStar is an adult regional leadership program and LEAD Academy is a comprehensive leadership education and development program for UT Martin undergraduates.

Chester will speak at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon, leadership breakout sessions at 1:00 p.m. and a general assembly and closing remarks at 2:00 p.m.

Chester will visit UT Martin as the first speaker in the Academic Speakers Series, at 7:30 p.m., September 21, in the Student Life Center Alumni Gym. Chester earned an undergraduate degree in marketing and education and became a high school business teacher and varsity football coach. He also earned a master’s degree in counseling. Known for his high-impact speeches and seminars to audiences of all sizes and ages, he is the co-author of six books, two audio cassette programs and 11 videocassette programs.

For more information, call the UT Martin Office of Student Life at 731-881-7525.

Photography exhibit next at UT Martin Museum

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Workshops for UT Martin faculty and K-12 teachers

Potter Jack Troy of Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, along with writer Kim Stafford of Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, were at the University of Tennessee at Martin, September 9-10, for a UT Martin faculty development workshop and the annual workshop for K-12 teachers of the West Tennessee Writing Project. The theme was “Teachers: Artists in Residence.” Pictured with Troy, center, are David McBeth, UT Martin professor of art, and Diane Shaw, UT Martin assistant professor of art. The next professional development offering of WTWP is its series of standards-based workshops for K-12 teachers, the first of which will be September 25 at the Tennessee Technology Center, 2468 Tech Center Drive, Jackson. Content of the workshops is applicable to all grades with sessions facilitated by WTWP teacher consultants. To register, contact the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education: eccc@utm.edu, or phone 731-881-7082.

ACLU President to speak at UT Martin

Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, will speak at 7:30 p.m., September 27, in the Elam Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Her appearance is sponsored by Honors Programs, the Freshman Experience, the Student Activities Council and the American Democracy Project. The lecture will end with a brief question-and-answer period.

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The Academic Speakers program 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 Dr. Dan McDonough at danmc@utm.edu or 731-881-7436.

Career Fair scheduled at UT

The School of Journalism and Electronic Media at the University of Tennessee is hosting a CAREER FAIR for all journalism and electronic media students seeking internships and first positions in media companies throughout Tennessee. The date is Wednesday, October 26, from 2 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. We anticipate approximately 200 students to participate in the fair. Many will be graduating in December.

Others will be graduating in May or August and may be seeking internships. Every radio station, television station, video production company, newspaper and magazine represented will be provided with a table and some chairs. If you would like to set up a display for your station you are most welcome. You may also wish to bring materials students can pick up.

Information about internship applications and job applications are usually what they are seeking.

The annual career fair is a great opportunity to recruit interns or entry-level employees. Circulate this invitation to all department heads in hiring positions. If there is an interest, send an email to samswan@utk.edu. Arrangements will be made for parking at the University Center on campus. Arrival time must be by noon for an informal lunch and time to set up.
UTM exchange program involves China university

Chinese scholars will participate in a new exchange program developed by the University of Tennessee at Martin. The program is part of a three-pronged grant program sponsored by a private gift to the university.

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The grant also will provide funding for special-education awareness and scholarships for travel-study exchanges.

The university, in partnership with Shandong University Law School of China, will launch the American Civics and Culture Program (ACCP), September 17, on the UT Martin campus.

"This is especially promising as we mount a vigorous international and intercultural awareness initiative to make sure our students are prepared to succeed in today's global structure," said Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president.

Ten scholars from Shandong University Law School will be the first program participants. This pilot group will begin its study at the UT Martin campus before traveling to Nashville and Washington, D.C., to observe the American legal, political and cultural system at local, state and federal levels.

The ACCP program is under the direction of the UT Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education. The center was established to further the educational experiences of university students, faculty and the community through international partnerships and university exchange programs.

Shandong University, located in Jinan City, Shandong Province, has established a Center for the Study of Sinic-American Legal Cultures to facilitate cross-cultural collaboration and exchange. Through such programs, Chinese participants will learn about the United States system of government as it relates to the U.S. Constitution.

The delegation will be welcomed to the community and university by Martin Mayor Randy Brundige and UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan.

"This exchange program is another way that UT Martin students will see the impact of living in a global economy," said Dunagan. "In turn, these programs allow citizens of other countries to learn about America."

Building on seminars on government and law led by UT Martin professors and local government leaders, the regional itinerary for the Chinese scholars includes visits to the following governmental offices: Obion County Chancery Court, Election Commission, Detention Center and Northwest Tennessee Corrections Center. A private reception for the delegation will be hosted by the Obion County Bar Association.

In addition to the ACCP program beginning this week, the gift supports a special-education awareness program, and will help facilitate student and faculty international travel-study and exchange programs.

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More information about the ACCP and other Center for Global Studies programs is available by calling Andrew Brown, assistant director of international initiatives, UT Martin, at 881-7636.
Lottery Scholarship changes, students have more opportunities

The Tennessee Educational Lottery Scholarship Program (TELS) has made several key changes this year, including a provision to regain the scholarship.

"The lottery scholarship program is moving in the right direction. We are fortunate in Tennessee to have legislators and a governor who realize that increasing scholarships for education will produce a better future for Tennessee," said Sandy Neel, director of student financial aid at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The Tennessee HOPE Scholarship base amount was increased from a maximum of $1,500 per semester/$3,000 per year to $1,650 per semester/$3,300 per year for four-year institutions and from $750 per semester/$1,500 per year to $825 per semester/$1,650 per year for two-year institutions. Students must achieve a final unweighted high school grade point average of 3.0 or attain a composite score of 21 on the ACT or a combined score of 980 on the SAT. These tests must be taken prior to enrolling in a post-secondary institution. The HOPE Scholarship is available to students who graduated high school after Dec. 1, 2003.

The recent changes in the TELS program have made it possible to regain the lottery scholarship after it has been lost. Students can regain the lost scholarship by repeating a course and have the new grade recorded for the lottery GPA. Both credit hours will count when determining the number of hours attempted for the lottery. Students also can regain the scholarship by raising the lottery GPA to a 3.0. Students can use each of these options one time only. The eligibility is re-established at the normal checkpoints. The Tennessee General Assembly Merit Award cannot be reinstated.

Students who graduated in 2004, including those who went to an out-of-state post-secondary institution, now have the opportunity to take advantage of the TELS program. Students no longer have to immediately enroll in college after graduating high school. Eligible students have up to 16 months to enroll in a Tennessee institution.

Another change in the program is the Dual Enrollment Grant. This grant is awarded to students who are attending high school and who also are enrolled in college courses at an eligible post-secondary institution for which they will receive both high school and college credit. Students can be awarded up to $300 per semester/600 per year.

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The day's sessions include literature to pique student interest, the intermediate transfer student, romantic period music for the intermediate student and a master class.

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WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS — Potter Jack Troy (center) of Juniata College in Huntington, Pa., along with writer Kim Stafford (not pictured) of Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., were recently at the University of Tennessee at Martin for a UT Martin faculty development workshop and the annual workshop for K-12 teachers of the West Tennessee Writing Project. The theme was “Teachers: Artists in Residence.” Visiting with Troy were David McBeth (left), UT Martin professor of art, and Diane Shaw, UT Martin assistant professor of art. The next professional development offering of WTWP is its series of standards-based workshops for K-12 teachers, the first of which will be this weekend at the Tennessee Technology Center at 2468 Tech Center Drive in Jackson. Content of the workshops is applicable to all grades with sessions facilitated by WTWP teacher consultants. To register, contact the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education by e-mail at ecce@utm.edu or by telephone at (731) 881-7082.

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Record Growth, Regional Recognitions Among UT Martin Highlights

Martin, Tenn. — Record enrollments, regional recognitions and expanded outreach are among recent highlights for the University of Tennessee at Martin.

"I see UT Martin as a campus with a lot of momentum," said Dr. Nick Dunagan, university chancellor. "We have the opportunity to change lives for the better and to be a force for economic development in West Tennessee and beyond."

Topping the news from UT Martin is another record university enrollment.

Enrollment Growth Continues

UT Martin recorded the largest enrollment percentage increase of any public university in the state based on preliminary fall enrollment figures. It was the fourth consecutive period UT Martin has enrolled a record number of students.

A total of 6,484 students are enrolled for the fall semester, an increase from 6,104 recorded for fall 2004. It also follows top numbers for spring and summer 2005.

"This fall's numbers show increases in important categories besides total student enrollment," said Dunagan. "Record enrollment for dual-credit and graduate students shows that UT Martin is expanding its educational reach."

Dual-credit courses are offered in high schools around West Tennessee, allowing students to earn both high school and college credits before entering college. Graduate enrollment is led by the university's new online master's degree in educational administration and supervision offered by UT New College.

As with last fall's record enrollment, Dunagan again credited the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program with bringing more students to Martin. He also credited the university's service areas for their efforts to retain students.

"This is the second year of operation for our Student Success Center, which is making a difference for students by offering academic support services outside of the classroom," Dunagan said. "From orientation to the classroom, students are finding the support they need to stay in school and be successful."

University Earns Regional Recognitions

As enrollment growth continued, so did major regional recognitions. UT Martin improved its top-tier ranking for master's level public universities in the South in the 2006 edition of America's Best Colleges compiled by U.S.News & World Report. The rankings rate colleges and universities using information gathered from various sources.

UT Martin tied for 20th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor's and master's degrees, up from 23rd place last year.

Also, PrincetonReview.com lists UT Martin among 140 schools to receive "A Best Southeastern College" designation in The Princeton Review's 2006 rankings.

UT Martin Outreach Expands

UT Martin's commitment to provide expanded educational opportunities is evident through the university's Jackson Center, the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer, UT New College and a new center planned for Ripley.

The Jackson Center is home to complete master's degree programs in business administration, accountancy and education. The center is also home to the RN to BSN Program for nurses and to the Dual-Credit Program for high school students.

The UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer is in its seventh year of operation, serving McNairy County and the surrounding area. The center offers a full two-year rotation plan of general-education courses and the university's Bachelor of University Studies Degree Program.

UT New College offers online degree programs to fit the needs of working adults. Online programs include the master's degree in agricultural operations management; the new master's degree in educational administration and supervision; the master of science in engineering management; and the bachelor of university studies.

Lauderdale County-area residents may soon have the opportunity to take college-level classes at a UT Martin-Ripley Center. Plans are under way to renovate approximately 15,000 square feet of the former Wal-Mart facility in the community for an off-campus center.

Pending approval of the University of Tennessee board of trustees and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, a "groundbreaking" ceremony is planned for fall with a target opening date of January 2007.

Find Out More

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M.D., UT Health Science Center
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Photography

exhibit set at UTM

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"Reflections" is a group of photos that presents tromp l’oeil or "fool the eye" images of the world. Dr. Seifert will be discussing his photos in a gallery presentation on Oct. 27.

The museum is accessible from the Special Collections reading room in the Paul Meek Library during weekday business hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Group hours are available by prior arrangement.

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UTM alumus opens exhibit

University of Tennessee at Martin alumus Jason Stout, of Martin, will present an art exhibit opening at 5 p.m., tonight, in the Fine and Performing Arts building on campus. Stout, a 2001 graduate of UT Martin, earned a master of fine arts degree in painting from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2004. Stout has presented solo exhibits and won numerous awards for his work.

Stout’s artistic statement states, “My recent work explores the stereotypes and standards of the Southern heroic, from the historical to the outlawed, through a comic, surrealistic and psychedelic language. The work also deals with concepts involving race, class, identity, addiction, political orientation, spirituality and the criminal, while also exploring elements of the sublime and the abject.”

The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will be on display for two weeks and may be viewed at any time.

For more information, contact Doug Cook at 881-7406 or by email: dcook@utm.edu.

Volunteer Fair is Oct. 5 at UTM

The second annual University of Tennessee at Martin Homecoming Volunteer Fair will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Oct. 5, in the corridors of the first floor of UT Martin’s Boling University Center. The American Democracy Project and UT Martin’s Student Life Center are co-sponsoring the fair.

The fair is similar to a job fair, except that the match being made is between UT Martin students and volunteer organizations that can benefit from their help or membership. Agencies who wish to make students aware of their services may set up a table. Agencies may send as many people and as much literature as they wish. Tables will be set up for arrivals at 9 a.m. The location of the volunteer fair is an area of heavy traffic, especially between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Email Mike McCullough, chair of the American Democracy Project, at mccoulou@utm.edu or call 881-7325 by Oct. 3 to schedule an organization’s participation. Each organizational representative will receive a voucher for a free lunch.

UTM offering horsemanship course

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Education (ECCE) and the UT Martin women’s equestrian team is offering “Beginning Horsemanship.”

The course will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Oct. 20-Nov. 22. The fee is $250.

Instructors are UT Martin women’s equestrian team coaches Meghan Cunningham and Kristen McDonald. The course will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship and includes handling, grooming, equipment, western riding and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being.

The course is great for children who are interested in horses and is a good parent and child activity. Children must be at least seven years old to participate. Participants will be required to wear long pants and boots with heels. Riding helmets will be required and provided.

Interested individuals are encouraged to register soon as the course is limited to seven.

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University honors distinguished alumni

Staff Reports

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Former PHS Band of Gold members perform for UTM

Farris beats drums
Mark Farris beats the drums during a percussion feature performed during halftime of the UTM vs. Tennessee State football game played recently. Last year, Farris was percussion captain for the PHS Band of Gold.

Scharmann plays French horn
Billy Scharmann plays the French horn in The University of Tennessee Martin band. The band performed during pregame and at halftime of the UTM vs. Tennessee State game played recently. Last year, Scharmann was one of Peabody’s band captains.
ECCE offers personal enrichment classes

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) will offer four personal enrichment classes in October. “Beginner’s One-Stroke Painting” is offered from 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, from October 4-25; “Calligraphy,” from 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, from October 4-25; “Holiday Decorating: Christmas Wreath,” from 6-8 p.m., October 11; and “Photography,” from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, from October 13-November 3. The courses will be held at UT Martin.

“Beginner’s One-Stroke Painting” will be taught by Charlie Boyd, a One-Stroke Certified Instructor. The fee is $125, and there is a $40 supply fee. Artist Donna Dewberry on PBS and QVC uses the One-Stroke method. Participants will be taught to paint wildflowers, sunflowers, pansies and roses in the one-stroke style.

Ron Ramage will instruct “Calligraphy.” The fee is $55. Students will learn the basics of calligraphy and two alphabets. Participants will choose a project to create by the end of the course. Supplies needed are calligraphy pens, paper and a ruler.

“Holiday Decorating: Christmas Wreath” will be taught by Kimberley Smith. The fee is $25. Students will learn how to make Christmas wreaths. At the end of the class, participants will have a Christmas wreath that they have created to display.

Les MacDiarmid, professional photographer, will instruct “Photography.” The fee is $55. Students will learn tips on shooting weddings, fashion, flowers and children. Composition, patterns, texture, lines and lighting will be discussed. Students are asked to provide a 35 mm camera.

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Evans conducts UTM band

Field commander Calyn Evans conducts the UTM band during pregame and halftime performances for a recent game against Tennessee State. Evans is a former field commander for the PHS Band of Gold. Several members of the PHS band are now performing for the UTM band.
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Registration for the Senior Preview Day, October 1, will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Boling University Center and November 12, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Elam Center. On each occasion, registration will be followed by a welcome and general information session; the university's academic fair, which will take place in the Duncan Ballroom in the university center October 1 and in the Elam Center November 12; academic department visits and campus tours.

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Karen and Johnny Jones recently talked about events of the last 12 months. (Photo by William Mitchell)

Former editor slowly reaching goals

By Rita Mitchell

Liken his life in the past year to a journey, and it has been one very steep hill. John O. Jones, who suffered a brain aneurysm, Sept. 13, 2004, has been climbing ever since. There have been stumbling blocks in his path, loose foothings and the need to rest. He’s been slowed from time to time, but never stopped.

Johnny, who lay in a coma for two weeks at Jackson-Madison County Hospital after the aneurism occurred as he was preparing for a daily workout, and who had two brain surgeries, has progressed in a manner most people find miraculous.

Following his hospital stay, Johnny moved to Cane Creek Rehabilitation Center for two months before relocating to the Center for Comprehensive Services (CCS) in Paducah for seven and a half months. CCS is a residential rehabilitation facility especially for persons with brain injuries. There he received speech/cognitive, occupational and physical therapies, as well as counseling and social therapies, to relearn how to do everyday activities. He was released earlier this summer.

Today, he is at home exercising both his mind and his body with hopes of returning to his position as editor of The Fulton Leader, a post he held for two years prior to his injury. His ties with the local newspaper date back 25 years, when he began as a reporter/photographer after graduating with a degree in English from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Since that time, he has held editor’s posts at the Weakley County Press and Hickman Courier before returning to the

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Jones making miraculous steps towards recovery

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"I want to be the editor of the newspaper (The Fulton Leader)," said Jones, in a recent interview. "I don't know how long it will take me to do that, to reach my goal. It's probably going to take me a while. That's what I hope to do."

Returning to his love of journalism, Jones again reads several local newspapers.

"I feel pretty good," Johnny said on this particular day about a year after his injury. All his vital signs are perfect, he's picked up some weight and sports a beard. Stamina, however, is a topic of debate for Jones and his wife, Karen. "We disagree on that," he said. "It's getting better," added Karen, a registered nurse, who said that after recuperation from such an injury, it takes time to recover stamina.

In addition to Johnny's regular workout before the injury, the couple also walked a lot. "We still do," said Johnny, "just not as far.

"He wants to, "Karen said of Johnny's desire to regain his physical strength walking and working out. Sometimes, she said, he "lacks motivation. Everything is 10 degrees harder than it was before. It's just frustrating."

"I do my exercises, but it's hard. I try to do them everyday," he said.

He also regularly walks around the former South Fulton football field with his mother, Ruth Jones. Helping with the motivation is a goal that when he can consistently walk to the railroad track near their home - about a 1.5 mile roundtrip, they're going to take a vacation.

He's done it, just not consistently, and "It wore me out, man," he added.

When the question arose about what he does everyday that he enjoys the most, he said, "I want to say 'eating' . . . just anything - especially sweets. But I also enjoy getting out with people and discussing things with them." Returning to Smith Street Church of Christ, where he led the congregational singing for years, affords him a place to talk to friends.

As part of his mental exercise, Johnny is just now beginning to write again. The author of numerous columns and one-act plays in addition to years of news and features, writing is his love. "I wrote a poem," he said, adding that he had planned to read it at a recent UT Martin event. "I didn't read it, though, because I thought I could do a much better job." So he'll keep working on it and other pieces.

"He still likes to write. It's just a slow process," said Karen, who added she wants him to regain his "creative" edge.

One aspect of his life that he doesn't spend time on is reflection about his injury. Johnny has no recollections from the time of the aneurysm, Sept. 13, 2004, until February.

"I don't have any memory of what happened," he said. "Karen tells me and my mother does, but I have no memory of that whatsoever."

What he has always remembered; however, are his friends and family, calling them by name from the beginning of his recovery.

It is those people he credits with his come-back from such a life-altering experience. "I have had so many people who have done so much," Johnny said. "My family's been really good," he said, praising the efforts and persistence of Karen, their two daughters, Melissa and Allison, and his mother.

"I'd just like to thank all my friends and tell them I appreciate them."

Karen is thankful for the love and care Johnny and the family have received. "We have a lot of support. We really do," she said. "Without it, I don't know what we'd do. It would be a lot tougher." Karen compared their support system to a pyramid with Johnny on top and layer upon layer of family and friends undergirding him.

Both agree he has accomplished much, but there's still work ahead.

"The hardest part is doing what I need to do and lacking the motivation," he said. "I've about reached my goal, but it is still incredibly difficult."

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Senior Preview Days planned

The first of two Senior Preview Days is set for Oct. 1 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Senior Preview Days are opportunities for high school seniors and their families to visit and learn about the university. Each event is designed to enable future college students to become familiar with the Martin campus and to get that all-important first impression of university life.

Representatives of UT Martin will provide information and answers to students’ questions on a variety of topics, including scholarships and financial aid; college and housing costs; and the various university academic programs.

Registration for the Senior Preview Day, Oct. 1, will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Boling University Center and Nov. 12, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Elam Center.

On each occasion, registration will be followed by a welcome and general information session; the university’s academic fair, which will take place in the Duncan Ballroom in the university center Oct. 1 and in the Elam Center Nov. 12; academic department visits and campus tours.

For more information about Senior Preview Day activities and events, call the UT Martin admissions office at 1-800-829-UTM1 or 731-881-7020.

Ray Smith Among UT-M Honorees

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Alexander of Martin, is president of Weakley County Motors. He is a 1968 graduate with a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

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Student awarded scholarship by group

Will York, of Milan, was awarded an educational scholarship for $2,000 per semester for eight semesters by the International Door Association Foundation. He was among 11 students in the United States and Canada to receive scholarships. This is the fifth year the IDA Foundation Scholarships have been awarded.

The foundation represents firms that manufacture, sell, install and service door and access systems, as well as related products. IDA established the foundation to assist selected employees or their family members to achieve their educational goals.

Will is the son of Jo Anne and Pat York and is associated with Tull Brothers and Overhead Door of Jackson. Will attends the University of Tennessee Martin, majoring in premed and communications.
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Alexander has filled a number of leadership roles through the years in civic, business and church groups. He is a past member of the UT Board of Governors, a member and past president of the Weakley County UT Alumni Association and a member and past president of Martin Rotary Club. He is also a Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow.

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Revelle is a major in the Tennessee Army National Guard, 278th Armored Cavalry Medical Support Squadron. He is a native of Crockett Mills, graduating from UT Martin with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a doctor of medicine from UT College of Medicine. He was named UT Martin Outstanding Male Graduate and was vice president of Alpha Gamma Rho. While in medical school, he received the award for Outstanding Student in Family Medicine, was president of the Family Practice Student Association and an Underserved Areas Clinical Scholar.

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McNairy County student receives scholarships to attend UT Martin

A McNairy County student has been awarded two scholarships for the 2005-2006 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Jammie Roberson, daughter of Bill Dolosic of Stantonville and the late Harriette Dolosic, is a senior Bachelor of University Studies major with an emphasis in human behavior. She received the Spectrum, Inc. Scholarship and the Southwest Human Resources Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, Tenn. 38238. In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTMII; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
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Global markets and local communities: focus of October 4 lecture

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Butler promotes regional economic growth working with Middle Tennessee companies to assist them in identifying and achieving their international business goals. Chamber of Commerce programs have included five European health care trade missions, organized in collaboration with the Nashville Health Care Council, visiting Amsterdam, Brussels, Budapest, Cologne, London, Madrid, Milan, Paris, Prague and Rome. Butler also spearheads International Business Council outreach programs promoting economic and job growth in middle Tennessee through increased international business.

He began his career in international business as a computer analyst with the British Department of Trade and Industry reporting on international trade statistics. He later worked at the Port of London Authority on projects associated with automating and streamlining the preparation and processing of export shipping documentation and procedures.

Butler continued working in information technology in Europe and the United States for the next several years establishing and managing global dealer and distributor channels for information technology products with several corporations including Honeywell, General Electric and Hewlett Packard. He has also worked on systems development as an independent contractor in Texas undertaking projects for a power company, a medical clinic and an equipment rental company.

A resident of Nashville since 1986, Butler was appointed director of the Tennessee Export Office in 1994. During that time, he traveled with Tennessee companies on trade missions to the United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, China and Mexico. He also organized two major international trade conferences in Nashville featuring China and South Africa, respectively.

Butler is the Honorary British Consul for Tennessee, a board member of Leadership Middle Tennessee and a member of several Nashville area chapters of international business and cultural organizations.

Butler’s lecture is co-sponsored by the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center, the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, the Center for Global Studies and International Education, the College of Business and Public Affairs, the Business and International Education Program (Title VI Grant), the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and the Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise.

For more information, contact Dr. Paul Crapo, director, Center for Global Studies and International Education, at pcrapo@utm.edu or 731-881-1017.

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UT Martin Alumnus Art Exhibit opening September 27, 2005

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Stout has presented solo exhibits and won numerous awards for his work. Stout’s artistic statement states, “My recent work explores the stereotypes and standards of the southern heroic, from the historical to the outlawed, through a comic, surrealistic and psychedelic language. The work also deals with concepts involving race, class, identity, addiction, political orientation, spirituality and the criminal, while also exploring elements of the sublime and the abject. The work functions as a homogeny of various visual elements, which as the philosopher Deleuze says in Sensations, ‘The contraction of different styles in one work creates a sense of complicated time and attractive violence.’” The work exists in formats of paintings, drawings and prints in various scales.

The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will be on display for two weeks and may be viewed at any time.

For more information, contact Doug Cook at 731-881-7406 or dcook@utm.edu.
Carnicus Returnicus"...remembering the 60's Homecoming Week kicks off

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For more information, call S.K. Airee, UT Martin professor of chemistry, at 881-7454 or send an email to skairee@utm.edu.

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Scholarship program makes changes, students now have more opportunities

The Tennessee Educational Lottery Scholarship Program has made several key changes this year, including a provision to regain the scholarship.

"The lottery scholarship program is moving in the right direction. We are fortunate in Tennessee to have legislators and a governor who realize that increasing scholarships for education will produce a better future for Tennessee," said Sandy Neel, director of student financial aid at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The Tennessee HOPE Scholarship base amount was increased from a maximum of $1,500 per semester/$3,000 per year to $1,650 per semester/$3,150 per year for four-year institutions and from $750 per semester/$1,500 per year to $825 per semester/$1,650 per year for two-year institutions.

Students must achieve a final unweighted high school grade point average of 3.0 and attain a score of 21 on the ACT or a combined score of 980 on the SAT. These tests must be taken prior to enrolling in a post-secondary institution. The HOPE Scholarship is available to those who graduated high school after Dec. 1, 2003.

The recent changes in the TELS program have made it possible to regain the lottery scholarship after it has been lost. Students can regain the lost scholarship by repeating a course and have the new grade recorded for the lottery GPA. Both credit hours will count when determining the number of hours attempted for the lottery. Students also can regain the scholarship by raising the lottery GPA to a 3.0. Students can use each of these options one time only. The eligibility is re-established at the normal checkpoints. The General Assembly Merit Award cannot be reinstated.

Students who graduated in 2004, including those who went to an out-of-state post-secondary institution, now have the opportunity to take advantage of the TELS program. Students no longer have to immediately enroll in college after graduating high school. Eligible students have up to 16 months to enroll in a Tennessee institution.

Another change in the program is the Dual Enrollment Grant. This grant is awarded to students who are attending high school and who also are enrolled in college courses at an eligible post-secondary institution for which they will receive both high school and college credit. Students can be awarded up to $300 per semester/$600 per year.

Beginning in the fall semester, a non-traditional student, age 24 and older, who is an entering freshman may become eligible for the HOPE Scholarship. If the student achieves a 2.75 GPA at the end of the semester in which 24 hours are completed, he or she will be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship in subsequent semesters.

The HOPE foster child tuition grant is available to students who meet eligibility requirements. Students must have an adjusted annual gross income that does not exceed $36,000, apply for a Tennessee HOPE access grant and present official certification from the Department of Children's Services. The award is in addition to any other TELS award.

The grant is applied to the cost of tuition, maintenance fees, student activity fees and required registration fees at the post-secondary institution.

Students applying for the TELS program must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. The FAFSA is available each year on Jan. 1. The priority deadline for UT Martin is March 1.

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SAACS ELECTS 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 visiting with UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan (seated center) and Dr. S.K. Airee (right), SAACS adviser, include, (from left, seated) Andrew R. Bernard of Germantown, president; (standing) Jonathan A. Bain of Mount Pleasant, vice president; Nicolas C. Appleton of Milan, treasurer; Kala M. Smith of Dickson, Delana J. McDaniel of South Fulton and Zifel “Julie” Liu of Cordova, executive committee members. Not pictured is Rodel Cacas of Jackson, acting secretary.

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The second annual University of Tennessee at Martin Homecoming Volunteer Fair will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday in the corridors of the first level at UT Martin’s Boling University Center.

The American Democracy Project and UT Martin’s Student Life Center are co-sponsoring the fair.

The fair is similar to a job fair, except that the match being made is between UT Martin students and volunteer organizations that can benefit from their help or membership. Agencies who wish to make students aware of their services may set up a table. Agencies may send as many people and as much literature as they wish. Tables will be set up for arrivals at 9 a.m. The location of the volunteer fair is an area of heavy traffic, especially between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. E-mail Mike McCullough, chair of the American Democracy Project, at mcullous@utm.edu or call (731) 881-7325 by Monday to schedule an organization’s participation. Each organizational representative will receive a voucher for a free lunch.
UTM presents three homecoming award

Three awards will be presented during University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming activities, Oct. 3-9. The awards will be presented at the annual UT Martin Alumni Awards Banquet, 6 p.m., Oct. 7, in the Student Life Center Alumni Gym. This year’s award recipients are: Larry Alexander, Outstanding Alumni Award, given to an alumnus or alumna in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession; Dr. Mike Revelle, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession (the recipient must not be more than 39 years of age); Ray Smith, Chancellor’s Award for University Service, given for outstanding service to UT Martin.

Alexander, of Martin, is president of Weakley County Motors. He is a 1968 graduate with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. Alexander has filled a number of leadership roles through the years in civic, business and church groups. He is a past member of the UT Board of Governors, member and past president of the Weakley County UT Alumni Association and a member and past president of Martin Rotary Club. He also is a Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow. Alexander is a past chairman and member of Martin Industrial Board and a member of the Weakley County Joint Economic Development Board, also serving on the executive committee. He is a member of the National Auto Dealers Association, a regional director of the Tennessee Auto Dealers Association, president of Pi Kappa Alpha/Epsilon Sigma House Corp. and a member of First Baptist Church in Martin.

Larry Alexander
Revelle, of Jackson, is an emergency physician at Jackson-Madison County Hospital, Madison County assistant medical examiner and medical director for Medical Center Emergency Medical Services, Hardeman County Emergency Medical Services, Crockett County First Responder Program and Jackson State Community College Paramedic Program. He is a licensed emergency medical technician and is active in local fire/rescue services. He is resident delegate to the board of directors, Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians and hosts the weekly “Healthwatch” program on WBBI-TV. Revelle is a major in the Tennessee Army National Guard, 78th Armored Cavalry Medical Support Squadron. He is a native of Crockett Mills, graduating from UT Martin with a bachelor’s degree in agriculture and a doctor of medicine from UT College of Medicine. Revelle was named UT Martin Outstanding Male Graduate and was vice president of Alpha Gamma Rho. While in medical school, he received the award for Outstanding Student in Family Medicine, was president of the Family Practice Student Association and an Underserved Areas Clinical Scholar.

Dr. Mike Revelle

Smith, of Camden, operates Ray Smith Chevrolet-Buick-Pontiac Inc. with his son and grandson. He also holds interests in radio stations, farms, real estate and insurance firms. He serves as chairman of Mountain Life Insurance, is a member of First Bank board of directors, a past member of the Tennessee Bankers Association board of directors and moderator of Southwestern District Baptist Association. He has been a Phillips 66 jobber since 1966. Smith is chairman of the Industrial Development Board of Huntingdon; president of the West Tennessee Public Utilities District, serving as a board member for 34 years; served under three governors on the Tennessee Utilities Management Review Board; is a member of the University Development Council and a Baptist Hospital Advisory board member. He is a member of Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church, serving as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent and Sunday school teacher for more than 50 years. He was named 2003 Huntingdon Outstanding Citizen. Previously, he has served as Lions Club president, chairman of the UT Martin Development Council, Bank of Huntingdon board chairman, Tennessee Heart Association state fund raising chairman, mayor of Camden and co-chaired the Tennessee Tomorrow Campaign for UT Knoxville in West Tennessee.

Ray Smith

Reserve tickets for the banquet by sending a check for $15 per person made payable to UT Martin to the Office of Alumni Relations, Room 314, Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238.

For more homecoming information, visit www.utm-forever.com.
Senior Preview Day set at UTM Oct. 1
The first of two Senior Preview Days is set for Oct. 1 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Senior Preview Days are opportunities for high school seniors and their families to visit and learn about the university. Each event is designed to enable future college students to become familiar with the Martin campus and to get that all-important first impression of university life.

Representatives of UT Martin will provide information and answers to students’ questions on a variety of topics, including scholarships and financial aid; college and housing costs; and the various university academic programs.

Registration for the Senior Preview Day, Oct. 1, will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Boling University Center and Nov. 12, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Elam Center.

On each occasion, registration will be followed by a welcome and general information session; the university’s academic fair, which will take place in the Duncan Ballroom in the university center Oct. 1 and in the Elam Center Nov. 12; academic department visits and campus tours.

For more information about Senior Preview Day activities and events, call the UT Martin admissions office at 1-800-829-UTM1 or 731-881-7020.

REED Center opens in Martin
The Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center, established by several partners in the region to serve existing and prospective entrepreneurs and support economic development in rural northwest Tennessee, officially opened earlier this month in Martin with a reception and tour of the facility.

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.

The coordinator for the REED Center is Hollie Holt, who previously served as executive director of the Martin Economic Development Corp. Currently, the center is located at 920 University St., Martin. The phone number is 731-587-REED (7333). Additional information is available on the Web at www.utm.edu/reed.

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,” said Dr. Tom Payne, chairholder, UT Martin Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking.

“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. Entrepreneurship is vital to our future and, thanks to these partners, supporters and friends, the REED Center will be a catalyst for small-business growth development in rural West Tennessee.”

Persons who have developed an idea and have an interest in starting their own business are encouraged to contact the REED Center for assistance.
It was an evening for protests. Outside the Elam Center of the University of Tennessee at Martin on Tuesday night evangelical Christians protested the appearance of Nadine Stroessen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, whom they believe to be an enemy of their religion. Inside the massive gymnasium, Stroessen protested the actions of President George W. Bush, whom she claims has employed the Patriot Act to trample on the individual liberties of American citizens.

Stroessen, a professor of law at New York Law School, is the most widely recognized personality to appear at the university under the auspices of UTM's "Academic Speakers Series." Certainly, for a region steeped in religious and political conservatism, she ranked as one of the most controversial. That, however, was the aim of the program, according to Dr. Dan McDonough, director of the UTM Honors Programs — to expose students to disparate viewpoints and address topics of immediate concern.

Stroessen attempted to bridge the gap with politically conservative members of the audience by pointing to the number of current and former Republican leaders and organizations, including the National Rifle Association, that have cooperated with the ACLU on cases believed to be a challenge to personal rights and liberty.

"The ACLU is ideologically neutral," she said. "We have defended every possible religious belief in America, including the rights of evangelicals. The purpose of the ACLU is to protect individual liberty from an overreaching federal government."

She pointed out that while the ACLU has stood up for a woman's rights to an abortion and the individual right to sexual preference, the organization has also zealously defended the free-speech rights of abortion and gay-rights opponents to protest.

The primary target of the organization's current fight against expansion of federal power is the Patriot Act, which Stroessen believes has seriously compromised America's standing in the world as a bastion of freedom and liberty and has been detrimental to national security. She said that in the coming days, Congress will vote on whether to make certain expiring sections of the Patriot Act permanent, and on a drastic expansion of the law to allow the FBI to go on what she termed ''broad fishing expeditions into the personal records of innocent Americans.''

Stroessen said that while she understood the goal of the act — to increase America's security from terrorist attacks — it had to be accomplished with a minimal impact on civil liberties.

"Just 45 days after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, with virtually no debate, Congress passed the Patriot Act. Many sections of this sweeping law need proper checks and balances to protect our constitutional freedoms," she stated.

Stroessen said she believed the Bush administration had used the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to claim unconstitutional executive powers, including the right for the executive branch of government to label a U.S. citizen as an "enemy combatant" and deny that citizen the right to legal counsel, an impartial hearing in court where facts can be openly heard and to keep this citizen locked up forever. She said this was an example of the "unilateralism" of the Bush presidency.

She was equally critical of the use of military tribunals for foreign fighters, which she described as "kangaroo courts."

"Many of our allies have said they will not extradite suspected terrorists to the United States for trial by tribunals," Stroessen stated.

Stroessen's concerns were underscored by the release of a report by a nine-member advisory committee headed by former Secretary of State Colin Powell's chief of staff the day she spoke. Based on their travels to the Persian Gulf, Egypt and Britain, the committee found widespread hostility toward the United States and its policies, especially the U.S. position in Iraq.

"For what can be heard around the world, in the wake of the invasion of Iraq, the prisoners abuse scandal at Abu Ghraib, and the controversy over the handling of detainees at Bagram and Guantanamo Bay, is that America is less a beacon of hope than a dangerous force to be countered," said the report by the Advisory Committee on Public Diplomacy.

"This assertion, repeated in newspaper columns, on radio and television broadcasts, and via the Internet, diminishes our ability to champion freedom, democracy and individual dignity. The erosion of our trust and credibility within the international community must be reversed if we hope to use more than our military and economic might in the shaping of world opinion."

Stroessen explained that of the 160 separate provisions of the Patriot Act, the ACLU has criticized about a dozen and has not asked for repeal, but that reforms be instituted. Racial and religious profiling, the ability to make secret searches of homes, the monitoring of online and library reading and seizure of business and personal records are all areas that the ACLU believes the government must address before the Patriot Act is signed into permanent law.

"A state of war is not a blank check" to curb American liberties, Stroessen concluded. "You have a personal stake in defending everyone's liberty."
UT Martin artist-in-residence to open exhibit

Grace Eckert will present an art exhibition opening at 5 p.m. Oct. 11 in the Fine and Performing Arts Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Eckert is the department of visual and theater arts artist-in-residence. She designs and makes colorful one-of-a-kind loop pile rugs and weaves tapestries. She studied art at Illinois State University and has worked as a professional studio artist for more than 25 years. In addition to America, she has also exhibited her work in Australia, England, Germany, Hungary, Poland and Japan.

Eckert has been artist-in-residence in museums and schools in England, Wales and Australia. While working in England, she was presented to the queen mother. The Victoria and Albert Museum purchased one of her rugs.

Her exhibit, which is free of charge and open to the public, will be on display for two weeks at UT Martin. For more information, contact Eckert by e-mail at grace_eckert@hotmail.com or by telephone through the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at (731) 881-7400.

Fraternity plans musicale

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, a professional music fraternity for women, will present a musicale of music by American composers at 8 p.m. Oct. 13 in the Harriet Fulton Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Building at UT Martin. Performances will include soloists, duets, small ensembles and a choral group. Composers represented include Paul Creston, John Williams, Dave Samuels, David Friedman, UT Martin student composer Justin Condon and others.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend, organizers said.