TDA, UT Martin partner to improve cattle health with Mobile Unit

State Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens and University of Tennessee at Martin officials announced a new partnership for improving cattle management and health in West Tennessee.

The partnership was marked with the unveiling of a mobile, high-tech trailer that will be managed by the university for the purpose of demonstrating proper cattle handling and health practices. The MobileCattleDoc is a 24-foot long, 8-foot trailer that can be pulled to virtually any location and is equipped with a hydraulic chute and other equipment for safely and efficiently handling and holding cattle.

"This mobile cattle handling unit will be an important tool for educating and demonstrating proper cattle management and care," said Givens. "By helping producers understand and practice better management techniques, we can help improve the quality, add value and increase the marketability of Tennessee cattle. We're proud to partner with UT Martin to deliver this service to West Tennessee cattle producers."

"The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources at UT Martin is proud to have the opportunity to partner with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to make this unit available for teaching and demonstrations in our region of the state," said Dr. Jerry Gresham, UT Martin Agriculture Department chair. "The unit will be used in animal health and livestock management classes at UT Martin, and we also are pleased to be able to assist the Tennessee Extension Service in providing timely training to beef producers of our region by delivering and setting the unit up for their educational programs."

The mobile cattle-handling trailer was funded by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture from the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP), which was established in 2005 by Gov. Phil Bredesen and approved by the Tennessee General Assembly. The aim of the TAEP is to help improve animal health and cattle production, and to encourage farm diversification in Tennessee.

The $47,000 specially designed trailer will be stationed at and maintained by UT Martin when it is not being used at farms, field days, cattle sales and shows for educational and demonstration purposes. One unique feature of the trailer is that its wheels hydraulically retract, allowing the trailer to sit directly on the ground for easy access.

"The MobileCattleDoc is a high-quality, animal-friendly, mobile cattle handling facility that will help producers realize how easy and safe cattle processing can be," said Charlie Rowllett, UT Martin director of the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex. "With IED becoming more important in every beef cattle operation and the known value enhancement that comes with proper vaccinations and identification, this should be a great tool for the western region of Tennessee."

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For more information about the high-tech trailer, contact the UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources at 731-881-7260.

ECCE offers variety of online courses

The University of Tennessee at Martin, Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE), in partnership with GATlin Education Services (GES), offers online open enrollment programs designed to provide the skills necessary to acquire professional-level positions for many in-demand occupations.

The programs are designed by a team of professionals from each respective field, who work to provide class participants with an effective Web-based learning experience. Instructors/mentors are actively involved in participants' online learning experience. They respond to any questions or concerns and encourage and motivate students to succeed.

Each program includes a set of lessons and evaluations; grades are a combination of the instructor/mentor's evaluation of a student's work and computer-graded tests.

Certification programs are available in the healthcare field; dental assistant, medical coding, pharmacy technician, veterinary assistant and others. In the field of business, courses include: certified bookkeeper, certified financial planner, certified global business professionals, paralegal, lean master, Six Sigma Blackbelt, Six Sigma Greenbelt and more. Other fields include the following: construction, automotive technology, Internet, design and technical programs, networking and CompTIA certification programs, Microsoft certification training programs and video game design and development programs.

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Italy is travel-study program destination

Visit Roman ruins, admire Renaissance art in Florence and explore the canals of Venice. All this and more is included in a travel-study program the University of Tennessee at Martin has planned to Italy, March 7-19.

This travel-study program will explore Italian popes, painters, polenta, paramours, poets, political puertility and potenates. Participants will examine Italy's history, culture and cuisine. They will tour San Marino, the third smallest state in Europe (after the Holy See and Monaco), which claims to be the world's oldest republic. They also can indulge in good food and wine, improve their wardrobe and seek out "la dolce vita."

For complete information, contact Stan Sieber, professor of history and coordinator of travel studies, at 731-881-7467, or the Center for Global Studies and International Education, at 731-881-1023.
SGA office named in honor of Dr. Paul Blaylock

Dr. Paul D. Blaylock, of Portland, Oregon, and a University of Tennessee at Martin alumnus, recently was honored with the naming of the UT Martin Student Government Association office in Boling University Center. With Blaylock, left, at the unveiling of the "Paul D. Blaylock Office" is UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan.

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Blaylock is a native of South Fulton and currently resides in Portland, Oregon, with his wife, Dr. Gaynelle Nolf. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1968 from UT Martin. He earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis in 1972 and his law degree from Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College. His medical training included an internship at Baylor University under the program of Dr. Michael DeBakey and has led to more than 30 years of work in the field of trauma/emergency medicine with numerous honors and distinctions.

He has incorporated his legal training with medicine throughout his career as evidenced by several awards and honors bestowed on him by the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM). These include the Jefferson Award for community service and the President's Award, the highest award given by the ACLM. His professional affiliations include the ACLM, the American Bar Association, the Oregon Medical Association and the Oregon State Bar Association.

Blaylock serves on the College of Medicine Advisory Board at the UT Health Science Center and was named the UT Martin Outstanding Alumnus in 2003.

He not only serves the university, he also gives back. He and his wife are members of the UT Tennessee Society. He pledged $30,000 to design and erect a life-size bronze statue on campus to honor Dr. Phil Watkins, longtime UT Martin vice chancellor for student affairs and SGA adviser, and past SGA presidents.

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Locals honored for support

Sandy Brundige, left, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Dennis Suiter, director of Martin Parks and Recreation, and Judy Suiter were recognized at the recent Young Scholars Academy picnic for support to UT Martin and the YSA. With them is Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. The check represents a YSA community service project - a donation to the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway project. African-American high school students sampled college life during the recent fifth annual YSA. The event was sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Minority Affairs at UT Martin. A select group of about 75 West Tennessee African-American students attended the competitive week-long summer residential program, designed for upcoming high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. The non-credit program introduced students to the college experience by focusing on three learning environments; special aptitude development; personal and social development; and college/major exploration.
Committee appointed to identify candidates for UT Martin chancellor

A 14-member committee has been appointed by University of Tennessee President Dr. John Petersen to identify candidates to succeed Dr. Nick Dunagan, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor.

In September, Dunagan announced his plans to retire in June 2007 with 34 years of service at UT Martin.

Dr. Jerald Ogg, UT Martin interim vice chancellor for student affairs, will chair the search advisory committee. Faculty members on the committee are: Dr. Ann Duncan, Dr. Nell Gullett and Dr. John Schommer. Others include: students, James Orr and Caroline Tippens; staff, Youlanda Jones and Lt. Steve Sherfield; administrators, Shannon Burgin and Dr. Jim Byford; community/alumni, Dr. Michael Bobo and Joe Brasheer; and UT Board of Trustees members, Barbara Castleman and Jerry Jackson.

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YOUNG WRITERS CONFERENCE

Colin McWhirt, a South Fulton High School student, attended a one-day conference at the University of Tennessee at Martin, designed for students in grades 9-12, that offered a series of writing workshops taught by UT Martin faculty and visiting poet, Allison Joseph. Students participated in hands-on workshops in writing poetry, fiction and personal essays. Joseph lives, writes and teaches in Carbondale, Ill., where she is on the faculty of Southern Illinois University. She serves as editor of "Crab Orchard Review," a national journal of creative works, and director of the Young Writers Workshop, a creative writing conference for high school-aged writers. Her books include "In Every Seam," "Imitation of Life" and "Worldly Pleasures." (Photo submitted)

SCHOLARSHIP

Tramel Kerney, a senior broadcasting major at the University of Tennessee at Martin was recently awarded the Harvey Oscar Vick Jr. scholarship for the 2006-2007 school year. Kerney, a graduate of Fulton High School, is the son of Perry Kerney of Orlando, Fla., formerly of Fulton and Pearlie Hadin of Fulton. (Photo submitted)
WestStar speakers bureau begins

Capitalizing on the knowledge, expertise and leadership skills of WestStar Leadership Program graduates, a speakers bureau has been established to share that knowledge. Speakers on a variety of topics — including health care, economic development, leadership strategies and public and private partnerships — will provide programs for civic, church and educational organizations. They also are available for a host of other venues.

The project was developed by the WestStar Alumni Council Continuing Education Committee. Speakers will be available at no charge.

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

For more information, contact Virginia Grimes by telephone at (731) 881-7298 or by e-mail at vgrimes@utm.edu.

Reed Center to host seminar in Milan Nov. 2

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center are hosting a program, "E-Commerce and Your Business: How to Sell Your Stuff Online," 8 a.m.-10 a.m., November 2, at the West Tennessee Agriculture Museum, 3 Ledbetter Gate Road, Milan.

The program is offered in cooperation with Milan Chamber of Commerce.

This seminar will show businesses and individuals the many different options they have to sell their products online. Examples will be shown, and step-by-step instructions will be given.

Steve Holt, UT Martin Instructional Technology Center manager and webmaster, will be the instructor.

No fee will be charged for registration.

Milan Chamber of Commerce members; however non-members will be required to pay a $10 registration fee. UT Martin Continuing Education credits will be available for an additional $10 for those interested.

Registration must be completed two days prior to the program. For more information or to register, contact the Milan Chamber of Commerce, at 731-686-7494, or Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, at 731-587-7333.

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"A lot of teachers aren't sure how to meet the standards set by the No Child Left Behind Act, and DI offers workable, reasonable and even fun approaches to integrate those standards into all facets of classroom education," said Birch.

"We cover it all," Birch said. "Multiple intelligences (MI), flexible grouping, cubing, WebQuest, I-Searches, tiering and anchoring activities are just the beginning of our journey through DI. They will learn the best way to bring creativity back into the diverse classroom. And, along the way, they will find out how to coach all their students to reach their greatest learning potential," Birch added.

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Anti-war comedy scheduled as Vanguard fall production

The University of Tennessee at Martin Vanguard Theatre will present its opening performance of “Lysistrata” at 8 p.m. Nov. 9 on the main stage in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

Additional performances will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 10-11 and 3 p.m. Nov. 12.

“Lysistrata,” written in 411 B.C., is an anti-war comedy classic written by Aristophanes and translated by Douglas Parker. The plot entails women in ancient Greece urging for peace in the midst of the Peloponnesian War. Under the leadership of Lysistrata, women from Athens, Sparta, Corinth and other parts of Greece occupy the public funds building and deny their husbands sex in a bold effort to support their convictions to end the war. The men find themselves unable to fight after money and sex are withheld from them. The play supports the notion that men and women, together, best represent the world.

UT Martin cast members include Jennifer Horbelt of Memphis, Katie Mercuri of Chapel Hill, Natalie Horbelt of Memphis, Ana Shaw of Knoxville, Ashlee Johnson of Dyer, Derrick Casey of Humboldt, Tony Liberty of Millington, Matthew Maitland of Bradford, Nick Mounts of Centerville and Anne Albrecht of Memphis.

Also participating in the play are Kendra Bell of Memphis, Laura Hensley of Savannah, Annie Pelfrey of Mt. Juliet, Jonathan Johnson of Hornbeak, Eric Danz of Martin, Davida Ambrose of Memphis, Jerry Snipes of Jackson, Casey Unger of Martin, Tim Williams of Dickson and Will Cook of Martin.

Rounding out the cast are Katie Price of Indian Mound, Jessica Sims of Dyer, Chelsea Black of Jasper, April Overton of Bolivar and Ashley Spicer of Ripley.

“One of the reasons we chose this anti-war comedy for our 2006-2007 Vanguard season was because of its relevance to the current political climate regarding the war in Iraq,” said Ken Zimmerman, instructor of theater at UT Martin.

“Of the duties of art is to comment on the actions of society and this play has been around and commenting for well over 2,000 years,” he said.

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Pianist to conduct workshop, concert

Pianist Andrea Anderson will conduct a workshop in conjunction with the University of Tennessee at Martin from 10 a.m. — 4 p.m., Nov. 11. She also will perform a concert at 3 p.m., Nov. 12. Both events will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin and are free and open to the public.

These events are co-sponsored by the UT Martin Department of Music and College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Trinity Presbyterian Church, the Philharmonic Music Guild of Martin and the Martin Area Music Teachers Association. Additional funding is provided under an agreement with the Tennessee Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts and Northwest Tennessee Development District.

Anderson’s recital performance for UT Martin is the exclusive Tennessee engagement on her nationwide tour this fall. With her, she brings some of the ancestors of the modern piano for her program, “From Harpsichord to Grand.” Anderson will perform on clavi-chord, harpsichord and fortepiano for the first half of the recital and will devote the second half to the modern grand piano. She will perform works by Bach, Mozart, Ravel and Liszt and will present stories about the instruments she is playing, as well as the composers and their music.

The Saturday workshop is geared to music students and is open to all who are interested in learning more about the music for these early instruments. Registration and coffee begin at 9:30 a.m. Morning sessions will be on the clavi-chord, the harpsichord and the fortepiano. The afternoon session topics include performance of 18th century music on the grand piano and a masterclass.

The church is located at 145 Hanning Lane. For more information on the workshop and/or the concert, contact Dr. Elaine Harriss, UT Martin professor of music, at 881-7411 or elaineh@utm.edu.

Adkins is published in undergraduate journal

Jason Adkins of Clarksville, a tutor in the University of Tennessee at Martin Hortense Parish Writing Center and a 2006 UT Martin graduate with a bachelor of arts degree, published “What Hath Wittenberg to Do With Stratford-upon-Avon?: The Protestant Reformation in Hamlet” in the Fall 2006 volume of the Oswald Review, a refereed undergraduate journal of criticism and research in the discipline of English that is published annually.

Loan program to assist businesses

The University of Tennessee at Martin will host an informational meeting for a Microenterprise Loan Fund Program offered by the Tennessee Economic and Community Development’s Business Enterprise Resource Office (ECD-BERO). The local meeting, cosponsored by the UT Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center, will be from 4-5:30 p.m., Nov. 7, Room 206C, Boling University Center.

The meeting will highlight key information about the loan program, including application requirements, deadlines and available resources. The local Tennessee Small Business Development Center also will provide information about the center’s services and programs. The maximum loan amount of $5,000, and the requirement of a business plan, as well as the borrower’s willingness to attend business training workshops, are among the topics to be discussed.

The ECD-BERO is funded by USDA Rural Development and supports the startup, growth and expansion of microenterprises in rural Tennessee. For more information, visit http://www.state.tn.us/ecd/Communications/HotSheets/101106.htm or call Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, at 587-7333.
SODEXHO COLLECTS FOOD FOR LOCAL CHARITY — Sodexo Dining Services hosted a very special "Cans Across America" canned food drive on Wednesday, Oct. 18, helping those in need within the local community. This was made possible with the help of the entire UT Martin campus community and several UTM Greek organizations. Sodexo collected 1,120 pounds of food that was donated to local charity and food bank, We Care Ministries. Delivering the canned goods are (from left) Coco Boone, Sodexo marketing coordinator; Terrill Orton and Haley Simmons, Sodexo employees; Keith Royster, Sodexo operations manager; and Betty Baker, director of We Care Ministries; and Sandy Chadwick, director of the We Care Ministries Food Bank.

Separation of Church and State debate
The History Club at the University of Tennessee at Martin will present a debate on the separation of church and state at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, in the Humanities Building auditorium at UT Martin. The public is invited to attend.

AAUW will meet
The American Association of University Women will meet at 6 p.m., Nov. 9, in the C.E. Weldon Public Library in Martin. The evening's program will include a panel of international women to talk about the issues facing women in other countries. The countries represented on the panel will be India, Brazil and Japan. Persons interested in attending the meeting are asked to e-mail sbyrd@utm.edu or cwallis@utm.edu by Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Deadline to apply for Governor's Schools is Dec. 1
MARTIN -- The deadline to apply for one of two Governor's Schools hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin is Dec. 1. Governor's School for the Humanities will be June 3 - July 6 and Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences is slated for May 27 - June 29. Successful applicants will be notified Jan. 26.

Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences focuses on the importance of agriculture and natural resources to the state and national economy. Emphasis on experiential learning and laboratory exercises related to the agricultural sciences will include production agriculture, agricultural business enterprises and natural resources management.

For an application or for more information, visit www.utm.edu/departments/caas/tgasas.

Governor's School for the Humanities celebrates the expression of who we are, what we believe and the power of ideas in creating shared communities. Visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/govschool for an application or for more information.

Applications also are available in high school guidance offices.
Get ready for the indoor session

As an amount of after school sunlight is decreasing and the temperature is dropping, it is about time that we start to change our exercise routine. Unfortunately we are not able to spend as much time outside throwing the football in the yard and dribbling the basketball on the driveway; therefore, we must find a suitable alternative.

Some individuals are lucky enough to have a gym or multipurpose room at their church. Others may have the opportunity to have a membership at a fitness center or YMCA. If you are not fortunate enough to have the opportunity for any of these, do not be dismayed. There are a wide variety of fitness opportunities that are available to you right in your own home.

There are five components of fitness that should be considered when establishing an exercise routine; they include, flexibility, muscular endurance, muscular strength, body composition and cardiovascular exercise.

Flexibility, improved by stretching, is important as it increases a joints’ range of motion and reduces the potential for injury. There are great DVD’s that give detailed instruction for yoga and pilates, both of which include stretching.

If you do not want to pay for a DVD, you can create your own stretch workout. When stretching, remember that it is important not to bounce, but to hold your stretch for a count of twenty seconds.

Your core muscles are strengthened by crunches, which is the test for muscular endurance. Pilates as well as ball workouts are a great way to focus on strengthening your mid-section. Muscular strength can be increased by push-ups or any weight bearing motion through repetition, such as weight lifting. Hand weights, available from many local retailers, generally start at 1 or 2 pounds and are fairly inexpensive, the price increases with the amount of weight. These would be an inexpensive investment that could be used for a variety of exercises. And if all else fails, they make a great door stop!

Body composition is the ratio of lean and fat mass in the body. Lean mass is composed of bones, muscles, organs, and water; while fat mass is composed of fat. The fat mass can be reduced with exercise and the lean mass can be increased with exercise.

The foods that we consume play a major role in our body composition. During the cooler months sometimes people tend to eat comfort foods. Try to choose foods that are healthy when you are stocking up your cupboards for the cold months ahead.

Cardiovascular exercise refers to a prolonged exercise activity. Examples of indoor activities include aerobics and cycling on a trainer. It can be challenging to find the space for indoor cardio workouts. Generally people pop in a video/DVD and do aerobics with their favorite celebrity. However, exercising with the same video often will become routine and will not present much of a challenge. The good news is that there are a variety of TV stations that provide workouts in their daily line up. If the scheduled time does not fit into your schedule, you can record it and workout at a more convenient time.

Many of these workouts ideas may seem simple; however, they are all part of the five components of fitness. The fitness components are the major areas that individuals should be concerned about in order to establish and maintain a healthy lifestyle and a reduced potential for health problems such as heart disease.

As you continue to be active during the winter months, you will feel better about yourself and your health. Let us learn from the squirrels gathering nuts before hybernation - enjoy the outdoors as long as you can, but be prepared for the indoor workout season.

Dr. Laura Brown has been an assistant professor of pedagogy at the University of Tennessee at Martin for three years. She received her B.S. from UT Martin, her M.A. from Murray State University, and her doctorate from Union University. She teaches people to be physical education teachers. Pedagogist (I teach people to be physical education teachers). She's the mother of two children.
Feeding your pet table food can break your heart later.

The holiday season is quickly approaching. Last month's article dealt with the possible perils of Halloween for our pets. In pondering the months of November and December, I decided to do a three-part series on holidays and our pets. This will be my second installment on that theme, and we will be dealing with common problems that occur at Thanksgiving. Instead of the normal dos and don'ts I write about, I thought I would tell you a story. It goes something like this.

I had been in practice for three or four years and was on call the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Saturday night, I got a call from an elderly couple whose six-year-old house dog had been vomiting most of the day. I met them at the clinic. It was immediately obvious that they were very nice people and loved their pet dearly. I started asking questions as I was examining their dog.

'Did you have a nice Thanksgiving?' I asked.

'We sure did. All of our family came and Momma fixed a wonderful dinner,' he replied.

'Did you feed any of your Thanksgiving dinner to the dog?'

'Well, of course we did. He only eats table scraps. We've fed him what we eat all his life. He doesn't even know what dog food is. We even made him his own plate for Thanksgiving this year.'

After further questioning, I learned that their dog had begun vomiting Friday night, and this had gotten progressively worse. On examining the dog, he was dehydrated, his stomach was tense and sore, and even though he was making his best effort to be friendly and happy, he felt awful. He was a beautiful little daschund mix with wonderful, expressive eyes. I started intravenous fluids, hospitalized him and did blood work. I knew what he had, but I wanted to know how bad off we were. It didn't take me long to find out.

Even with the fluids, medication to stop the vomiting and diarrhea, and supportive care, he continued to get worse as the hours rolled on. I basically lived at the clinic that weekend. I had not yet lost a dog to pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas most commonly caused by feeding table food), and I wasn't planning on him being my first. I kept in close contact with the clients. He started vomiting blood and having bloody diarrhea.

I did everything I could. I called the veterinarians that I worked with that had been in practice longer for any advice they might have. I poured over my textbooks to make sure I had done everything I could do. I had. It didn't matter. He died.

I have no idea how many hundreds of dogs I have treated successfully for gastritis, enteritis, and pancreatitis (all those big words mean stomach or intestinal problems), before or since him, but every Thanksgiving, I remember him. I remember the owners and how happy they were that their beloved pet enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner so much that year. I remember him looking at me with those expressive big brown eyes for help. I remember how devastated they and I were that I couldn't save him, and every time Lacy begs me for table food, I remember.

This Thanksgiving, I hope you remember too.

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

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music is hosting Dessert Evening at 7:30 tonight and 8 p.m. Saturday in the gallery of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus.

This musical program offers the public a chance to enjoy a variety of appetizers, desserts and beverages while listening to solos, duets and quartets by members of the Department of Music’s vocal division.

The University Singers and the New Pacers Singers will perform an assortment of music. Light, serious and inspirational music will be highlighted during the program.

Tickets are $18 and can be reserved or purchased from Sherry Adams in the Department of Music by calling (731) 881-7402 or by e-mailing sadams@utm.edu.

Ornament class offered by UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering a workshop on one-stroke Christmas ornaments Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Participants will paint four glass ornaments during class. Students may paint a variety of items, such as pine and berries or snowflakes.

There is a $50 fee for the class and a $20 supply fee, which includes ornaments, brushes, paint and miscellaneous supplies, must be paid to the instructor on the day of class. Students may keep the brushes.

Charlie Boyd will be the instructor.

Space is limited. To register, call the ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.
Business consultant expands service times at REED Center

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), has expanded the times he will be available at the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center (REED) in Martin.

This month, he will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday and Nov. 16.

This is an opportunity for existing business owners to get advice on marketing, customer service or cash flow issues. Budding entrepreneurs may receive advice on developing a business plan, marketing and record keeping.

The REED Center also offers consulting by appointment any time, any day.

The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at (731) 587-REED (7333). The REED Center is located at 920 University St., Martin, TN 38237.

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

STUDENT EMPLOYEE HONORED — University of Tennessee at Martin Physical Plant operations employee Chris Edwards (left) of Union City accepts the Fall 2006 Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award from Mike Maloan. Edwards is a senior electrical engineering major and has been employed for three years. Among his many tasks, Edwards prepares AutoCAD drawings of campus building floor plans, renovation projects and presentation materials, provides support to the physical plant shops as needed and actively participates with parking lot layout and design, field layout and locks. He also assists in maintaining the physical plant computer drawing system in addition to archiving drawings and manuals, as well as helps to resolve computer problems and works with the campus engineer in electrical lighting design. Supervisors said Edwards completes his tasks with a positive attitude, while also maintaining his grades. "Chris has proven to be a very valuable part of the physical plant team. He has saved the university thousands of dollars by taking on work that would normally be done by outside consultants," his supervisor said. The award, given every fall and spring semester, is a memorial for Beth Maloan, longtime UT Martin director of budgeting and payroll, who, during her years of service, was a strong advocate for student employment. She had a vision that more positions would be developed on campus that would challenge students and make them significant contributors to the university's mission. Recipients of the award exemplify a strong work ethic and commitment to the university and they receive a $500 cash award, an engraved plaque and a nameplate on the perpetual plaque in a place of honor in Boling University Center. Contributions to the scholarship award may be made through payroll deduction by employees of UT Martin or by sending a contribution to the Office of Development at UT Martin.
Speakers' bureau established

Capitalizing on the knowledge, expertise and leadership skills of WestStar Leadership Program graduates, a speakers' bureau has been established to share that knowledge. Speakers on a variety of topics, ranging from health care, economic development, leadership strategies and public and private partnerships, will provide programs for civic, church and educational organizations. They also are available for a host of other venues. The project was developed by the WestStar Alumni Council Continuing Education Committee. Speakers will be available at no charge.

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

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

For more information, contact Virginia Grimes at 731-881-7298 or vgrimes@utm.edu.

UT Martin's gospel choir to present evening of music

The University of Tennessee at Martin gospel choir will present an evening of gospel music Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine Arts Building on the campus of UT Martin.

The choir will perform "Imagine Me" by Kirk Franklin, "The Blessing of Abraham" by Donald Lawrence and featuring The Tri-City Singers, "Victory" by Tye Tribbett, "Majesty" and "I Will Bless the Lord" by Byron Cage.

The Rev. Alvin Summers, director of the choir, is a pastor, musician, writer and college instructor. Some of his accomplishments include recording with the National Civil Rights Gospel Choir on a benefit project for the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, conducting the first Citywide Thanksgiving Choir, serving as dean of students at Bethel College in McKenzie and organizing, directing and writing for Voices in Praise Gospel Ensemble.

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Mykia Campbell is assistant choir director. She graduated from UT Martin with a degree in vocal performance. She is director of music at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Martin and is married to Willie Campbell. They have one son, Orion.

Participating in the choir are O'Brian Fulton of Martin; Diedre Jackson of Trenton; Quadros Brooks and Lashell Evans, both of Brownsville; Marcia Smith and Jerry Snipes, both of Jackson; Jametria Aldridge, Veronica Barnes, Veronica Coleman, Casandra Dowell, Antoinette Geter, Dana Lee, KeAun Loftin, Tiffany McCraney and Ashley Todd, all of Memphis; Raneshia Ammet of Cordova; Rosalind Burdette of Millington; and Valerie Harris of Chicago.

Musicians include Wesley Johnson of Jackson, Mondi Porter of Atoka and Jayson Price of Jackson.

Piano workshop, concert slated

Pianist Andrea Anderson will conduct a workshop in conjunction with the University of Tennessee at Martin from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

She also will perform a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday. Both events will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin and are free and open to the public.

These events are co-sponsored by the UT Martin Department of Music and College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Trinity Presbyterian Church, the Philharmonic Music Guild of Martin and the Martin Area Music Teachers Association. Additional funding is provided under an agreement with the Tennessee Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts and Northwest Tennessee Development District.

Ms. Anderson's recital performance is the exclusive Tennessee engagement on her nationwide tour this fall. She brings some of the ancestors of the modern piano for her program, "From Harpsichord to Grand."

She will perform on clavichord, harpsichord and fortepiano for the first half of the recital and will devote the second half to the modern grand piano. She will perform works by Bach, Mozart, Ravel and Liszt and will present stories about the instruments she is playing, as well as about the composers and their music.

The Saturday workshop is geared to music students and is open to all who are interested in learning more about the music for these early instruments. Registration and coffee begin at 9:30 a.m. Morning sessions will be on the clavichord, the harpsichord and the fortepiano. The afternoon session topics include performance of 18th century music on the grand piano and a masterclass.

The church is located at 145 Haddons Lane in Martin. For more information on the workshop and/or the concert, contact Dr. Elaine Harriss, UT Martin professor of music, by telephone at (731) 881-7411 or by e-mail at elaineh@utm.edu.
Loan program to aid business to be explained at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin will host an informational meeting for a Microenterprise Loan Fund Program offered by the Tennessee Economic and Community Development’s Business Enterprise Resource Office (ECD-BERO).

The local meeting, co-sponsored by the UT Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center, will be Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. in Room 206C of Boling University Center.

The meeting will highlight key information about the loan program, including application requirements, deadlines and available resources. The local Tennessee Small Business Development Center also will provide information about its services and programs. The maximum loan amount of $5,000 and the requirement of a business plan, as well as the borrower’s willingness to attend business training workshops, are among the topics to be discussed.

The ECD-BERO is funded by USDA Rural Development and supports the startup, growth and expansion of microenterprises in rural Tennessee.

For more information about the program, visit http://www.state.tn.us/ece/Communications/HotSheet101106.htm or call Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, at (731) 587-7333.

Residents in UTM Play

The University of Tennessee at Martin Vanguard Theatre will present its opening performance of “Lysistrata” at 8 p.m., Thursday in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus with additional performances at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Cast members include Jennifer and Natalie Horbelt of Lakeland, Tony Liberty of Millington; Anne Albrecht of Bartlett, Kendra Bell of Southeast Memphis and Davida Ambrose of Whitehaven.

For ticket information, call (731) 881-7400.

Erin Cardosi, a senior at Germantown High School, attended the recent University of Tennessee at Martin Senior Preview Day. Nearly 200 seniors were in attendance, where they received information about a variety of topics including scholarships, financial aid, housing costs and university academic programs.

Erin Cardosi
Chancellor, Others Part of International Percussion Performance

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UT Martin ensemble members include Adrian Baker of Pleasant View; Bryan Scott of Troy; Richard Henson of Gibson; Craig Smith of Union City; Scottie Somerville of Kenton; Sarah Roberts of Martin; Chris Rawls of Union City; Mark Fairless of Trenton; and Brittany Whitton of Selmer.

Also participating in the ensemble are Patricia Hernandez of Franklin; Daniel Vargas of Selmer; Cory Goodwin of Newbern; and Sean Johnson of Charleston, W. Va.; Jacob Abbott of Rutherford; Andrew Lynn of Gibson; Jeff Moore of Dyersburg; Jeff Bunn of McKenzie; Joe Kendrick of Beech; Buff; John Ciniglio of Jackson; and Mai Fukuda of Hirozaki, Japan.

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Amanda Bell, of Gleason, is a freshman. She received the Chancellor's Award.

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ADAMS RECEIVES UTM OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE

— Sherry Adams, University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music administrative assistant, received the non-exempt UT Martin Fall 2006 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Chancellor Nick Dunagan. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to the university, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of Adams’ nomination were comments such as: "Sherry is a hard-working, dedicated employee, and I would personally be lost without her. The department has weathered many ups and downs, and Adams' constant presence and attitude have been much of the glue that kept things going well." "She is friendly, cooperative and willing to go the second mile to accommodate the faculty and staff." Adams has been with UT Martin for 25 years.

GIbson RECEIVES UTM OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE — Edie Gibson, executive assistant to the chancellor in the Office of the Chancellor, received the exempt UT Martin Fall 2006 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Chancellor Nick Dunagan. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to the university, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of Gibson’s nomination were comments such as: "Her enthusiasm and dedication to her job are truly inspiring." "When a project or issue develops, I can always depend on her to get the right information from the right people and make a professional recommendation." "Her job is difficult, yet she does it with great charm." Gibson has been with UT Martin for 16 years.
Edwards receives award

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REED Center offers customer service help to businesses

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) are hosting a seminar, "Customer Service: It’s ALL About the Guest in Your Business," 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m., November 9, in Room 229 of Boling University Center at UT Martin.

The seminar is being offered in cooperation with the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce.

The program will highlight the do’s and don’ts of customer service. Those attending will get a better feel for how customers interpret what they see and feel when visiting their business and how the outcome could make or break the success of the business.

Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, encourages all business owners to send their employees to attend this informative session. "This is a great opportunity to encourage customer service while encouraging continuing education among your employees."

Ron Acree, a small business specialist for the TSBDC, is the instructor. The program is free; however, UT Martin continuing education credits are available for $10.

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Valerie Kelso, Miss Tennessee 2002, Miss Tennessee soybean Festival Queen, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Crowning their successors will be 2006 Miss UT Martin Jennifer Roberts, of McEwen, and 2006 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Queen Holly Buchanan, of Brighton.

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

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For more information, contact pageant executive directors, Lynn Gibson, at 731-588-2570, or lynngibson@frontiernet.net.

Online class offers teachers help inside classroom

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering an online course entitled “Differentiated Instruction in the Classroom.”

The course examines differentiated instruction (DI), a teaching strategy that evaluates and reinvents lesson plans by content, process, product, readiness, interest and learning profiles. Teachers will learn about the concept of DI, which tailors learning activities to meet diverse needs in one classroom, without the pull-out groups of the past. These educators will discover 10 different DI strategies that are ready to use in elementary, middle and high school classrooms.

Taught by veteran middle school teacher, Tracey Birch, “Differentiated Instruction in the Classroom” shares real-world strategies that make lessons more creative. Birch provides the teachers with more than 30 practical lesson plans that teachers can learn today and take into their classrooms tomorrow.

“A lot of teachers aren’t sure how to meet the standards set by the No Child Left Behind Act, and DI offers workable, reasonable and even fun approaches to integrate those standards into all facets of classroom education,” said Birch.

“We cover it all,” Birch said. “Multiple intelligences (MI), flexible grouping, cubing, WebQuests, i-Searches, tiering and anchoring activities are just the beginning of our journey through DI. They will learn the best way to bring creativity back into the diverse classroom. And, along the way, they will find out how to coach all their students to reach their greatest learning potential,” Birch added.

“Differentiated Instruction in the Classroom” can be taken online from the convenience of home at any time of the day or night. A new session begins each month. The course runs for six weeks, and participants receive two lessons per week. The lessons may be completed at the convenience of the participant. The cost of the course is $85. For more information about this course, which is part of a growing catalog of more than 300 instructor-facilitated online courses, contact ECCE at 800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082 or e-mail ecce@utm.edu.
Anti-War Comedy to be Vanguard Theatre’s Fall Production

The University of Tennessee at Martin Vanguard Theatre will present its opening performance of “Lysistrata,” at 8:00 p.m., November 9, on the main stage in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building. Additional performances will be at 8:00 p.m., November 10-11, and 3:00 p.m., November 12.

“Lysistrata,” written in 411 B.C., is an anti-war comedy classic written by Aristophanes and translated by Douglass Parker. The plot entails women in ancient Greece urging for peace in the midst of the Peloponnesian War. Under the leadership of Lysistrata, women from Athens, Sparta, Corinth and other parts of Greece occupy the public funds building and deny their husbands sex in a bold effort to support their convictions to end the war. The men find themselves unable to fight after money and sex are withheld from them. The play supports the notion that men and women, together, best represent the world.

UT Martin cast members include: Jennifer Horbelt, Katie Mercuri, Natalie Horbelt, Ana Shaw, Ashlee Johnson, Derrick Casey, Tony Liberty, Matthew Maitland, Nick Mounts, and Anne Albrecht.

Also participating in the play are Kendra Bell, Laura Hensley, Annie Pelfrey, Jonathan Johnson, Eric Danz, Davida Ambrose, Jerry Snipes, Casey Unger, Tim Williams, and Will Cook. Rounding out the cast are Katie Price, Jessica Sims, Chelsea Black, April Overton, and Ashley Spicer.

Ken Zimmerman, instructor of theatre, said, “One of the reasons we chose this anti-war comedy for our 2006-2007 Vanguard season was because of its relevance to the current political climate regarding the war in Iraq.”

He added, “One of the duties of art is to comment on the actions of society, and this play has been around and commenting for well over 2,000 years.”

For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7400.

Governor proclaims Chemistry Week in Tennessee

Recognizing the important role that the business of chemistry plays in Tennessee and the achievements of the local sections and student affiliates chapters of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) in the state and the fact that ACS members are reaching out all across the nation with positive messages from the society, Gov. Phil Bredesen proclaimed the week of October 22-28 as Chemistry Week in Tennessee. Visiting with the governor at this occasion were several local section representatives and SAACS officers. They are, from left to right, front row, Nashville section past chair and National Chemistry Week coordinator Ruth A. Woodall, Eastern section councilor/NCW coordinator Dr. Al Hazari of UT Knoxville, Gov. Bredesen, Kentucky Lake Section councilor/NCW coordinator and UT Martin SAACS adviser Dr. S.K. Airee and Kentucky Lake Section chair J. Brent Montgomery of Palmersty; second row, Chattanooga section councilor Dr. Maurice R. Smith, UT Martin SAACS present and vice president Jon Bain of Mt. Pleasant, and Brad Bledsoe of Bon Aqua, Nashville section chair Dr. Tim Hanusa of Vanderbilt University.
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Also participating in the ensemble are Patricia Hernandez, of Franklin; Daniel Vargason, of Selmer; Cory Bozard, of Newbern; Sean Johnson, of Charleston, West Virginia; Jacob Abbott, of Rutherford; Andrew Lynn, of Gibson; Jeff Moore, of Dyersburg; Jeff Bunn, of McKenzie; Joe Kendrick, of Beech Bluff; John Cimigo, of Jackson; and Mai Fukuda, of Hiroskai, Japan.

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General admission tickets for the Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Pageant are $10. UT Martin students may purchase $5 tickets in advance. General admission and advanced tickets can be purchased at the Boling University Center information desk, beginning today. Tickets also may be purchased at the door.

For more information, contact pageant executive directors, Lynn Gibson, at 731-588-2570 or lynngibson@frontiernet.net.

'LYSISTRATA'

Anti-War Comedy to be Vanguard Theatre's Fall Production. 8 p.m. today on the main stage in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at UT Martin. Additional performances will be at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Call 881-7400.

SENIOR VOICE RECITAL

Sara McLemore, of Jackson, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre, UT Martin, Free.

AN EVENING OF GOSPEL MUSIC

7:30 p.m. Monday in the Harriet Fulton Theatre, Fine Arts Building on the campus of UT Martin.
Sigma Alpha Iota to perform at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Epsilon Iota chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI) music fraternity for women will present a program of music at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 15, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

The varied program highlights American composers and includes piano, voice, flute and percussion solos, as well as a performance by the SAI choir. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 881-7402.

ENJOYING HOMECOMING — Union City residents Rick Wilson, a 1976 alum, and his wife, Tricia, enjoyed the sunny weather and entertainment during Homecoming 2006 Quad City at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Quad City feature a variety of activities for children and adults, including musical entertainment, games, concessions and reunions.

Greek anti-war comedy set

Special to My Life

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Also participating in the play are Kendra Bell, Laura Hensley, Annie Pelfrey, Jonathan Johnson, Eric Danz, Davida Ambrose, Jerry Snipes, Casey Unger, Tim Williams, Will Cook, Katie Price, Jessica Sims, Chelsea Black, April Overton, and Ashley Spicer.

For information or to purchase tickets, call (731) 881-7400.

UT Alumni meeting open to public

The Madison County UT Alumni Chapter meeting will be held Tuesday at the UT Experiment Station, 605 Airways Blvd., in Jackson.

Social time will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Jim Byford, dean of Agriculture and Applied Sciences at University of Tennessee Martin, will present a program on biofuels in West Tennessee. For reservations, send a check payable to the Madison County UT Alumni Chapter for $12 per person.

Mail it to: Madison County UT Alumni Chapter, 107 Tuckahoe Road, Jackson, TN 38305. Call 225-8445.
UTM Housing holds annual Halloween festival

By Bessie Cherry

Students attending Martin Elementary and Martin Primary schools were invited by the Housing office at the University of Tennessee at Martin to participate in the organization’s annual Halloween festival, held on campus from 6-9 Halloween night.

The festival began in the lobby of Cooper Hall, where children enjoyed Halloween treats, toys, novelties and games. Children and parents were then directed by UTM Housing staff to Cooper Hall and University Village apartments, where residents passed out candy and other goodies to the local trick-or-treaters.

“UTM Housing has a long history of giving back to the community,” said Ryan Martin, UTM assistant director for Residence Life, “At this time of the year especially; we find it most appropriate to provide a safety zone, as well as a good time for kids in the community.”

After trick-or-treating, children followed a trail of Halloween balloons to Ellington Hall where they enjoyed a costume contest and caramel apples. Ellington Hall also set up a photo booth for kids and parents. Photos were e-mailed to the children’s parents beginning Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Students stopped last at Browning Hall to enjoy Halloween cookies and music. Browning staff also assisted the children in decorating their own personal pumpkins.

“It was very exciting to see all the children dressed up and enjoying themselves,” said G-2 resident assistant for Browning Hall, Alicia Jackson. “It was equally enjoyable to see the residents and staff dressed in costume and the dorm lobbies so nicely decorated. I really think the adults had more fun this year than the kids.”

UTM Housing directors, resident assistants and residents alike are credited with organizing the 2006 Halloween festival. Decorations, candy, novelties, toys and food were bought with UTM Housing funds and prepared by the housing staff. Martin Elementary and Martin Primary school students and their parents enjoyed the festival totally free of charge.

Martin said the event had been successful for almost 20 years and keeps growing every year. According to Martin, approximately 200 local children participated in this year’s festival.

“We are proud to have the opportunity to serve the city of Martin,” said Martin. “We thank the parents for bringing their children to the UTM Housing Halloween festival. And we thank everyone who participated in making this season’s event a success.”
UTM has higher standards

Proposals submitted by the University of Tennessee at Martin for higher admissions standards, a new campus recreation center and the establishment of two off-campus centers in Lauderdale and Decatur counties gained approval of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees at its November meeting, Nov. 3, in Knoxville.

“The board actions are an endorsement of UT Martin’s efforts to enhance academic standards, expand the reach of educational offerings and to provide on-campus students a first-class recreation facility,” Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, said.

“We appreciate the board’s support and look forward to implementing these positive new initiatives.”

The proposal for higher admissions standards culminated a year-long review of enrollment management for the campus by a task force appointed by Dunagan.

Enrollment trends, records and locations, along with scholarship allocation and retention factors, were reviewed.

The new standards, effective fall 2008, call for revising regular admission requirements to attract and enroll students whose academic preparation, motivation and maturity indicate they can be successful in an academic setting.

New requirements will be a 21 ACT score and a 2.5 high school grade-point average or an 18 ACT score and 2.85 high school GPA.

These requirements increase from the current regular admission requirements of a 20 ACT score and 2.4 high school GPA or 17 ACT score and 2.75 high school GPA.

Conditional admission requirements for students who do not meet regular requirements will not change and continue to be handled on an individual basis.

“Our intent is to gradually increase the academic rigor and expectations for our students as we also improve our legacy of quality student support services, advising and experiential opportunities for students,” Dr. Tom Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said.

“Along with priorities involving strong teaching, applied research, providing a technology-enriched environment, expanding opportunities for the development of leadership, global awareness and civic responsibility, our students will graduate and be well prepared for a career or advanced studies.”

Following the board’s action, final approval of two off-campus centers now moves to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. UT Martin proposes to establish two off-campus education centers, one in Ripley (Lauderdale County) by fall 2007 and another in Parsons (Decatur County) by fall 2008.

Both centers are among 12 of the 21 counties in West Tennessee listed as “most critical” in the most recent National Educational Needs Index.

Also, they are among six counties in West Tennessee that have less than nine percent of their populations with a bachelor’s degree and fewer than 72 percent with a high school diploma.

Other counties include McNairy, Lake, Hardeman and Benton. Additionally, all six fall far below Tennessee’s median family income of $43,517 and state and national averages in all three categories.

UT Martin established an education center in Selmer (McNairy County) in 2001. Since that time, the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer has experienced significant growth on a yearly basis.

The center also is supported by local government in providing facilities and by individuals and businesses, generating considerable development money for the center and its growing programs. This December, 20 students enrolled through the McNairy Center will graduate.

The two new centers will be modeled after the McNairy Center in staffing, facilities, offerings, higher education committee guidelines, university development and policies and procedures.

Partnerships with area community colleges and technology centers will also be part of the development of the off-campus centers.

In preparation for the establishment of the centers, the Ripley program was staffed and classes were offered beginning in January 2006 on the TTC-Ripley campus to begin building a student base.

Likewise, staffing has begun for the Parsons program with initial classes beginning in January 2007.

The board of trustees also approved construction of a 94,600 square foot campus recreation center near Mt. Pelia Road at a cost of $165.5 million and OK’d an accompanying $103 increase in student fees levied upon completion of the facility in 2009.

Currently, students are charged a program and services fee of $241 per semester, which will increase to $344.

The facility will allow the campus recreation department to expand hours and offerings. For the fiscal year 2005, roughly 3,000 students participated in intramural activities and leisure recreation recorded participation counts of 53,000.

The facility will include four basketball courts/indoor soccer arena, a walking/jogging/running area, a swimming pool, weight room, cardio-fitness areas, an aerobic room, a combative room and racquetball courts.

Also, there will be space for a lounge area, equipment checkout stations, offices, classrooms, storage and janitorial rooms.

UT Martin’s primary recreation facility, the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center, houses campus recreation, athletics and academic departments, which also divide operational time.

The Elam Center also serves as a regular location for campus-wide and community events, limiting its hours available for recreation.

The new recreation center will be built primarily for students, as student fees will be the primary funding source.

Other potential users may include faculty, staff, retirees, alumni and families of UT Martin students and employees, who will pay a fee for use of the facility.

“Student behavior is evolving into a more active state, with students no longer being content to simply be a spectator. Today’s students want to be involved and actively participate in some form of recreation,” Gina McClure, director of campus recreation, said.

“The idea and planning for this facility has been student-led. It is the right thing at the right time for this campus,” Dunagan said.

“I’m proud of what the Department of Campus Recreation is currently offering our students, and this new facility will greatly increase the recreation opportunities for our students.”
The combined Miss University of Tennessee at Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant, with the theme, “A Touch of Class,” will be staged at 7 p.m., Nov. 18, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at UT Martin.

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

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Santa’s Village marks
22nd year, growth

Santa’s Village will celebrate its 22nd year of operation and continues to set records in donations of food, toys and attendance. The holiday fantasyland is staged at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex at the University of Tennessee Martin. This year’s theme is “Santa’s Winter Wonderland.”

Slated for 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 7-8, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Dec. 9 and 1 to 5 p.m., Dec. 10, the event will feature new scenes, including Santa’s Ice Castle and a winter wonderland carousel. Also featured will be a train engine erected with canned foods, a giant Christmas tree, horse-drawn wagon rides, miniature shops, a skating pond and gazebo, an 8-ft. snow globe, Frosty the Talking Snowman, MTD train display, cartoon characters and 54 arts and crafts booths. Entertainment, highlighting regional talent, and a holiday bazaar flying over Santa’s Village will add to the festivities.

The opening ceremony is set for 5:45 p.m. Dec. 7. Co-sponsors for the event are Martin Parks and Recreation, the C. E. Weldon Public Library and UT Martin. Admission is a suggested donation of $5 for non-perishable foods and/or toys.

In 21 years, Santa’s Village has collected $662,144 worth of food and toys, and 174,969 visits have been made to the community event. Last year, the value of the donations reached $59,953, a record for the event, and 11,183 people attended, the fifth highest attendance rate.

Service agencies receiving food and toys collected at Santa’s Village include: Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council, Obion County American Red Cross, We Care Ministries, Santa’s Helpers and Chimes for Charity. Students in UT Martin’s agriculture and natural sciences classes donate approximately 1,000 hours each year for the setup and removal of Santa’s Village. This year student athletes will conduct a canned food drive on campus and assist with collections in other areas.

Additional sponsors of the event to date include: First State Bank, Rural King, Southern Source, Greenball Inc., MTD, PAICO, Volunteer Community Hospital, University Plaza Merchants, Tyson Foods Inc. and Hamilton Ryker. Call Martin Parks and Recreation at 587-6784.
'Lysistrata' opens today

The University of Tennessee at Martin Vanguard Theatre will present its opening performance of "Lysistrata," at 8 p.m., Nov. 9, on the main stage in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

Additional performances will be at 8 p.m., Nov. 10-11, and 3 p.m., Nov. 12.

"Lysistrata," written in 411 B.C., is an anti-war comedy classic written by Aristophanes and translated by Douglass Parker.

The plot entails women in ancient Greece urging for peace in the midst of the Peloponnesian War.

Under the leadership of Lysistrata, women from Athens, Sparta, Corinth and other parts of Greece occupy the public funds building and deny their husbands sex in a bold effort to support their convictions to end the war.

The men find themselves unable to fight after money and sex are withheld from them. The play supports the notion that men and women, together, best represent the world.

UT Martin cast members include: Jennifer Horbelt, of Memphis; Katie Mercuri, of Chapel Hill; Natalie Horbelt, of Memphis; Ana Shaw, of Knoxville; Ashlee Johnson, of Dyer; Derrick Casey, of Humboldt; Tony Liberty, of Millington; Matthew Maitland, of Bradford; Nick Mouts, of Centerville and Anne Albrecht, of Memphis.

Also participating in the play are Kendra Bell, of Memphis; Laura Hensley, of Savannah; Annie Pelfrey, of Mt. Juliet; Jonathan Johnson, of Hornbeak; Eric Danz, of Martin; Davida Ambrose, of Memphis; Jerry Snipes, of Martin; Casey Unger, of Martin; Tim Williams, of Dickson and Will Cook, of Martin.

Rounding out the cast are Katie Price, of Indian Mound; Jessica Sims, of Dyer; Chelsea Black, of Jasper; April Overton, of Bolivar and Ashley Spicer, of Ripley.

Ken Zimmerman, instructor of theatre, said, "One of the reasons we chose this anti-war comedy for our 2006-2007 Vanguard season was because of its relevance to the current political climate regarding the war in Iraq."

He added, "One of the duties of art is to comment on the actions of society, and this play has been around and commenting for well over 2,000 years."

Students receive scholarships to UTM

Two Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Eric Phillips, son of Ron and Pat Phillips of Dresden, is a freshman. He received the Vincent Implement Inc. Scholarship.

Christopher Rea, of Martin, husband of Tabitha Rea and son of Lori Rea, is a sophomore. He received the Tosh Farms 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.

Spring break in Venezuela is travel-study trip

The University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor a travel-study trip to South America and explore Venezuela over spring break in March.

The group will experience the diversity of natural and cultural features offered by this nation. The Andes Mountains and the cities of Merida, Santa Ana, San Miguel and Bocono, also called the garden of Venezuela, are among the sites to be visited. The group also will travel to the Gran Sabana, which is home to Angel Falls, the highest waterfall in the world.

For more information, contact Helmut Wenz, professor of geography, 881-7438 or Stan Sieber, professor of history, 881-7467.
UT Martin piano ensemble to provide seasonal music

The University of Tennessee at Martin piano ensemble, assisted by special guests, will present a concert of Christmas music Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

The ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Elaine Harriss of Martin, professor of music.

The event will highlight a variety of holiday musical selections for two to 10 pianists. Among the pieces on the program are arrangements for two pianos, such as Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" and Bach's "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" and "Sheep May Safely Graze."

"March of the Toys" from Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland" will be performed in a special eight-hand arrangement.

Additional pieces include "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," arranged by Dello Joio; "Jingle Bells," arranged by Ron Boud; and " Arrival of Santa Clause" by Englemann.

UT Martin music graduates will be featured in a five-piano arrangement of Tchaikovsky's "Waltz of the Flowers." The alumni performing are Dr. Danny Donaldson, Linda Farmer, Sandra Robbins, Delana Easley and Ginger Bard.

For the finale, three members of the UT Martin music faculty will join the piano ensemble in a 10-pianist performance of "Arrival of Santa Claus." Music faculty pianists include Fred Spano, assistant professor of music; Scott Roberts, associate professor of music; and Harriss.

UT Martin piano students performing are Valerie Sanderson of Kenton, Emily Kendall of Troy, Letitia Lavender of Union City, Crystal Crockett of Summertown, Mai Fukuda of Hiroaki, Japan, and Terrill Wilson of Munford.

Three high school seniors, Erica Leung, Brendan White and Andrew Moore, representing the pre-college studios of Alice Jackson of Humboldt, and Harriss will also perform.

The event is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, contact Harriss by telephone at (731) 881-7411 or by e-mail at elaineh@utm.edu.
Santa's Village in Martin benefits local organizations

Santa's Village will soon celebrate its 22nd year of operation and continues to set records in donations of food, toys and attendance. The holiday fantasyland — which provides the sights, sounds and fun of Christmas — is staged each year at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

This year's theme is "Santa's Winter Wonderland" and the event is slated for Dec. 7-8 from 6-9 p.m.; Dec. 9 from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Dec. 10 from 1-5 p.m.

It will feature new scenes, including Santa's Ice Castle and a winter wonderland carousel. Also featured will be a train engine erected with 2007 canned foods, a giant Christmas tree, horse-drawn wagon rides, miniature shops, a skating pond and gazebo, an eight-foot snow globe, Frosty the Talking Snowman, MTD train display, cartoon characters and 54 arts and crafts booths. Twenty hours of continuous entertainment, highlighting regional talent, and a holiday blimp, flying over Santa's Village, will add to the festivities.

The opening ceremony is set for 5:45 p.m. Dec. 7. Co-sponsors for the event are Martin Parks and Recreation, the C.E. Weldon Public Library and UT Martin.

Admission is a suggested donation of $5 worth of non-perishable foods and/or toys, which are donated to local agencies that help the less fortunate at Christmas. Chimes for Charity, which serves needy families across Obion County at Christmas, will be featured the evening of Dec. 8 at Santa's Village.

"Santa's Village has reached another level," Dennis Suiter, Martin Parks and Recreation Department director, said at the annual Santa's Village kickoff luncheon for representatives of sponsors, service agencies and volunteers.

Suiter said the last six years are an example of how the event continues to grow.

"In the last six years, we have averaged 12,070 visitors a year. Donations have averaged $55,780," he said.

He added that the top five years in attendance and donations have occurred since 2000. In 21 years, Santa's Village has collected $662,144 worth of food and toys, and 174,969 visits have been made to the community event. Last year, the value of the donations reached $59,955, a record for the event, and 11,183 people attended, the fifth highest attendance rate.

Suiter highlighted the efforts of sponsors and volunteers, who contribute time and money to the annual event, and the service agencies that use the bounty of food and toys from Santa's Village to benefit families in the region at holiday time and, in some cases, throughout the year.

"It's such a team effort. We're so appreciative of all the folks who make this program possible," Suiter said.

In addition to Chimes for Charity, service agencies receiving food and toys collected at Santa's Village include the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council, Obion County American Red Cross, We Care Ministries and Santa's Helpers.

"We couldn't serve the folks we do without the people in this room," said Cindy Stephens, who along with Lottie Cooper, county manager, represented Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council at the luncheon.

Betty Stockdale, American Red Cross Obion County executive director, said 1,000 families were assisted last year, a record for the agency.

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Sharon Dulcimers to perform Thursday

By SARA REID
Staff Writer

Back by popular demand, the Sharon Dulcimer Orchestra will be performing another concert at the University of Tennessee at Martin, but, will this time be accompanied by the added bonus of a dance ensemble of UT Martin students.

The orchestra performed last fall in the Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus to a large audience and this year, director Prentice Arv and his group are looking forward to playing the venue again.

Much like last year, retired UT Martin professor of English and folklore enthusiast Walt Haden will be providing narration for many of the songs.

Also like last year, Haden and the orchestra hope for the experience to be an interactive one as audience members will be welcome to join the dancers onstage for a quick lesson or just to satisfy the urge to "cut a rug."

Bonnie Roberts is one of the members of the orchestra who will be performing in the concert, but unlike the other members, she plays the mountain dulcimer and the hammer dulcimer.

"This will be our second annual folk music concert over at UT Martin and this time we're going to bring in the dancers because they help to keep time just like the dulcimer players keep the tune," she said.

"It's going to be a free concert. We have added in a few new songs and one in which Mr. Haden finished recently. We took out a lot of songs from last year and filled them in with new ones, but we'll still have about the same amount," she added.

"We try to practice every Tuesday night at the Sharon Senior Citizens Center, but after November, we might drop December and pick up practicing again in January."

In addition to the ensemble of dancers, led by UT Martin professor Claudia Morris, there will be two cloggers who promise to add even more flavor to the traditional folk songs.

"We just want to go out there and have a lot of fun and a good time," Arv said.

The concert is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 16 in the University Center's Watkins Auditorium.

Orchestra warm-up will begin at 6 p.m.

LEAD Academy to auction trees

The University of Tennessee at Martin LEAD Academy is sponsoring "Christmas for a Cause," a silent auction of decorated Christmas trees, Dec. 2, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., at the Student Life Center on the UT Martin campus. All proceeds go to community and nationwide philanthropic organizations.

Other activities will include breakfast with Santa at 9 a.m., a gingerbread house contest, pictures with Santa, local entertainment and crafts. Admission is $2 for children 13 and older and $1 for children ages 2-12.

Trees may be submitted by any student organization. Any tree entered in the auction must meet the following regulations:

• Artificial
• 6-10 foot tall
• Illuminated in some way
• Have a tree skirt
• Be supported by a tree stand
• Theme to coincide with organization and/or to represent philanthropy and/or organization
• Fully decorated at the Student Life Center no later than 5 p.m., Nov. 29 (Participants may use the Student Life Center to decorate trees at anytime Nov. 29.)
• A paragraph description of the philanthropy must accompany each tree. E-mail all descriptions to Laura Humphrey at lhumphrey@utm.edu no later than 5 p.m., Nov. 17.

This event is open to the public. For more information, contact Humphrey at 881-7525.
ROTC wins Ranger Challenge

A group of 10 students in the University of Tennessee at Martin's ROTC program placed first in its division during the annual Ranger Challenge competition for the second consecutive year.

The competition, which was held at Fort Jackson, S.C., hosted 19 universities from Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Over a period of 48 hours, the teams participated in a variety of events including a written map reading and patrolling test, commander's event, weapons disassembly and reassembly event, army physical fitness test, hand grenade assault course, fit-to-win obstacle course, land navigation course and a 6.2 mile foot march with weapon and pack.

The event yielded tougher competition as a result of fewer teams participating. Last year, nearly 30 teams were hosted at Fort Jackson.

"This ensured a tougher competition than previous years as the challenging schools came better prepared to win," said Capt. Donny Hebel, UT Martin Ranger Challenge coach.

The following students represented UT Martin at the competition: Travis Payne (team captain), Chance Barr, Jeffery Cashon, Richard Casada, David Tessaro, Emilia Finley, Cristine Manning, Jonathan McAnally, Jeremy Robertson and David Stamps.

"The adrenaline was pumping as we kept gaining and losing the lead from Middle Tennessee State University. We never knew exactly how close we were, but we knew we had to give our best and limit mistakes to win it," said Payne.

Last year, the team placed first in the event. In 2004, the team placed second for the first time in UT Martin history. To prepare for the competition, Hebel and Master Sgt. John Buckley coached the team through two months of training, which consisted of physical conditioning at 6 a.m. every weekday and numerous afternoon and weekend training sessions.

"We are glad to have started such a winning tradition at UT Martin. Every year our team gets better, but we need that to stay ahead of the competition. I cannot begin to express how proud I am of the cadets that took the time to be here. It was very exhausting, demanding, and at times frustrating, but that is what it takes to be the best," said Hebel.

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Award recipients note UTM's impact on individuals and region

Four awards were presented at the annual alumni banquet during homecoming at the University of Tennessee at Martin to people who had varied associations with the university, but shared similar ideas about the impact the institution had on their lives.

From two former students' perspectives, to one who devoted 42 years of service to the university, to one who served the institution for 33 years and is retiring as chancellor — the university made a difference.

Buddy Mitchell, Outstanding Alumnus Award recipient; Bill Rhodes, Outstanding Young Alumnus Award recipient; and Bettye Giles, Chancellor's Award for University Service recipient, accepted their awards from Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, and Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president. Nancy Biggs accepted a Chancellor's Service Award on behalf of her mother, Sara Dunagan, who could not attend the ceremony.

"Tonight, we are going to recognize four distinguished individuals and all four are outstanding," said Chancellor Dunagan. "But I also think that they would agree that we're blessed at this institution to have a number of alumni who contribute in so many ways."

Dunagan also praised the faculty and staff. "They work hard and they work smart," to benefit the students.

The chancellor, who recently announced plans to retire in 2007, noted that he and his wife, Cathy, were attending their 37th homecoming, including four as students. "Cathy and I have a particular love for this place."

"As always, it's a pleasure to be here," said Petersen, who praised the leadership of Nick and Cathy Dunagan. Noting he had met earlier in the day with the committee charged with spearheading the effort to select a new chancellor, he added, "We'll finish the search this year. I think we're going to get absolutely superb candidates. I'm sure we'll finish it successfully."

Petersen noted that the UT Martin campus has an "infectious" spirit. "People love being here; they love working here; they love going to school here."

Accepting his award, Rhodes, of Memphis, AutoZone president and CEO, was recruited to play golf at UT Martin by coach Grover Page. "It's a great honor for me to be here tonight," said Rhodes. "The education that I received at this university was incredible. I am so proud of that education." Rhodes thanked Page and others at the university "for what they have done for me and my family." He added, "This university plays such an important role. It's up to us as alumni to help get that message out."

Mitchell, of Knoxville, UT Institute for Agriculture associate vice president for agricultural development and government relations, said, "I can't imagine this campus did more for anyone more than me." He cited Dr. Bob Duck, professor emeritus of agronomy, as having a "profound influence" on him. "Four years here changed my life dramatically. That cherished college education is more important in today's knowledge-based, technology-based life."

He urged other alumni present to "support this very special place. It's building an outstanding workforce."

Biggs, of Greenfield, said UT Martin always had a presence in the lives of her parents, Sara and Horace Dunagan, brother, Nick, sister, Anita, and her life. On trips from their home in Caruthersville, Mo., to Jackson, they would always drive through Martin to see places her parents lived and frequented when he was a student after WWII. "All three of us chose UT Martin. I think parents are the best college recruiters."

Sara Dunagan, who now resides in Jackson, funded the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking to honor her late husband's 38-year banking career. She established two University Scholars endowments, donated to the new Agricultural Teaching Complex and established three charitable trusts, one for each of her children, that will benefit academic programs, among other contributions.

That legacy of choosing UT Martin led a total of 30 of Dunagan's family members to graduate from the university. "We hope to begin with a long string of great-grandchildren," Biggs said. "This campus has always been special to our family in so many ways."

Giles, of Martin, a retired physical education professor and director of women's athletics, recounted moments from a career at UT Martin that spanned 42 years. Twelve years later, she is still going to an office on campus to work on various projects — giving her a total of 54 years of association with the institution.

"I have enjoyed every minute of it," she said. "I don't remember dreading to go to work."

Noting it wasn't all "peaches" and that there were some challenges, she added, "somehow those challenges inspired me. I've enjoyed what everybody (recipients) has said about UT Martin. It certainly is an honor and I appreciate it so much."

Tim Taylor, of Dyersburg, president-elect of the UT Martin Alumni council, was master of ceremonies. Also on the program were Ray Pollard, of Woodbridge, Va., chair, UT Martin Alumni Council Past Presidents; and Dave Roberts, of Knoxville, former UT National Alumni Association executive director.
**UTM piano ensemble to provide music for season**

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“A Christmas Carol” will be performed in a special six-hand arrangement. Additional pieces include “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” and “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,” arranged by Dello Joio; “Jingle Bells,” arranged by Ron Boud; and “Arrival of Santa Clause” by Englemann.

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UT Martin piano students performing are Crystal Crockett, Summertown; Mai Fukuda, Hirosaki, Japan; Emily Kendall, Troy; Letitia Lavender, Union City; Valerie Sanderson, Kenton; and Terrill Wilson, Munford. Three high school seniors, Erica Leung, Brendan White and Andrew Moore, representing the pre-college studios of Alice Jackson, of Humboldt, and Harriss, of Martin, will also perform.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Harriss at 881-7411 or elaineh@utm.edu

**Dulcimer Concert set for Nov. 16**

The Sharon Dulcimer Orchestra will present an evening of folk music sing-a-longs and play-a-longs, scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 16, in the Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Attendees are encouraged to sing along during the concert. They also are welcome to bring their own folk music instrument and play along.

The concert will review a cross-section of folk tunes and songs that helped shape American folklore and culture. Prentice Ary, director of Sharon Dulcimer Orchestra, and folklorists Dr. Walter Haden and Dr. Preston Prathé, professors emeriti, will introduce songs and explain some of the music’s elements, which have endeared it to people over the years. Haden will present a song he wrote in the musical tradition of Stephen Collins Foster. Students from the Department of Visual and Theater Arts will demonstrate traditional folk dances.

The Sharon Dulcimer Orchestra is dedicated to playing the folk music that entertained and inspired people for generations.

“Traditional folk songs survive from generation to generation because they share a special meaning, message or insight that endeared them to the people of ages past and present. They are life-based and value-oriented,” said Ary.

The concert is free and open to the public. There will be an intermission to allow the audience, musicians and dancers to intermingle. Children also will have an opportunity to meet the musicians and dancers. Copies of the words to the songs will be provided. Local dulcimer maker, J.M. Shanes, will display instruments under construction for examination by those interested in the craft. The event is sponsored by the Volunteer Chapter of Senior Circle and the UT Martin Department of English and Department of Visual and Theater Arts.

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**Stuffing for stockings**

Several community organizations and businesses are partnering to make the holiday season a little brighter for Weakley County children. They are asking community members to do the same.

Sodexo Dining Services, the Undergraduate Alumni Council, UTM Greek Life and the Martin Kiwanis Club are sponsoring the annual “We Care Christmas Stockings.” The stockings will be assembled based on age and gender.

Individuals, departments and companies are encouraged to help brighten the holiday season for these children by sponsoring one or more stockings. Those wishing to participate in this community project can contact Coco Boone at (731) 881-1390 or via e-mail at cocob@utm.edu and sign up for a specific age group.

Items for the stockings need to be delivered to the Boling University Center, Skyhawk Dining Hall, Room 125, on Monday, Nov. 27 or Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Items for the stockings include:

- Candy
- Toys — from the Dollar Store (Age appropriate)
- Books, crayons, etc. (Age appropriate)
- Craft items
- Toiletries (Age appropriate)
- Gloves and Hats

These items must fit into stockings that are approximately 20-inches tall and 7-inches wide.

For more information, contact Boone at (731) 881-1390 or Charley Deal at (731) 881-7611.

The goal set for the number of stockings needed for each age group is as follows:

**Stockings**

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- Infants (younger than age 1) - 30
- Toddler Boys (ages 1-2) - 65
- Toddler Girls (ages 1-2) - 75
- Boys (ages 3-5) - 50
- Girls (ages 3-5) - 50
- Boys (ages 6-7) - 46
- Girls (ages 6-7) - 41
- Boys (ages 8-10) - 40
- Girls (ages 8-10) - 40
- Boys (ages 11-12) - 60
- Girls (ages 11-12) - 60

The total number of children’s stockings needed is 557.
IT'S GOING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS — Don Box (center), MTD employee who oversees the MTD train display at Santa's Village, talks with Brian Moore (left), Martin Parks and Recreation Department staff member, and Dennis Suter, department director, about this year's event following the recent annual kickoff luncheon. Santa's Village is slated for Dec. 7-10 at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

NEW MOBILE UNIT — On hand for the recent unveiling of a mobile, high-tech trailer that will be managed by the University of Tennessee at Martin for the purpose of demonstrating proper cattle handling and health practices were (from left) Rep. Stratton Bone Jr., House Agriculture Committee vice chair; Sen. Jim Tracy, UT Martin Agriculture and Applied Sciences Advisory Council member; Sen. Roy Herron, Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Ken Givens; and Rep. Gene Davidson, House Agriculture Committee chair.
TDA, UTM partner to improve cattle health with mobile unit

State Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens and University of Tennessee at Martin officials recently announced a new partnership for improving cattle management and health in West Tennessee.

The partnership was marked with the unveiling of a mobile, high-tech trailer that will be managed by the university for the purpose of demonstrating proper cattle handling and health practices. The MobilCattleDoc™ is a 24-foot long, 8-foot tall trailer that can be pulled to virtually any location and is equipped with a hydraulic chute and other equipment for safely and efficiently handling and holding cattle.

"This mobile cattle handling unit will be an important tool for educating and demonstrating proper cattle management and care," said Givens. "By helping producers understand and practice better management techniques, we can help improve the quality, add value and increase the marketability of Tennessee cattle. We're proud to partner with UT Martin to deliver this service to West Tennessee cattle producers."

"The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources at UT Martin is proud to have the opportunity to partner with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to make this unit available for teaching and demonstrations in our region of the state," said Dr. Jerry Gresham, UT Martin Agriculture Department chair. "The unit will be used in animal health and livestock management classes at UT Martin, and we also are pleased to be able to assist the Tennessee Extension Service in providing timely training to beef producers of our region by delivering and setting the unit up for their educational programs."

The mobile cattle-handling trailer was funded by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture from the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP), which was established in 2005 by Gov. Phil Bredesen and approved by the Tennessee General Assembly. The aim of the TAEP is to help improve animal health and cattle production, and to encourage farm diversification in Tennessee.

The $47,000 specially designed trailer will be stationed at and maintained by UT Martin when it is not being used at farms, field days, cattle sales and shows for educational and demonstration purposes. One unique feature of the trailer is that its wheels hydraulically retract, allowing the trailer to sit directly on the ground for easy access.

"The Mobiledoc is a high-quality, animal-friendly, mobile cattle handling facility that will help producers realize how safe and easy cattle processing can be," said Charlie Rowlett, UT Martin director of the Ned McWheeter Agricultural Complex. "With EID becoming more important in every beef cattle operation and the known value enhancement that comes with proper vaccinations and identification, this should be a great tool for the western region of Tennessee."

"Having a mobile unit in West Tennessee also serves an important homeland security and animal disease control function," said Givens. "In the event of an animal disease outbreak, this unit can be quickly deployed to any location where it's needed for the treatment and handling of cattle by animal health officials."

The Department of Agriculture also plans to place a mobile cattle-handling trailer in East and Middle Tennessee in partnership with Middle Tennessee State University and Walters State Community College.

Cattle and calves are the largest generator of farm income in Tennessee, accounting for about $500 million annually in farm cash receipts according to the Tennessee Field Office of the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

For more information about the high-tech trailer, contact the UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources at (731) 881-7260.

EARN DEGREES — Justin Hazlewood (left) and Trent Dowdy, both members of the South Fulton FFA Chapter, recently received their American FFA degrees at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. This is the highest degree which can be earned by an FFA member. Hazlewood is an agriculture education student and Dowdy is an agriculture student at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
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ECCE offers variety of online courses

The University of Tennessee at Martin, Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE), in partnership with Gatlin Education Services (GES), offers online open enrollment programs designed to provide the skills necessary to acquire professional-level positions for many in-demand occupations.

The programs are designed by a team of professionals from each respective field, who work to provide class participants with an effective Web-based learning experience. Instructors/mentors are actively involved in participants' online learning experience. They respond to any questions or concerns and encourage and motivate students to succeed.

Each program includes a set of lessons and evaluations; grades are a combination of the instructor/mentor's evaluation of a student's work and computerized tests.

Certificate programs are available in the healthcare field; dental assistant, medical coding, pharmacy technician, veterinary assistant and others. In the field of business, courses include: certified bookkeeper, certified financial planner, certified global business professionals, paralegal, lean mastery, Six Sigma Blackbelt, Six Sigma Greenbelt and more. Other fields include the following: construction/automotive technology, Internet, design and technical programs, networking and CompTIA certification programs, Microsoft certification training programs and video game design and development programs.

To view a complete list of ECCE online, non-degree programs and program descriptions, visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php or call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.

UT Martin ROTC wins second consecutive Ranger Challenge competition

A group of 10 students in the University of Tennessee at Martin's ROTC program placed first in its division during the annual Ranger Challenge competition for the second consecutive year. Members of the team are, from left to right, front row, Jonathan McAnally, Jackson; Travis Payne, LaVergne; Cristine Manning, Paris; Rich Casada, Franklin; and David Tessaro, Germantown; back row: Capt. Donny Hebel, Jeremy Robertson, Dukedom; Jeffery Cashon, Mayfield; Emilia Finley, Dover; Chance Barr, Dyersburg; David Stamps, Westfield, Indiana; and Master Sgt. John Buckley.

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The competition, which was held at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, hosted 19 universities from Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Over a period of 48 hours, the teams participated in a variety of events including a written map reading and patrolling test, commander's event, weapons disassembly and reassembly event, army physical fitness test, hand grenade assault course, fit-to-win obstacle course, land navigation course, and a 6.2 mile foot march with weapon and pack.

The event yielded tougher competition as a result of fewer teams participating. Last year, nearly 30 teams were hosted at Fort Jackson.

"This ensured a tougher competition than previous years as the challenging schools came better prepared to win," said Capt. Donny Hebel, UT Martin Ranger Challenge coach.

The following students represented UT Martin at the competition: Travis Payne (team captain), Chance Barr, Jeffery Cashon, Richard Casada, David Tessaro, Emilia Finley, Cristine Manning, Jonathan McAnally, Jeremy Robertson and David Stamps.

"The adrenaline was pumping as we kept gaining and losing the lead from Middle Tennessee State University. We never knew exactly how close we were, but we knew we had to give our best and limit mistakes to win it," said Payne.

Last year, the team placed first in the event. In 2004, the team placed second for the first time in UT Martin history. To prepare for the competition, Hebel and Master Sgt. John Buckley coached the team through two months of training, which consisted of physical conditioning at 6:00 a.m. every weekday and numerous afternoon and weekend training sessions.

"We are glad to have started such a winning tradition at UT Martin. Every year our team gets better, but we need that to stay ahead of the competition. I cannot begin to express how proud I am of the cadets that took the time to be here. It was very exhausting, demanding, and at times frustrating, but that is what it takes to be the best," said Hebel.
Piano ensemble to provide music for the season

The University of Tennessee at Martin piano ensemble, assisted by special guests, will present a concert of Christmas music, November 16, 7:30 p.m., in the Harriet Fulton Theatre. The ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music.

The event will highlight a variety of holiday musical selections for two to 10 pianists. Among the pieces on the program are arrangements for two pianos, such as Tchaikovsky’s “Nutcracker Suite” and Bach’s “Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring” and “Sheep May Safely Graze.” “March of the Toys” from Victor Herbert’s “Babes in Toyland” will be performed in a special eight-hand arrangement. Additional pieces include “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” and “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,” arranged by Dello Joio; “Jingle Bells,” arranged by Ron Boud; and “Arrival of Santa Claus” by Englemann.

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For the finale, three members of the UT Martin music faculty will join the piano ensemble in a 10-pianist performance of “Arrival of Santa Claus.” Music faculty pianists include Fred Spano, assistant professor of music; Scott Roberts, associate professor of music; and Harriss.

Local students get a taste of college life

A select group of area African-American high school students got a taste of college life during the recent fifth annual Young Scholars Academy at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event was sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs at UT Martin. Students attended this competitive weeklong summer residential program, designed for upcoming high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. The non-credit program introduced students to the college experience by focusing on three learning environments: special aptitude development; personal and social development; and college/major exploration. Students attending from Weakley County included, from left, Amy Gardner, Lerosha McDonald, Shunrita Nichols, Shanell Atkins, Carmesha Owens, and Russell Morrow.
WestStar graduates’ knowledge, expertise extended via speakers’ bureau

Capitalizing on the knowledge, expertise and leadership skills of WestStar Leadership Program graduates, a speakers’ bureau has been established to share that knowledge. Speakers on a variety of topics, ranging from health care, economic development, leadership strategies and public and private partnerships, will provide programs for civic, church and educational organizations. They also are available for a host of other venues.

The project was developed by the WestStar Alumni Council Continuing Education Committee. Speakers will be available at no charge.

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

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

For more information, contact Virginia Grimes at 731-881-7298 or vgrimes@utm.edu.

Foreign film series to show Spanish comedy-drama

“Flores de otro mundo,” or “Flowers from Another World,” the third movie in the 2006 Modern Foreign Languages Film Series, is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m., November 17, in Watkins Auditorium in Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The movie’s plot is set in the Spanish town of Santa Eulalia. In the beginning, some local males organize a visit of some single women who are interested in meeting them. The men’s goals are marriage, the survival of the town and an end to their loneliness. Three of them—a shy farmer, a wealthy middle-aged builder and a horticulturalist—begin relationships with three of the women: Patricia, a mother from the Dominican Republic working illegally in Spain; Marirosa, a nurse from the Basque Country; and Milady, a young Cuban recently arrived from Havana. The contrast between the small town, practical-minded men and their exotic women (the “flowers from another world”) leads to problems seen in many other marriages; however, the relationships also raise issues of injustice, racism, cultural conflict and immigration. Based on a true story, “Flores de otro mundo” is a comedy-drama co-written by the director, Iciar Bollain, and novelist, Julio Llamazares.

This movie contains adult language and situations, and it is shown in Spanish with English subtitles. Dr. Daniel Nappo, assistant professor of Spanish, will introduce the film.

The film series is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council.

Chris Edwards receives award

According to his supervisor, “Chris has proven to be a very valuable part of the physical plant team. He has saved the university thousands of dollars by taking on work that would normally be done by outside consultants.”

This award, given every fall and spring semester, is a memorial for Beth Maloan, longtime UT Martin director of budgeting and payroll, who during her years of service, was a strong advocate for student employment. Maloan had a vision that more positions would be developed on campus that would challenge students and make them significant contributors to the university’s mission. Recipients of this award exemplify a strong work ethic and commitment to the university, and they receive a $500 cash award, an engraved plaque and a nameplate on the perpetual plaque in a place of honor in the Boling University Center.

Contributions to this scholarship award may be made through payroll deduction by employees of UT Martin or by sending a contribution to the Office of Development at UT Martin.

Presenting the Fall 2006 Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award to Chris Edwards, left, of Union City, is Mike Maloan.

The Fall 2006 Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award was recently presented to Chris Edwards, a UT Martin Physical Plant operations employee. Edwards is a senior electrical engineering major and has been employed for three years.

Among his many tasks, Edwards, of Union City, prepares AutoCAD drawings of campus building floor plans, renovation projects and presentation materials, provides support to the physical plant shops as needed and actively participates with parking lot layout and design, field layout and locks.

Edwards assists in maintaining the physical plant computer drawing system in addition to archiving drawings and manuals. He helps to resolve computer problems and works with the campus engineer in electrical lighting design. Edwards completes his tasks with a positive attitude, while also maintaining his grades.
Joost recognized as featured scholar

Dr. Richard Joost, University of Tennessee at Martin professor of agriculture and natural resources, was recently named the featured scholar for the fall semester.

Each semester, the university recognizes outstanding faculty for excellence in teaching and outstanding scholarship. Joost received a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Illinois University, master’s degree from Southern Illinois University and his doctorate from University of Georgia.

Prior to move to Martin, Joost served as superintendent of the Southwest Missouri Research Center in Mt. Vernon and as an extension forage specialist for the University of Missouri, where he conducted research in forage crop production and program planning for the statewide forage management system. He also served as a regional sales representative and director of marketing for American Plant Food Corporation in Galena, Park, Texas. Joost joined the UT Martin faculty in 2002. He teaches undergraduate courses and serves as teaching coordinator of the teaching center with 600 acres of field crop production and pasture and supervises approximately $300,000 in grants and contracts.

A sample of Joost’s publications and accomplishments are on display in the Paul Meek Library on the UT Martin campus.

Dr. Richard Joost, right, University of Tennessee at Martin professor of agriculture and natural resources, who was recently named the featured scholar for the fall semester, is congratulated by Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor.

Local performers to appear in musical November 19

The University of Tennessee at Martin percussion ensemble is hosting an international musical program, “Rhythms from Around the World,” 3 p.m., November 19, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus.

The program will highlight music from Japan, Germany, Brazil, Trinidad, Italy, Cuba, Sweden and the United States. The first-ever UT Martin faculty steel band also will perform. Some of its members include Chancellor Nick Dunagan; Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for student affairs; Dr. David Coffey, interim dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts; and Dr. Tom Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Julie Hill, assistant professor of music at UT Martin, is the director. Bryan Scott of Troy and Adrian Baker of Pleasant View are assistant conductors.

UT Martin ensemble members include Adrian Baker of Pleasant View, Bryan Scott of Troy, Richard Henson of Gibson, Craig Smith of Union City, Scottie Somerville of Kenton, Sarah Roberts of Martin, Clint Rawls of Union City, Mark Fairless of Troy and Brittny Whitten, of Selmer.

Also participating in the ensemble are Patricia Hernandez of Franklin, Daniel Vargason of Selmer, Cory Bozard of Newbern, Sean Johnson of Charleston, West Virginia, Jacob Abbott of Rutherford, Andrew Lynn of Gibson, Jeff Moore of Dyersburg, Jeff Bunn of McKenzie, Joe Kendrick of Beech Bluff, John Cimigo of Jackson and Mai Fukuda of Hiroaki, Japan.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 731-881-7402.

Start the new year with a new career

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) offers a variety of online career certificate programs to the public.

These programs teach participants the necessary skills for employment in some of today’s fastest growing career fields. The online programs are affordable, comprehensive and teach participants the skills needed for a new career or advancement in a current job.

All programs are self-paced, and participants can work on them at anytime or place. Enrollment is always open, and programs may be started at any time and completed in months. Textbooks, learning materials and unlimited instructor support are included in tuition cost.

For more information on these classes, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082. To enroll, visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php.
**Student teacher is interviewed**

by Matthew Overall

I recently had the pleasure of interviewing an up-and-coming history teacher, Mr. Justin Easterwood. Currently twenty-three years old, he is nearing the end of his life as a student at The University of Tennessee at Martin and preparing to enter a whole new life as a full-time teacher. In his quest to attain this milestone, Mr. Easterwood is presently student teaching in Mr. Blankinship's history classes at Peabody High School.

When asked why he chose to pursue a career in the academic field, Mr. Easterwood stated that his uncle, who is also a high school history teacher, motivated him to pursue a career in education.

One of Mr. Easterwood’s goals in the teaching profession is to achieve the same level, so to speak, as the very teacher/uncle who first inspired him. Furthermore, he hopes one day to teach in East Tennessee due in part to a desire to coach soccer. (There simply are not many opportunities to coach this particular sport in football obsessed West Tennessee.) This may take a few years; however, so he intends to begin in the West and move on from there as time goes on.

We should all wish our student teacher the best in the pursuit of his life’s goal, and may his stint at Peabody prove to be an amicable one!

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**Loan workshops planned for local businesses**

by Staff Report

Potential Micro Fund Loan Program borrowers will get step-by-step guidance on writing a business plan during an upcoming workshop at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Selmer Campus. The event will take place Tuesday, November 14 from 10 a.m. until noon. ECD’s Business Enterprise Resource Office (BERO) and the Tennessee Small Business Development Centers (TSBDC) are coordinating the business planning workshops. The Micro Loan program requires businesses to submit a business plan as part of the application process.

Funded by USDA Rural Development, the ECD-BERO Micro Loan supports the start-up, growth and expansion of microenterprises in rural Tennessee. A microenterprise is defined as a for-profit entity with five or fewer employees, one of whom owns the business. Typically, a microentrepreneur is not able to access a loan from the commercial banking sector and can effectively utilize a loan of $5,000 or less to start or expand a business.

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**UTM Homecoming winners announced**

Homecoming 2006 competition produced winners in several categories, Oct. 23-29, at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Those earning recognition were:

- Homecoming Queen: Jamie Harper, of Springfield;
- Rope Pull Competition (Sorority): first, Chi Omega; second, Zeta Tau Alpha;
- Rope Pull Competition (Fraternity): first, Alpha Gamma Rho; second, Kappa Alpha Order;
- Pyramid Competition (Sorority): first, Chi Omega; second, Alpha Delta Pi;
- Pyramid Competition (Fraternity): first, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; second, Alpha Tau Omega;
- Pyramid Best of Show (Sorority): Chi Omega;
- Pyramid Best of Show (Fraternity): Alpha Tau Omega;
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Wind Ensemble to perform Nov. 20

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The concert will feature a variety of music, including compositions by Clifton Williams, Howard Hanson, Frank Ticheli, Pavel Tschesnokoff and Henri Rabaud. Dr. Amy Simmons, assistant professor of music, will be the featured soloist. She will perform Rabaud’s “Solo de Concours.”

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Department of Music at 881-7402.
**Joost recognized as feature scholar**

Dr. Richard Joost, University of Tennessee at Martin professor of agriculture and natural resources, was recently named the featured scholar for the fall semester.

Joost received a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Illinois University, master's degree from Southern Illinois University and his doctorate from University of Georgia. 

Prior to moving to Martin, Joost served as superintendent of the Southwest Missouri Research Center in Mount Vernon and as an extension forage specialist for the University of Missouri, where he conducted research in forage crop production and program planning for the statewide forage management system. He also served as regional sales representative and director of marketing for American Plant Food Corp. in Galena Park, Texas. Joost joined the UT Martin faculty in 2002.

He teaches undergraduate courses and serves as teaching coordinator of the teaching center with 600 acres of field crop production and pasture and supervises approximately $300,000 in grants and contracts.

A sample of Joost's publications and accomplishments are on display in the Paul Meek Library on the UT Martin campus.

**UT Martin Percussion Ensemble to host international musical program**

The University of Tennessee at Martin percussion ensemble is hosting an international musical program, "Rhythms From Around the World," at 3 p.m., Nov. 19, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus.

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Julie Hill, assistant professor of music at UT Martin, is the director. Bryan Scott, of Troy, and Adrian Baker, of Pleasant View, are assistant conductors.

UT Martin ensemble members include Adrian Baker, of Pleasant View; Bryan Scott, of Troy; Richard Henson, of Gibson; Craig Smith, of Union City; Scottie Somerville, of Kenton; Sarah Roberts, of Martin; Clint Rawls, of Union City; Mark Fairless, of Trenton; and Brittany Whitten, of Selmer.

Also participating in the ensemble are Patricia Hernandez, of Franklin; Daniel Vargason, of Selmer; Cory Bozard, of Newbern; Sean Johnson, of Charleston, W. Va.; Jacob Abbott, of Rutherford; Andrew Lynn, of Gibson; Jeff Moore, of Dyersburg; Jeff Bunn, of McKenzie; Joe Kendrick, of Beech Bluff; John Cingili, of Jackson; and Mai Fukuda, of Hiroshima, Japan.

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For more information about the Young Writers’ Clubhouse or WTWP, visit www.utm.edu/wtwp or e-mail Brittani Sutherland, clubhouse program director: sutherlandb@k12tn.net.

To register online, go to www.utm.edu/departments/ccce/yo uthwriting/writingreg.php.
WHITEHAVEN STUDENT AMONG HONOREES

Sierra Marshall (second from left) of Whitehaven was part of the homecoming court at the University of Tennessee Martin, where she is a senior biology major. Other members of the court include Burena Smith (left); homecoming queen Jamie Harper (center); Megan Dempsey and Suha Haddad. The court was crowned at Hardy M. Graham Stadium during the UT Martin-Eastern Illinois football game.

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‘Christmas for a Cause’ set at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin LEAD Academy is sponsoring “Christmas for a Cause” — a silent auction of decorated Christmas trees — Dec. 2 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Student Life Center on the UT Martin campus.

All proceeds will go to community and nationwide philanthropic organizations.

Other activities will include breakfast with Santa at 9 a.m., a gingerbread house contest, pictures with Santa, local entertainment and crafts. Admission is $2 for children ages 13 and older and $1 for children ages 2-12.

Trees may be submitted by any student organization. Any tree entered in the auction must meet the following regulations: artificial; six to 10 feet tall; illuminated in some way; have a tree skirt; be supported by a tree stand; be themed to coincide with an organization and/or to represent philanthropy and/or organization; be fully decorated at the Student Life Center no later than 5 p.m. Nov. 29 (participants may use the Student Life Center to decorate trees at any time on Nov. 29); and be accompanied by a paragraph description of the philanthropy.

All descriptions must be e-mailed to Laura Humphrey at lhumphrey@utm.edu no later than 5 p.m. today.

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact Ms. Humphrey at (731) 881-7525.
Phi Kappa Phi recognizes students

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society chapter will meet to recognize the top 3 percent of the university’s first- and second-year students. The meeting will be at 7 p.m., Nov. 28, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

This year’s Phi Kappa Phi lecturer, Dr. Ann Gathers, assistant professor of biological sciences, will speak to the group on “About Face: Neural Developmental Changes in Face Recognition.” Dr. Lynn Alexander, president of Phi Kappa Phi, will preside at the meeting. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Phi Kappa Phi is a national honor society founded more than 100 years ago to cultivate a deep appreciation and respect for learning. It is dedicated to recognizing and promoting excellence in higher education and draws its membership from all fields of study. Outstanding juniors and seniors are invited for membership in Phi Kappa Phi during the spring semester.


UTM senior from Milan sets recital

Justin Condron, of Milan, a senior music education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will present his senior trombone recital at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 28, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

Condron and pianist, Delana Easley, will perform works by George Frederick McKay, Axel Borup-Jorgensen, Johannes Brahms and Frigyes Hidas. The second half of the program will feature Condron joined on stage by other brass students from the Department of Music. Among the chamber works they will present is “Bullet,” the premier of a new brass trio by Condron.
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Vallie Kugler Kelly, a former Miss UT Martin and Miss Tennessee 2002, was hostess for the evening and also entertained the audience with two vocal selections. Lynn Gibson, Martin, directed the pageant for the fourth year. She expects DeSantis and Waddell to make a strong showing in Jackson next summer.

“Well, by looking at them (DeSantis and Waddell) tonight, I think they’re going to do very, very well,” Gibson said of the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant competition. She added, “They’ll represent our community and our university very, very well, too. And that’s the most important thing.”
LEAD Academy has worthy cause

By JULIE HOOD
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LEAD Academy will be hosting their 1st Annual Christmas for a Cause on Saturday, Dec. 2. This event is open to the Martin Community and University of Tennessee at Martin students. The event will start at 8 a.m. and end 8 p.m.

The LEAD Academy is holding a silent auction for organizations on and off campus to raise money for each organization’s particular philanthropy or organization. The organizations are required to provide a tree between 6 to 10 feet high. The tree is to be decorated with a theme that is related to the philanthropy or organization. There is a $10 entry fee for the tree, but the minimum bid for any tree is $50. The money raised for each decorated tree will be given to that organization that entered the tree.

There will be other various crafts for all ages such as decorating cookies and stockings. There is a Gingerbread House Decorating Contest for local elementary children. That morning everyone is invited to eat breakfast with Santa and take pictures. There will also be music for everyone to enjoy.

“LEAD Academy is hoping to have many projects like this so that we are able promote LEAD Academy and give students knowledge of Lead Academy and the opportunities available,” said Charles Robb, a senior marketing major from Talladega, Ala.

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Santa’s elves say
You’ll need to know this to make your holiday brighter

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The event is sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin, Brian Brown Greenway Foundation, the library and Santa, according to organizers.

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No appointment is necessary and sponsors request no pets in photos.

For more information, call (731) 587-3003.
The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering an intermediate Excel class and snowman plate workshop in December.

An intermediate Excel class, scheduled for Dec. 5 and 7 from 9 a.m. to noon, will be offered by Shannon Burgin, UT Martin director of Information Technology Services.

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The fee is $35 and a supply fee of $20 must be paid to the instructor at class.

The supply fee includes materials such as brushes, plates and paint. Students can receive a discount if they supply their own brushes from a previous ECCE ornament class.

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Sharon Dulcimer Orchestra to perform

The Sharon Dulcimer Orchestra will present an evening of folk music sing-a-longs and play-a-longs, scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 16, in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin in Martin, Tenn. Attendees are encouraged to sing along during the concert. They also are welcome to bring their own folk music instrument and play along.

The concert will review a cross-section of folk tunes and songs that helped shape American folklore and culture. Prentice Ary, director of Sharon Dulcimer Orchestra, and folklorists, Dr. Walter Haden, and Dr. Preston Prather, professors emeriti, will introduce songs and explain some of the music’s elements, which have endeared it to people over the years. Haden will present a song he wrote in the musical tradition of Stephen Collins Foster. Students from the Department of Visual and Theater Arts will demonstrate traditional folk dances.

The Sharon Dulcimer Orchestra is dedicated to playing the folk music that entertained and inspired people for generations.

“Traditional folk songs survive from generation to generation because they share a special meaning, message or insight that endeared them to the people of ages past and present. They are life-based and value-oriented,” said Ary.

The concert is free and open to the public. There will be an intermission to allow the audience, musicians and dancers to intermingle. Children also will have an opportunity to meet the musicians and dancers. Copies of the words to the songs will be provided. Local dulcimer maker, J.M. Shanes, will display instruments under construction for examination by those interested in the craft. The event is sponsored by the Volunteer Chapter of Senior Circle and the UT Martin Department of English and Department of Visual and Theater Arts.

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SCOUT CELEBRATE CHEMISTRY — The Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) at the University of Tennessee at Martin recently hosted a science activities clinic during the annual chemistry week. SAACS planned a day filled with various demonstrations and activities for Obion County Boy Scouts. Among those from Union City Troop 55 and Dresden Troop 40 were (from left, front row) Brett Gore, Daniel Williamson, Jay Paul Garrigan, Mason Hoffman, Ben Herron, SAACS members Lucia Lopez and Phuong Nyuyen, (back row) SAACS members James Fisette, Kayla Poindexter and Audrey Smith.
**Percussion performance scheduled**

The University of Tennessee at Martin percussion ensemble is hosting an international musical program, “Rhythms from Around the World,” 3 p.m. Sunday in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus.

The program will highlight music from Japan, Germany, Brazil, Trinidad, Italy, Cuba, Sweden and the United States.

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**Spanish comedy-drama to show Friday**

“Flores de otro mundo,” or “Flowers from Another World,” the third movie in the 2006 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday in Watkins Auditorium in Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Dr. Daniel Nappo, assistant professor of Spanish, will introduce the film.

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**Wind Ensemble to perform November 20**

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Outstanding employees recognized at UT Martin

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Award recipients note UT Martin’s impact on individuals, region

Four awards were presented at the annual alumni banquet during homecoming at the University of Tennessee at Martin to people who had either associations with the university, but shared similar ideas about the impact the institution had on their lives. From two former students’ perspectives, to one who devoted 42 years of service to the university, to one who shared her life’s bounty, including her son who served the institution for 33 years and is retiring as chancellor - the university made a difference.

Buddy Mitchell, Outstanding Alumnus Award recipient; Bill Rhodes, Outstanding Young Alumnus Award recipient; and Bettye Giles, Chancellor’s Award for University Service recipient, accepted their awards from Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor; and Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president. Nancy Biggs accepted a Chancellor’s Service Award on behalf of her mother, Sara Dunagan, who could not attend the ceremony.

“Tonight, we are going to recognize four distinguished individuals and all four are outstanding,” said Chancellor Dunagan. “But I also think that they would agree that we’re blessed at this institution to have a number of alumni who contribute in so many ways.” Dunagan also praised the staff and faculty. “They work hard and they work smart,” to benefit the students.

The chancellor, who recently announced plans to retire in 2017, noted that he and his wife, Cathy, were attending their 37th homecoming, including four as students. “Cathy and I have a particular love for this place.”

“Always, it’s a pleasure to be here,” said Petersen, who praised the leadership of Nick and Cathy Dunagan. Noting he had met earlier in the day with the committee charged with spearheading the effort to select a new chancellor, he added, “We’ll finish the search this year. I think we’re going to get absolutely superb candidates. I’m sure we’ll finish it successfully.”

Petersen noted that the UT Martin campus has an “infectious” spirit. “People love being here; they love working here; they love going to school here.”

Accepting his award, Rhodes, of Memphis, AutoZone president and CEO, was reminded to play golf at UT Martin by coach Grover Page. “It’s a great honor for me to be here tonight,” said Rhodes. “The education that I received at this university was incredible. I am so proud of that education.”

Rhodes thanked Page and others at the university “for what they have done for me and my family.” He added, “This university plays such an important role. It’s up to us as alumni to help get that message out.”

Mitchell, of Knoxville, UT Institute for Agriculture associate vice president for agricultural development and government relations, said, “I can’t imagine this campus did more for anyone more than me.” He cited Dr. Bob Duck, professor emeritus of agronomy, as having a “profound influence” on him. “Four years here changed my life dramatically. That cherished college education is more important in today’s knowledge-based, technology-based life.”

Mitchell noted other alumni present to “support this very special place. It’s building an outstanding workforce.”

Biggs, of Greenfield, said UT Martin always had a presence in the lives of her parents, Sara and Horace Dunagan, brother, Nick, sister, Anita, and her life. On trips from their home in Caruthersville, Missouri, to Jackson, they would always drive through Martin to see places her parents lived and frequented when he was a student after WWII. “All three of us chose UT Martin. I think parents are the best college recruiters.”

Sara Dunagan, who now resides in Jackson, funded the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking to honor her late husband’s 38-year banking career. She established two University Scholars endowments, donated to the new Agricultural Teaching Complex and established three charitable trusts, one for each of her children, that will benefit academic programs, among other contributions.

That legacy of helping UT Martin led to a total of 30 of Dunagan’s family members to graduate from the university. “We hope to begin with a long string of great-grandchildren,” Biggs said. “This campus has always been special to our family in so many ways.”

Giles, of Martin, a retired physical education professor and director of women’s athletics, recounted memories from a career at UT Martin that spanned 42 years. Twelve years later, she is still going to an office on campus to work on various projects - giving her a total of 54 years of association with the institution.

“I have enjoyed every minute of it,” she said. “I don’t remember dreading to go to work.” Noting it wasn’t tall “peaches” and that there were some challenges, she added, “somehow those challenges inspired me. I’ve enjoyed what everybody (recipients) has said about UT Martin. It certainly is an honor and I appreciate it so much.”

Tim Taylor, of Dyersburg, president-elect of the UT Martin Alumni council, was master of ceremonies. Also on the program were Ray Pollard, of Woodbridge, Virginia; chair, UT Martin Alumni Council Past Presidents; and Dave Roberts, of Knoxville, former UT National Alumni Association executive director.
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Martin Santa’s Village to open Dec. 7

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DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee, November 22, 2006

Miss UT Martin crowned

Miss UT Martin has been crowned. Selena DeSantis, of Martin, second from left, was crowned Miss UT Martin at the annual Miss University of Tennessee at Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant, Saturday night, at the Harriet Fulton Theatre at UT Martin. Brittany Broach, of Milan, left, was first runner-up and Lisa Sullivan, of Chapel Hill, right, was second runner-up. DeSantis is a senior at UT Martin. Broach is a junior and Sullivan, a senior. Also pictured is Jennifer Roberts, of McEwen, 2006 Miss UT Martin, who crowned DeSantis.

Kara Waddell named Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival

Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival has been crowned. Kara Waddell, of Mason, center, won the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival title at the annual Miss University of Tennessee at Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant, Saturday night, at the Harriet Fulton Theatre at UT Martin. First runner-up was Jeri Anthony, of Selmer, left, and second runner-up was Tara Martchek, of Munford, right. Waddell is a sophomore at the University of Tennessee at Martin; Anthony, a Jackson State Community College sophomore, and Martchek, a University of Memphis sophomore. Waddell was crowned by Holly Buchanan, 2006 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival.
Santa's Village gets technical help from local professional

Bert Dyer's vocation also is his avocation. Sound, video and lighting systems have been his business for years. In fact, he's owned Professional Audio Installation Co. (PAICO) since the early 1980s. The company provides sound reinforcement, video projection and lighting systems, with churches and schools as primary clients.

"I feel like I'm fortunate in that I like what I do," said Dyer.

His interest in electronics all started as a teen playing in a band. "I liked to work with the equipment more than playing," he said. And, after initial projects building a set of speakers and a receiver, it became second nature.

For the past 12 years, Dyer has provided the sound system for Santa's Village free of charge. Each year, he not only donates use of the equipment, takes care of setup and tear down, but also mans the control board all 20 hours the event is open to the public.

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UT Martin professor to host art exhibit

David McBeth, professor of art at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will host his faculty art exhibit, "One Potter's Journey: A Reagan Leave Visual Narrative," 3-6 p.m., Nov. 28, in the galler of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus.

Approximately half of the work in the exhibit was made and fired at various kilns around the country. The work was wood salt-fired at the Arc Premont School of Arts and Crafts and wood-fired at the Appalachian Center for Crafts, both located in Tennessee; wood-fired at Waunobsee Community College in Illinois and gas-fired at Hay Creek Farm in Wisconsin.

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“We can’t do the work without the people in this room,” said Cindy Stephens, who along with Lottie Cooper, county manager, represents Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council at the luncheon. Betty Stockdale, American Red Cross Obion County executive director, said 1,000 families were assisted last year, a record for the agency.

“We thank you for all you do,” said Betty Risher, We Care Ministries director. She added the agency could not reach as many people as it does without the community support via events such as Santa’s Village. 

Additional sponsors for the event include: First State Bank, Rural King, Southern Source, Greenball, Inc., MTI, PAICO, Volunteer Community Hospital, University Plaza, Tye-Son Foods, Inc. and Hamilton Ryker.

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UTM's McBeth to host exhibit

David McBeth, professor of art at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will host his faculty art exhibit, "One Potter's Journey: A Reagan Leave Visual Narrative," 3-6 p.m., Nov. 28, in the gallery of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus in Martin, Tenn.

Approximately half of the work in the exhibit was made and fired at various kilns around the country. The work was wood/salt-fired at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts and wood-fired at the Appalachian Center for Crafts, both located in Tennessee; wood-fired at Waubonsee Community College in Illinois and gas-fired at Hay Creek Farm in Wisconsin. The remaining collection of work reflects two aspects: work inspired by what McBeth saw on his leave and work that is the culmination of two years' research on blue celadons.

For more information, contact the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7400.

Jaguar Academy excites students

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Northeast Middle School students are no doubt excited about their upcoming Thanksgiving break, but for those selected to participate in a new after-school program, their return to school can't come fast enough.

"The kids are really excited," program director Becky Alexander said about the Jaguar Learning Academy, which was announced on Tuesday and is the first of its kind at a middle school in the county. Students will focus their studies on math, reading, writing, language arts and science for three hours after each school day.

Students in the program also will participate in a daily activity called PALZ, physical activity-learning zone, where they will be introduced to a new physical activity and will be given a snack.

On some Saturdays, students will travel to other sites that have similar curriculums and participate in community service.

The academy was named after the school’s jaguar mascot. It is supported by a partnership with the University of Tennessee Martin and is funded through a state grant provided by lottery funds.

More than $100,000 has been awarded to help launch the program; the money will be used to pay for part-time tutors, food and weekend travel. The grant is for one year, and the school must reapply in June.

The academy will be free for students, and participation is not based on academic performance, Alexander said.

"We want the demographics of the program to be parallel with the school," she said.

There are 100 applicants, but only 90 spots available. "We're trying to incorporate 10 more," Alexander said.

The role that University of Tennessee Martin will play is providing training for teachers and allowing UTM students to participate as tutors.

"Northeast was the only school to receive a grant to initiate the program," said Bonnie Daniel, a UTM research associate.

There's also a possibility that the academy could branch out to other schools.

"We've talked about trying to figure out how we could make this districtwide," Alexander said.

Monday will be the first day of the program, which will have a 5-to-1 student-to-teacher ratio, seven part-time staffers and student teachers.

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What to know

For more information about the Jaguar Learning Academy, contact Becky Alexander at 422-6687 or blalexander@jcacss.org.
UT Martin ROTC wins competition

A group of 10 students in the University of Tennessee at Martin's ROTC program placed first in its division during the annual Ranger Challenge competition for the second consecutive year.

The competition, which was recently held at Fort Jackson, S.C., included 19 universities from Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Over a period of 48 hours, the teams participated in a variety of events, including a written map reading and patrolling test, commander's event, weapons disassembly and reassembly event, army physical fitness test, hand grenade assault course, fit-to-win obstacle course, land navigation course and a 6.2 mile foot march with weapon and pack.

The event yielded tougher competition as a result of fewer teams participating. Last year, nearly 30 teams were hosted at Fort Jackson.

"This ensured a tougher competition than previous years as the challenging schools came better prepared to win," said Capt. Donny Hebel, UT Martin Ranger Challenge coach.

UT Martin was represented at the competition by team captains Travis Payne, Chance Barr, Jeffery Cashon, Richard Casada, David Tessaro, Emilia Finley, Cristine Manning, Jonathan McAnally, Jeremy Robertson and David Stamps.

"The adrenaline was pumping as we kept gaining and losing the lead from Middle Tennessee State University. We never knew exactly how close we were, but we knew we had to give our best and limit mistakes to win it," Payne said.

Last year, the team placed first in the event. In 2004, the team placed second for the first time in UT Martin history. To prepare for the competition, Hebel and Master Sgt. John Buckley coached the team through two months of training, which consisted of physical conditioning at 6 a.m. every weekday and numerous afternoon and weekend training sessions.

"We are glad to have started such a winning tradition at UT Martin. Every year our team gets better, but we need that to stay ahead of the competition. I cannot begin to express how proud I am of the cadets that took the time to be here. It was very exhausting, demanding, and at times frustrating, but that is what it takes to be the best," Hebel said.

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STUDENT CHAMBER ENSEMBLES TO PERFORM

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The concert will feature an assortment of music highlighting masterworks that set many distinguished poetic texts from the Middle Ages to the modern 20th century. Also included are spirituals and comic pieces.

UT Martin students in the performance include Rosalyn Lake, of Millington; Sarah Jenkins, of Cordova; Brandy Cochran, of Dresden; Chad Vanderburg, of Paris; Brittany McGruder, of Collierville; Meagan Bing, of Union City; Megan Beam, of Gadsden, Ala.; Sara McLemore, of Jackson; Jeannie Pritchett, of Pleasant View; Erika Neal, of Memphis; Jackie Taylor, of Somerville; Cori Sutton, of Dyersburg; Erin Smith, of Munford; Lauren Bivens, of Halls; Megan Hannah, of Memphis; Natasha Thomas, of Humboldt; Cara Thomas, of Martin; Asha Moody, of Pulaski; and Tony Ison, of Jackson.

Other students in the performance are Matt Emison, of Jackson; Sean Campbell, of Atoka; Chris Buckner, of Ripley; Kevin Ward, of Halls; Jeremy Rhoads, of Ripley; Ronnie Webb, of Hollow Rock; Justin Brown, of Dyersburg; Adam Laman, of Trenton; Jonathan Byrd, of Union City; Will Pattat, of Brownsville; Joel Malin, of South Fulton; Nathan Johnston, of South Fulton; Jared Anderson, of Hohenwald; Erin Dismuke, of Cordova; Nicole Lamborn, of Hendersonville; Calyn Evans, of Trenton; Jenny Cooper, of Camden; Jennifer Havener, of Fort Montgomery, N.Y.; Emily Knight, of Bartlett; Tiffani Martin, of Big Sandy; Linzie Tedford, of Memphis; and Crystal Crockett, of Summertown.

Rounding out the concert members are Michael Nelson, of Hendersonville; Sarah Bybee, of Millington; Jenna Steer, of Micanopy, Fla.; Katy Patterson, of Ripley; Erin Horton, of Murfreesboro; Cari Beauchamp, of Huntingdon; Karen Langdon, of Jackson; Sarah Lemons, of Brentwood; Ashley Shinn, of Parsons, Kan.; Heather Burdette, of Martin; Kimberly Kraft, of Martin; Amanda Martin, of Hillsborough; Lorrie Spencer, of Cordova; Alicia Booher, of Jackson; Matt Cook, of Martin; Colt Lemons, of Dyersburg; Chris Taylor, of Ripley; Nathan Woods, of Union City; Josh Gatlin, of Union City; and Billy Scharmann, of Trenton.

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ECCE has snowmen and Excel

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For more information on these classes, or to register, contact ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.

Foreign film series to show Japanese movie

"Grave of the Fireflies," the last movie in the 2006 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled at 7 p.m., Dec. 1, in Watkins Auditorium in Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The film, written by Isao Takahata, is set in Tokyo near the end of World War II. It begins with the abandonment of teenage Seita and his little sister, Setsuko, after their mother is killed in a firebombing inside the city. Their father is away, serving in the Imperial Navy, so the two children initially stay with an aunt, but she has minimal affection and time for them. Their meager resources are quickly exhausted, and Seita is reduced to stealing to feed his sister.

The strength of "Grave of the Fireflies," an anti-war film, lies in Takahata’s unbiased portrayal of the characters. A sympathetic doctor, the greedy aunt and the disinterested cousins all know there is little they can do for Seita and Setsuko. Their resources, like their country’s, are already overtaxed: anything they spare endangers their own survival. No mention is made of Japan’s role in the war as an aggressor, but the depiction of the suffering endured by its victims transcends national and ideological boundaries.

KyoKO Hammond, adjunct instructor in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, will introduce the film.

The film series is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council. It contains English subtitles and is free and open to the public.

ROTARY SPEAKER — Dr. Nathan Howard, University of Tennessee at Martin assistant professor of history, was a recent speaker at the Fulton Rotary Club. His topic focused on Islam and Christianity. With Howard is Donna McConnell, club member of Weakley County.
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Area performers to entertain at Martin Winter Wonderland

MARTIN, Tenn. — Performers ages 5 to 75 from west Tennessee, Fulton and Murray, Ky., and Missouri and Mississippi will provide entertainment at the 22nd annual Santa's Winter Wonderland here Dec. 7-30.

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Admission is a suggested donation of $5 worth of toys or nonperishable foods.

Information: Martin Parks and Recreation Department, 731-587-6764.
Outstanding Leadership Educator Award recently presented

The Robert M. Smith Outstanding Leadership Educator Award was recently presented to Janet Earwood at the State Leadership Conference in Oak Ridge.

This award is to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the advancement of leadership education either by virtue of a major achievement within the past year or over a number of years through his or her dedication and service to leadership development within Tennessee.

Earwood, of Columbia, has been director of Leadership Maury County since 1993. Nominations for the award included comments praising Earwood's efforts as a motivational force in her community and the county's leadership program. Another note was that she is constantly searching for better, more effective, and relevant leadership programs and instructors to keep the Maury County program fresh.

In 1995, Earwood founded Youth Leadership Maury and, in 2001, added a Leadership Maury Alumni Association. She is immediate past president of the Tennessee Association of Community Leadership (TACL), serves on the board of directors of Rippavilla Plantation, United Way, Maury County Clean Community, Maury County Historical Society, and is a member of the Leadership Middle Tennessee steering committee. She earned a bachelor’s degree in English at Mississippi State College for Women.

WestStar Leadership, a regional program that covers 21 counties, has presented the award for the past 10 years. The award was named in honor of Robert M. Smith, founder of WestStar and Tennessee Association of Community Leadership. Smith currently serves as president of Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

Janet Earwood, right, recently received the Robert M. Smith Outstanding Leadership Educator Award at the State Leadership Conference. Making the presentation was Virginia Grimes, coordinator, WestStar Leadership, the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Student to perform senior clarinet recital

Joanna Robbins, of Paris, a music education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will perform her senior clarinet recital at 7:30 p.m., December 3, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus.

Robbins' performance will include Sonata for clarinet and piano, by Poulenc; variations on themes from “I Puritani,” by Bassi; a set of songs for clarinet and voice, by Gordon Jacob; and “Petite Piece,” by Quét.

Robbins also participates in the UT Martin wind ensemble, clarinet choir, University Singers, and she plays piano at her church.

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The recital will feature eighteen vocal students, and each student will perform one song. Delana Easley, staff accompanist, will accompany the performers on piano.

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ST. JUDE'S COUNTRY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

MARTIN: You are invited to St. Jude’s Country Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 2 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the social hall at 110 Hannings Lane, Martin.

The day of activities feature Santa Claus, a delicious hot breakfast buffet, an award winning chili and nacho luncheon, homemade baked goods and a fabulous gift selection.

Breakfast with Santa features a hot breakfast buffet of scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, and pancakes and begins at 8:00 a.m. An award winning chili and nacho luncheon will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The all-you-can-eat meals are reasonably priced at $5 for adults, $3 for children and $12 for families.

St. Jude will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a photo session and you'll leave with a framed custofo photo.

Gifts will be easy to find among the arts and crafts and home-based businesses. Items include custom jewelry, cosmetics, hand-crafted holiday decorations, baskets of bath and shower gels, wooden home accessories, food mixes, religious items and much more.

St. Jude is located on Hannings Lane behind the University of Tennessee dormitories in Martin.

For more information, contact Country Christmas Co-Chairman Judy Mehan at (731) 887-5086 or jmehan@frontiernet.net.
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Nearly $50 million in capital improvement projects are under way at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Six projects will span October 2006 to 2010:

- Fine and Performing Arts Building renovation and addition;
- Housing, Phase II;
- Business Administration Building heating, ventilation and air-conditioning upgrade;
- Brehm Hall addition;
- Department of Agriculture and Natural Sciences diagnostic laboratory; and
- Communications Tower replacement.

Still other projects, now in various planning and funding stages, are slated.

“We are constantly looking for ways to improve the UT Martin environment to make it more efficient and aesthetically pleasing. We want to make optimal use of all our facilities, and we want them to be attractive, comfortable spaces for everyone,” said Al Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

“While I am very pleased and proud of the new construction and renovation that is being carried out on campus, I am equally proud of what goes on within the walls of UT Martin. We are keeping our facilities in top shape, and we also are ensuring that the instruction and service that is conducted inside these facilities is first class for our students,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor.

With nearly two million square feet of facilities on the UT Martin campus, carrying out a comprehensive construction and renovation program and minimizing the impact on class and work schedules, is no small feat.

“We have several buildings that were constructed in the 1960s and 1970s,” said Hooten, adding that the lifetime for some of the mechanical and other systems, and the need for replacement, overlap. Scheduling is critical, he noted, so that the best use is made of available classroom and office space while other areas are vacated.

Hooten pointed to funding schedules as another factor that has to be considered as projects are planned.

The $13.9 million Fine and Performing Arts Building project includes the addition of 10,000 square feet of space for a small auditorium and classrooms, a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning upgrade and modernization of the entire building. The new classroom space will accommodate art classes now housed in Gooch Hall. The goal is to locate music, art and theatre arts classes in the completed building. Construction of the project is expected to begin in the fall of 2008 and be completed in 2010.

The communications tower replacement project calls for the relocation of all existing services to a modern, Federal Communications Commission-approved structure. The cost will be $800,000, and the project is expected to be completed between April and October 2007.

McCord Hall, a traditional residence hall, has been razed to make way for Phase II of UT Martin’s apartment-style housing project at a cost of $29 million. Three, four-story buildings, with controlled access, will accommodate approximately 400 freshmen. The complex will feature four-bedroom floor plans with shared efficiency kitchen, living room, washer and dryer.

Construction is planned from January 2007-May 2008.

The HVAC upgrade for the Business Administration Building has a pricetag of $3.2 million. The system will be modernized and also require the replacement of floors, ceilings and lighting fixtures in some areas. All occupants will be relocated for approximately a year, from June 2007-July 2008.

The $1.9 million Brehm Hall project will be a two-story classroom, office addition in the current courtyard. Construction is planned for May 2007-August 2008.

Finally, a former feed mill facility will be renovated for a diagnostic lab between February and August 2007 at a cost of $750,000.

“We ask people’s patience as we schedule and complete these projects,” said Hooten. Speaking of the Housing Phase I, Andy Holt Humanities Building, Phase I and other projects, he added, “We’ve come a long way in modernizing, but we still have work to do.”

“Grave of the Fireflies,” the last movie in the 2006 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium in Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The film, written by Isao Takahata, is set in Tokyo near the end of World War II. Kyoko Hammod, adjunct instructor in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, will introduce the film.

The film series is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council. It contains English subtitles.

The showing is free of charge and open to the public.
OC students featured in concert

The University of Tennessee at Martin will host a fall choral concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

The University Singers and New Pacer Singers will be among the performers.

The concert will feature an assortment of music highlighting masterworks that set many distinguished poetic texts from the Middle Ages to the modern 20th Century. Also included will be spirituals and comic pieces.

Local residents in the performance will include UT Martin students Meagan Bing, Jonathan Byrd, Josh Gatin and Nathan Woods, all of Union City; and Joel Malin and Nathan Johnston, both of South Fulton.

Other performers will include Cara Thomas, Matt Cook, Heather Burdette and Kimberly Kraft, all of Martin; Brandi Cochran of Dresden; and Adam Laman and Malay Evans, both of Trenton; Cori Sutton, Justin Brown and Colt Lemons, all of Dyersburg; Rosalyn Lake and Sarah Bybee, both of Millington; Emily Knight of Bartlett; Sarah Jenkins, Erin Dismuke and Lorrie Spencer, all of Cordova; Brittany McGruder of Collierville; Erika Neal, Megan Hannah and Linzie Tedford, all of Memphis; Chad Vanderburg of Paris; Megan Beam of Gadsden, Ala.; Sara McLemore, Matt Emison, Tony Ison, Alicia Booher and Karen Langdon, all of Jackson; Jeannie Pritchett of Pleasant View; Jackie Taylor of Somerville; Erin Smith of Munford; Katy Patterson of Ripley; Lauren Bivens of Halls; Latasha Thomas of Humboldt; Ashley Moody of Pulaski; Sean Campbell of Atoka; Chris Buckner, Jeremy Rhoads and Chris Taylor, all of Ripley; Kevin Ward of Halls; Ronnie Webb of Hollow Rock; Will Pattat of Brownsville; Jared Anderson of Hohenwald; Nicole Lamborn and Michael Nelson, both of Hendersonville; Jenny Cooper of Camden; Jennifer Harvener of Fort Montgomery, N.Y.; Tiffani Martin of Big Sandy; Crystal Crockett of Summertown; Jenna Steer of Micanopy, Fla.; Erin Horton of Murfreesboro; Cari Beauchamp of Huntingdon; Sarah Lemos of Brentwood; Ashley Shinn of Parsons, Kan.; and Amanda Martin of Hilltop.

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

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at (731) 881-7402.

Children invited to cookies with Santa

The fourth annual Cookies with Santa will be 12:30-2:30 p.m. Dec. 3 at the library in downtown Martin, Tenn. The public is invited to drop by, visit with Santa, enjoy refreshments, and take photos for a $10 donation to the Brian Brown Greenway. Participants will receive a 5x7 photo by mail. No appointment is necessary, and sponsors request no pets in photos.

Cookies with Santa is sponsored by the Brian Brown Greenway Foundation, the University of Tennessee at Martin, C.E. Weldon Library, Martin Wal-Mart, and Santa.

For more information, call 731-587-3003.

Foreign film series concludes with “Grave of the Fireflies”

“Grave of the Fireflies,” the last movie in the 2006 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled at 7 p.m., Dec. 1, in Watkins Auditorium in Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The film, written by Isao Takahata, is set in Tokyo near the end of World War II. It begins with the abandonment of teenage Seita and his little sister, Setsuko, after their mother is killed in a firebombing inside the city. Their father is away, serving in the Imperial Navy, so the two children initially stay with an aunt, but she has minimal affection and time for them. Their meager resources are quickly exhausted, and Seita is reduced to stealing to feed his sister.

The strength of “Grave of the Fireflies,” an anti-war film, lies in Takahata’s unbiased portrayal of the characters. A sympathetic doctor, the greedy aunt and the disinterested cousins all know there is little they can do for Seita and Setsuko. Their resources, like their country’s, are already taxed: anything they spare endangers their own survival. No mention is made of Japan’s role in the war as an aggressor, but the depiction of the suffering endured by its victims transcends national and ideological boundaries.

Kyoko Hammond, adjunct instructor in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, will introduce the film.

The film series is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council. It contains English subtitles and is free and open to the public.
The University of Tennessee at Martin will host a fall choral concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Building. The University Singers and New Pacer Singers are among the performers.

The concert will feature an assortment of music highlighting masterworks that set many distinguished poetic texts from the Middle Ages to the modern 20th century. Also included are spirituals and comic pieces.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 731-881-7402.

UT Martin students in the performance include Rosalyn Lake, of Millington, Tenn.; Sarah Jenkins, of Cordova, Tenn.; Brandy Cochran, of Dresden, Tenn.; Chad Vanderburg, of Paris, Tenn.; Brittany McGruder, of Collierville, Tenn.; Megan Bing, of Union City, Tenn.; Megan Bean, of Gadsden, Ala.; Sara McLemore, of Jackson, Tenn.; Jeannie Pritchett, of Pleasant View, Tenn.; Erika Neal, of Memphis, Tenn.; Jackie Taylor, of Somerville, Tenn.; Cori Sutton, of Dyersburg, Tenn.; Erin Smith, of Munford, Tenn.; Lauren Bivens, of Halls, Tenn.; Megan Hannah, of Memphis; Latasha Thomas, of Humboldt, Tenn.; Cara Thomas, of Martin, Tenn.; Asha Moody, of Pulaski, Tenn.; and Tony Ison, of Jackson, Tenn.

Other students in the performance are Matt Emison, of Jackson; Sean Campbell of Atoka, Tenn.; Chris Buckner, of Ripley, Tenn.; Kevin Ward, of Halls; Jeremy Rhoads, of Ripley, Tenn.; and Ronnie Webb.

Hollow Rock, Tenn.; Justin Brown, of Dyersburg; Adam Laman, of Trenton, Tenn.; Jonathan Byrd, of Union City; Will Pattat, of Brownsville, Tenn.; Joel Malin, of South Fulton; Nathan Johnston, of South Fulton; Jared Anderson, of Hohenwald, Tenn.; Erin Dismuke, of Cordova, Tenn.; Nicole Lamborn, of Hendersonville, Tenn.; Calyn Evans, of Trenton, Tenn.; Jenny Cooper, of Camden; Jennifer Havener, of Fort Montgomery, N. Y.; Emily Knight, of Bartlett, Tenn.; Tiffani Martin, of Big Sandy, Tenn.; Linzie Tedford, of Memphis; and Crystal Crockett, of Summertown, Tenn.

Beauchamp, of Huntingdon, Tenn.; Karen Langdon, of Jackson; Sarah Lemons, of Bentonwood, Tenn.; Ashley Shinn, of Parsons, Kan.; Heather Burdette, of Martin; Kimberly Kraft, of Martin; Amanda Martin, of Hillsboro; Lorrie Spencer, of Cordova, Tenn.; Alicia Bocher, of Jackson; Matt Cook, of Martin; Colt Lemons, of Dyersburg; Chris Taylor, of Ripley; Nathan Woods, of Union City; John Gatlin, of Union City; and Billy Scharmann, of Trenton.

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WELCOME TO MARTIN
Home of WELCOME SIGN — University of Tennessee at Martin senior communications major Chase Elliott of South Fulton was part of a class project group that produced a marketing campaign for the Martin Kiwanis Club last spring. Elliott developed the idea for a civic club sign not only for the Kiwanis Club, but to include other local civic groups as well. The result was a sign placed on U.S. 45 in Martin that can be seen by southbound traffic. The campaign was planned to eventually produce signs for each entrance to the city.
DeSantis crowned Miss UT-Martin

Selena DeSantis, of Martin, Tenn. was crowned Miss University of Tennessee at Martin at the Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant Nov. 18 at the Harriet Fulton Theatre in Martin. The UT Martin senior won the 2007 title and the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in June in Jackson, Tenn.

Also headed to the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant is Kara Waddell, of Mason, Tenn., a UT Martin sophomore, who won the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival title.

The winners led a field of 14 contestants. Miss UT Martin 2006 Jennifer Roberts, of McEwen, Tenn., crowned DeSantis, and Waddell was crowned by Holly Buchanan, of Brightown, Tenn., 2006 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival.

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DeSantis' platform is "organ donor awareness." She plans to focus on fitness, training, keeping up with current events and developing her vocal talent as she prepares for next summer's pageant in Jackson. "This is the first time I've actually ever sung, ever, in front of a crowd," said DeSantis, "so this is a new thing for me."

"I was so excited, because this is something that I've always dreamed about," Waddell said of winning the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival crown, recalling that she attended the Miss Tennessee Pageant when she was in the fifth grade. Now, as a competitor for the crown, she will focus on her vocal talent and also prepare for the pageant's on-stage interview, which she described as "the most nerve-racking" portion of the pageant. Her platform is support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Runners-up for the Miss UT Martin crown were: Brittany Broach, of Milan, Tenn., a junior, first; and Lisa Sullivan, of Chapel Hill, Tenn., a senior, second. All members of the Miss UT Martin court must be UT Martin students.

For Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival, Jeri Anthony, of Selmer, Tenn., a Jackson State Community College sophomore, was first runner-up and Tara Marchek, of Munford, Tenn., a University of Memphis sophomore, was second runner-up.

Holly Lane, of Algood, Tenn., a Lipscomb University sophomore, was the non-finalist talent winner, and Rachel Zamata, of Henderson, Tenn., a UT-Knoxville graduate, was the non-finalist swimsuit winner.

Vallie Kugler Kelly, a former Miss UT Martin and Miss Tennessee 2002, was hostess for the evening and also entertained the audience with two vocal selections. Lynn Gibson, Martin, directed the pageant for the fourth year. She expects DeSantis and Waddell to make a strong showing in Jackson next summer.

"Well, by looking at them (DeSantis and Waddell) tonight, I think they're going to do very, very, very well," Gibson said of the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant competition. She added, "They'll represent our community and our university very, very, very well, too. And that's the most important thing."

In Excel, painting classes offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering an intermediate Excel class and snowman plate workshop in December.

An intermediate Excel class, scheduled Dec. 5 and 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, will be offered by Shannon Burgin, UT Martin director of Information Technology Services.

The class expands participants' knowledge of spreadsheets by working through complex functions and formulas, using if statements and conditional formatting and learning about relative and absolute referencing.

Students also will create detailed examples and executive summaries, import data into spreadsheets from an external source, customize graphs and integrate spreadsheets into a word-processing document. This class offers participants practice in their planning and design skills and demonstrates how to use Excel to answer what-if questions.

The fee is $110, and the class is open to the public.

A one-stroke reverse painted snowman plate workshop, scheduled Dec. 2 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., will be offered by Charlie Boyd. The class allows participants to paint a snowman's face on a clear glass plate from the back.

Students also will paint snowflakes around the rim. The finished plate can be used to serve food.

The fee is $35, and a supply fee of $20 must be paid to the instructor at class. The supply fee includes materials such as brushes, plates and paint.

Students can receive a discount if they supply their own brushes from a previous ECCE ornament class. Upon registering, students need to specify whether they are bringing their own brushes.

For more information on these classes, or to register, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199.
**Student to perform trumpet recital**

Steven Westbrook, of Jackson, a senior music education major, will perform his senior trumpet recital at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 5, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus.

The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 881-7402.

**Students to perform in recital**

An evening of art songs and operatic arias will be performed by students at the University of Tennessee at Martin at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus.

The recital will feature 18 vocal students, and each student will perform one song. Delana Easley, staff accompanist, will accompany the performers on piano.

The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 881-7402.

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**KIWANIS OFFICERS** — The Martin Kiwanis Club recently inducted its officers for the 2006-07 year. Inducted to serve were (front, from left) Vice-President Sue Lasky, President Misty Menees and Secretary Frances Bynum; (back, from left) Treasurer Charley Deal and President-Elect Frank Black.

The Martin Kiwanis Club is a part of a global civic organization whose focus is to make a difference in the community by improving the lives of youths from elementary through college age students. To find out more about the Martin Kiwanis Club visit www.martinkiwanisclub.org. For membership interest contact Misty Menees at 587-9526.

**KIWANIS BOARD** — The Martin Kiwanis Club recently inducted its board of directors for the 2006-07 year. Inducted to serve were (front) Nadine Gearin; (back, from left) Michele Siler, Terry Duncan and Fran Robinson. Not pictured is Bonnie Hennon. The Martin Kiwanis Club is a part of a global civic organization whose focus is to make a difference in the community by improving the lives of youths from elementary through college age students. To find out more about the Martin Kiwanis Club visit www.martinkiwanisclub.org. For membership interest contact Misty Menees at 587-9526.

**COOKIES WITH SANTA** — The fourth annual Cookies with Santa will be 12:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at the library in downtown Martin. Local children, (clockwise from top) Laurel Johnston, Matthew Johnston and Carter Johnston all enjoyed meeting Kris Kringle. The public is invited to drop by and visit with Santa, and take photos for a $10 donation to the Brian Brown Greenway Foundation. Participants will receive a 5X7 photo by mail. No appointment is necessary, and sponsors request no pets in photos. Cookies with Santa is sponsored by the Brian Brown Greenway Foundation, The University of Tennessee at Martin, C.E. Weeldon Library, Martin Wal-Mart and Santa. For more information, call (731) 587-3003.
Entertainment hallmark of Santa’s Village event

Performers are set to take the Santa’s Village stage, Dec. 7-10, providing 20 hours of continuous entertainment during the 22nd annual event. Among performers are those from throughout West Tennessee, Fulton and Murray, Ky., Missouri and Mississippi. They range in age from 5-75.

Finalists from the Mid-South Youth Talent Show in Memphis, the Tennessee Beta Club Convention in Nashville and overall winners of the Tennessee Soybean Festival and Iris Festival talent shows are among the entertainers to be featured this year. Also appearing will be youth and adults playing guitars, violins, accordions, trumpets and saxophones; Praise Band, performing Christian and Christmas music; Memory Makers, providing big band era music and the High Variety vocalists.

This year’s “Santa’s Winter Wonderland” is slated for 6-9 p.m., Dec. 7-8; 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Dec. 9 and 1-5 p.m., Dec. 10. The opening ceremony is set for 5:45 p.m., Dec. 7. Co-sponsors for the event are Martin Parks and Recreation, the C. E. Weldon Public Library and UT Martin. Admission is a suggested donation of $5 worth of non-perishable foods and/or toys.

Reba Wade, of Reba Wade Music Studio in Martin, has volunteered as entertainment coordinator of Santa’s Village for 18 of the 22 years.

“This charity is one of the most important things I do every year,” said Wade. “I feel the entertainment brings cheer to the event and in scheduling the entertainers, I tell them to present cheerful, clean and meaningful music. I have always worked with a good bunch of people, who have been very understanding and cooperate in every way.” She added, “We all get an opportunity to use our talent for the good of others. We love doing it.”

Santa’s Village will feature new scenes, including Santa’s Ice Castle and a winter wonderland carousel. Also featured will be a display erected with 2007 canned foods, a giant Christmas tree, horse-drawn wagon rides, miniature shops, a skating pond and gazebo, an 8’ snow globe, Frosty the Snowman, MTD train display, cartoon characters and 54 arts and crafts booths.

Service agencies receiving donations from Santa’s Village include: Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council, Obion County American Red Cross, We Care Ministries, Santa’s Helpers and Chimes for Charity.

For more information about Santa’s Village, contact Martin Parks and Recreation Department at (731) 587-6784.

Holiday events slated in Martin

- Lead Academy Christmas for a Cause
  Lead Academy presents Christmas for a Cause. Saturday, Dec. 2, 8 a.m. till 8 p.m. at the UT Martin Student Life Center.
  A silent auction of decorated Christmas Trees will take place.
  Events include: Breakfast with Santa at 9 a.m., Gingerbread House Contest, Crafts, Pictures with Santa, Local Entertainment. Admission will be for children Ages 2-12 $1, Ages 13+ $2.

  For more information contact Laura Humphrey at 887-7525.

- Santa’s House
  On Saturday Dec. 2, Santa’s House opens from 12 p.m. till 2 p.m., Entertainment by Laura Carson at 12 p.m., Coloring contest at 1 p.m.
  On Saturday Dec. 16, Santa’s House in Martin officially opens, there is a Red Hatter Luncheon at the Opera House Restaurant in downtown Martin, call 587-8000 for additional information.

  Entertainment by Southern Exchange 12 p.m. till 2 p.m., Men’s Day all day, See lots of the latest motor toys for your special man. There is a Cookie Contest scheduled for 12 p.m. till 2 p.m.,

  Winners claim bragging rights 2006: Best Decorated and Best Tasting.

‘Lysistrata’ has gripping effect

The University of Tennessee at Martin Vanguard Theater presented “Lysistrata” Nov. 9-12 which featured many UT Martin students. Each semester students perform one major stage production. Even though most of the actors were theater majors, it was not limited to students majoring in fine arts.

“Lysistrata” was set during the times of The Roman Empire in which many wars between the Spartan and Athenian men were breaking out and affecting many of the citizens. Lysistrata, played by Jennifer Horbelt, is fed up with the current war being waged and decides that something needs to be done to resolve this to bring back peace.

She convinces all of the wives in the community to refrain from performing “sexual favors” for both the Spartan and Athenian husbands.

In the end this strategy works quite well and both sides finally see eye to eye.

The play was a great success and generated much talk among the community. The play seemed to catch everyone a little off guard with all of the risque props.

There were plentiful amounts of energy from all of the actors and its was quite clear to see how much practice and preparation went into the production of the play.

There was a $5 admission fee to see the play, but the play was open to UT Martin students and the community.

“The play went very well and we are exceptionally pleased with the turn out and response to the play. I am also equally pleased with the work of the actors,” said Ken Zimmerman, a professor at UTM and director of “Lysistrata.”

In the spring the Vanguard Theater will be presenting “Left Hand Singing” that will present in conjunction with the Civil Rights Conference.

The play will be preformed Feb. 28 - March 4.

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McLean receives National FFA Degree

Special to the State Gazette

Heather McLean of Newbern earned the National FFA Degree, the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization. She received her award Oct. 28 during the 79th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. The degree recognizes demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs.

Less than one in 165 FFA members advance through their local chapter and state FFA degree programs to earn the national degree.

McLean, the daughter of Lyn and Kathy McLean, is currently a sophomore at the University of Tennessee at Martin. She is pursuing a double major in agriculture communications and animal science. She is a national Ag Ambassador and a past state FFA president.

She is a member of the Dyer County FFA Chapter and her agricultural education instructors and FFA advisors are Richard Ross and Dan Smith.

During the convention, McLean received a gold American FFA Degree key, wallet identification card and a certificate to commemorate her achievement. The recognition program is sponsored by Case IH, The Farm Credit System Foundation and Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

McLean also presented leadership workshops to FFA members during the national convention.

The national FFA convention is said to be the nation's largest annual youth gathering, welcoming students, parents and educators from across the United States.

Student to perform clarinet recital

Joanna Robbins, of Paris, a music education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will perform her senior clarinet recital at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 3, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus.

Robbins' performance will include Sonata for clarinet and piano, by Poulenc; variations on themes from "I Puritani," by Bassi; a set of songs for clarinet and voice, by Gordon Jacob; and "Petite Piece," by Quet.

Robbins also participates in the UT Martin wind ensemble, clarinet choir, University Singers, and she plays piano at her church.

The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 881-7402.