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Vanguard Production. 8 p.m. today through Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday on the main stage in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building at UT Martin. Call 881-7090 for tickets.

LOCAL ‘LITTLE SHOP’: Vanguard Theatre at UT Martin presents the play about a hungry man-eating plant this weekend. Check out this and other listings in our calendar.

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"Frank Deford has been a prominent voice in the sports world for generations of fans and observers of the games," Dr. Dan McDonough said in a UT Martin release. McDonough is UT Martin's honors programs director.

"While many of us read his work in Sports Illustrated, where his articles still can be found, a new generation may know him better through his television and radio work," McDonough said. "Regardless of which medium one chooses, Deford has always looked at the sporting world with a loving, but critical eye."

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Faculty showcased in concert on Nov. 6

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Department of Music will present its second Faculty Showcase Concert, at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 6, in Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine Arts Building.

The list of performers includes Brad Coker, instructor of music, tuba; Delana Easley, specialist, piano; Dr. Kurt Gorman, assistant professor of music, trumpet; Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music, piano; Dr. Jeremy Kolwinski, Department of Music chair, trombone; and Dr. Amy Yeung, assistant professor of music, soprano. The musical selections will range from baroque to modern era.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Gorman, assistant professor of music, at 731-881-7404.

"Lost Boys of Sudan" — John Bul Dau, left, featured in the award-winning film and memoir, "God Grew Tired of Us," met with University of Tennessee at Martin Honors Seminar students prior to his presentation as part of the university’s Academic Speaker Series. A member of the Dinka people, he spoke about his experiences growing up in war-torn Sudan, as a leader of the “Lost Boys” and on the current situation in the Sudan. The film won the Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival. With Dau, are, from left, Jennifer Lynch, Dickson; Dr. Lionel Crews, Honors Programs associate director; and Ethan Braytenbah, Lewisburg.
Art exhibit opens on Nov. 6

The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at the University of Tennessee at Martin announces the opening of the 2007 Art Faculty Exhibit, with a reception from 5-7 p.m., Nov. 6, in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building. The exhibit continues through Nov. 24.

This annual event showcases UT Martin’s artist-educators, who will present a broad-range collection of art from a diverse array of media — ceramics, fibers, graphic design and painting. This year’s exhibit features the work of more art faculty than previous years, sharing their visual explorations of idea, image and thought.

Art faculty represented include Lane Last, Diane Shaw, Jason Stout, Carol Eckert, Grace Eckert, David McBeth and Pamela Fiedler. The opening will be held in conjunction with the annual Music Faculty Showcase that will begin immediately after at 7:30 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre.

For more information, contact Doug Cook, professor of theatre and chair of the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts, at 881-7406.

Sigma Alpha Iota presents American Musicale

The members of the University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, a professional music fraternity for women, will present an evening of American music at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 7, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Among the varied presentations are works by MacDowell, Copland and W.C. Handy. Performers include the Sigma Alpha Iota Choir, the UT Martin Clarinet Choir, and brass, percussion and piano solos.

Sigma Alpha Iota has over 5000 active collegiate members in 212 chapters around the world. Its mission is to encourage, nurture and support the art of music with frequent emphasis on music by American composers.

For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music, at 731-881-7411.

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Milan grads earn UTM scholarships

MARTIN—Two Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Ashley Niven, daughter of Bruce and Dorothy Niven of Milan, is a junior. She received the Golightly Foundation Scholarship.

Courtney Sullivan of Milan, daughter of David and Susan Seaton, is a junior. She received the Rehabilitation Corporation Scholarship.

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

Learn finer points of Photoshop CS3 online

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education has partnered with online course provider Ed2Go to offer Introduction to Adobe Photoshop CS3. Whether you want to be a graphic artist, learn 3D, produce video, or simply edit the images from your digital camera, Photoshop is the essential program to learn. That's why author and Photoshop expert, Sherry London, created a new online course, "Introduction to Adobe Photoshop CS3."

"Though bookshelves are lined with volumes on the topic, it's much easier to learn Photoshop under the guidance of an expert instructor," said London. "When that expert instructor can be there for you in the privacy of your own home, at your own hours, you get the best of all possible worlds."

Students who register for the course will learn how to edit photos, create basic paintings and prepare images for printing. They'll also get hands-on practice to improve photographs by removing flaws, correcting poor exposure and adding new elements using the newest techniques Photoshop CS3 has to offer.

Students can take "Introduction to Photoshop CS3" from the convenience of home or office and at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/online-courses.php.

For more information, contact Debbie Mount, ECCE director, at 731-881-7104.

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Have you ever been on a team that didn’t meet its goals or that ended in conflict? Is team-building a skill that’s underdeveloped in your workplace? Whether you are a manager or an employee, Vivian Harte, a veteran educator and team-builder, can teach you the tools needed to develop and maintain a successful team.

“During the 1990s, many companies set up teams, but often the teams failed, and businesses didn’t know what went wrong,” said Harte. “Building an effective team is not simple. It takes excellent team members, leaders who understand the team process and supportive management.”

Students who enroll in this course will learn components of a successful team and stages of group development. They’ll master the skills needed to make decisions, solve problems and effectively manage projects in a team setting. They’ll also find out how to avoid the pitfalls of unhealthy group interaction and minimize the causes of conflict within a team.

Students can interact with the instructor and fellow students in Web-based discussion areas, where they can ask course-related questions. A response is usually promised within one business day, and often arrives much sooner than that.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT — Gov. Phil Bredesen (left) and University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes were among a variety of local government and private industry officials attending a roundtable discussion about rural economic development Tuesday. The forum, attended by a crowd of about 75 and representatives from print and broadcast media, was held at Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus. Bredesen told the assembly that if economic development is to work, it's got to have a local group working on it. Later, he said it's always helpful for him to get out of the office “and meet with people who are actually making auto parts or packaging chicken or making sausage. I learned a lot about the needs here.”
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Holocaust travel-study to be offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin has partnered with Union University to offer a Holocaust travel-study trip in the spring, May 18-June 1.

Participants in the program will experience on-site learning in Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland to explore Berlin, Prague, Cracow and Warsaw. They will see Holocaust memorials, former concentration and death camps and Jewish ghettos. Participants will also visit national landmarks, museums, churches and other cultural sites.

Students will attend classroom instruction sessions during the spring semester and have the opportunity to earn three or six hours of upper-level academic credit.

The course offerings include the following: The Holocaust in Historical and Literary Perspective, offered by Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, UT Martin Tom Elam Distinguished Professor of History; History of the Holocaust, offered by Dr. Stephen Carls, Union University; and Ethics and Theology After the Holocaust, offered by Dr. David Gushee, Union University.

For more information, contact Dr. Carls by telephone at (731) 881-7472 or by e-mail at accarls@utm.edu.

VISITS WITH GOVERNOR — Gov. Phil Bredesen visited with several local residents, including Mary Carpenter of Union City, during his trip to the University of Tennessee at Martin on Tuesday. Mrs. Carpenter is director of the Paul Meek Library at UT Martin and formerly served as director of the Obion County Public Library. Bredesen was among a number of government and private industry officials who attended a roundtable discussion about rural economic development. The forum was held at Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.
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Deford shares his thoughts on today's young athletes

By KENNETH COKER
Messenger Sports Reporter

The pen is mightier than the sword, or so they say.

If that old cliche is indeed true, then Frank Deford could be considered one of the strongest men in the nation.

For the past 45 years, Deford has been a fixture in American homes through his numerous writings in Sports Illustrated, appearances on HBO’s Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel and commentaries on National Public Radio’s Morning Edition.

And over the years, he has seen his share of the top stars and class acts that the sports world has to offer, covering the likes of Elgin Baylor, Bill Russell, Michael Jordan, Bear Bryant, Gale Sayers, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert and many others during the glory days of his career in the field.

So it should come as little surprise that when asked about today’s athletes and the negative headlines that many are making, Deford is quick to explain where he believes the problem lies.

“From a very young age, athletes are kissed up to,” Deford told The Messenger Thursday before a lecture at the University of Tennessee at Martin. “People cheat for them, they slip them money and these young men get women very easily.

“When this happens on a regular basis, it gets in your mind that ‘hey, I can do anything.’ The trouble is that we accept it. We play along with it until someone does something really awful and look up to them when in reality they are just young men playing a game.”

And in Deford’s mind, that line of thinking leads to many of the steroid and drug problems that are prevalent in the present time.

“These guys take these drugs and think they can get away with it,” he said. “It’s all a part of the same mindset with getting the women they want because they think they are big stars.”

Despite all the negatives, the 45-year veteran of the sports scene does see a small cluster of positives on the horizon. Deford believes that the National Football League is leading the way in cleaning up the sports world.

The 1994 CableACE Award winner also points out that not all athletes are bad eggs and that some good guys are still taking to their respective playing surfaces as ambassadors for their sports.

“I think there’s a lot of good guys left,” Deford explained. “It’s amazing to me that as many of them get through to that point unscathed, but we shouldn’t think that all athletes are jerks.”

“For one, Roger Federer has never had a mark against him and...”

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Deford...

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I don’t think anybody has anything negative to say about him, or Tiger Woods for that matter. I don’t think Tiger has the charm that Federer has, but he’s conducted himself absolutely impeccably and proved that it is possible to be a good guy and an athlete.

One might assume that Deford would pick his own top contributions to the world from the heap of awards hardware he has amassed while haunting the sidelines and press boxes of countless sporting venues.

Yet, that is not the case at all. It’s not his six U.S. Sportswriter of the Year awards, induction into the National Association of Sportscasters’ and Sportswriters’ Hall of Fame or Emmy Award for his coverage of the 1988 Seoul, South Korea Olympics that makes him proudest.

Deford pegs his work as the national chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation — in memory of his daughter Alex, who fell victim to the disease at the age of eight in 1980 — as his top contribution to society.

“Of all the things I’ve done, that’s by far the most worthwhile,” Deford said. “Everything I’ve written pales in comparison to doing something good like that. It made me a better person. I can’t say that writing made me a better person.

“It made me a lot of money, a certain amount of fame and it was terribly gratifying, but it didn’t make me a better person and working for the Foundation did.”

Deford became involved in the advocacy for a cure for the disease after his daughter’s death. He chronicled her life in the memoir “Alex: The Life of a Child.”

The book was later made into a movie starring Craig T. Nelson and Bonnie Bedelia in 1986.

“At first we were scared to death. It was one thing when I wrote the book because I was in control,” Deford said of the experience. “When you turn your life story over to a movie director or producer, you lose control. At the end of the day, it was great because it gave so much to cystic fibrosis and it was also a tremendous tribute to my daughter.

“We haven’t conquered the disease yet, but we’ve come a long way and I think that’s something you could put on my tombstone.”

Sports reporter Kenneth Coker can be contacted by e-mail at kcoke@ucmessenger.com.
Literature and other materials will be provided free for participants. Mileage will be partially reimbursed and a certificate of participation will be presented to each attendee.

The science bowl is sponsored by the UT Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society. For the written test covering biology, chemistry and general science, there is no limit on the number of students each school may enter. Each test will have 25 questions from each of the three categories.

From the written test, eight schools will be chosen for the afternoon bowl competition based on comparing the average total score of two of each school’s highest scoring students. The rules are similar to the former TV show, “The G.E. College Bowl.” The prizes will include trophies for champion and runner-up schools and gold, silver and bronze medallions for all team members. All schools will be provided Chem Time Clocks on which the element symbols replace the usual 24 numbers for military time. Each student also will receive a wallet card and a beverage cup featuring the periodic table.

Information about the science bowl is available online at http://www.utm.edu/staff/skairie/scibowl. For registration or information, email skairie@utm.edu or call 731-881-7450/7454.

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TEST WORKDAY
By Rose Lummus

The TEST Board Members met on August 25, 2007 to complete plans for our annual TSTA workshops. This year’s theme is Evolution: Change Over Time. Ten board members met for final preparations. Activities were suggested and final preparations put in place. Our advisors are excited about sharing their knowledge and expertise.

The Horse Creek Wildlife Sanctuary was gracious enough to offer their facilities for the meeting. On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Ray Franks conducted a tour of the grounds and facilities. A big THANK YOU to Mr. Franks and the Horse Creek Wildlife Sanctuary for their generosity.
waters of Reelfoot Lake. Kim Crews, the K-12 Coordinator/Lab Manager of University of Tennessee Martin’s Reelfoot Lake Research and Teaching Center, directed the excursion pointing out the many Cypress trees, stumps, knees, and a lot of Duckweed. Samples from dip nets were taken and put in buckets for observation back at the Research and Teaching Center. Club members used microscopes and an identification sheet to identify macro-invertebrates such as Blood Worms, Ciliates, and True Bugs such as the Backswimmer.

The trip culminated at the Reelfoot Lake State Park Visitor Center where the students’ participated in two programs – Birds of Prey and Snakes. The students entered the caged home of two Bald Eagles to learn that the Eagles heads and tails take from four to six years to turn from brown to white, their diet consists of 80-90 percent fish, and that the Bald Eagles usually arrive at Reelfoot Lake from Canada and the Great Lake States as early as October and peak in late January to mid-February.

Teachers and other educators can contact Kim Crews at kcrews@utm.edu to bring a group to the Reelfoot Lake Research and Teaching Center for a variety of programs and activities.

Camden Junior High’s Science Club started off their year with a trip to Reelfoot Lake, a by-product of the New Madrid Earthquakes that took place from December 16, 1811 until March 8, 1812, to see first hand the once heavily forested area that sank and later filled with water. The eighth grade students’ first stop was at Reelfoot Lake National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Touring the interactive museum, the students learned about the 10, 428-acre refuge’s diverse habitats which support a rich variety of plant and animal species. With a goodie bag of information in one hand and a plaster cast of an armadillo’s pawprint (among other numerous animals) in the other hand, the Club headed to Grassy Island where they launched several canoes into the still
News From UT Martin

UT Martin's 'Guide to Speakers and Sources' updated

MARTIN, Tenn. – Do you need a speaker for a club or service organization meeting? The University of Tennessee at Martin "Guide to Speakers and Sources" is an online guide to speakers and topics. This guide is designed to acquaint the public with the wide range of human resources available at UT Martin. A variety of groups may find this guide useful in the selection of speakers or experts for various projects and/or meetings.

The guide, at [http://www.utm.edu/departments/univrel/resources.php](http://www.utm.edu/departments/univrel/resources.php), is prepared in alphabetical order by general topic and divided into subtopics. For assistance in making contacts with the speakers and sources, or for assistance in finding campus experts for topics not listed, call the Office of University Relations at (731) 881-7615.

TAX ISSUES SEMINARS TO BE OFFERED BY REED CENTER

MARTIN, Tenn. – The Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center will offer a seminar on tax issues for small businesses on Nov. 8 and 27.

"Tax Issues and Your Small Business" will be offered 1-5 p.m., Nov. 8, at the Dyersburg Chamber of Commerce located at 2000 Commerce Ave. The seminar will be led by Eddie Ramsey, CPA, and David Ramsey, both of Memphis. It will be offered again from 9-11 a.m., Nov. 27, at the Obion County Industrial Training Facility located at 204 S. Second St., Union City. This seminar will be led by Arthur L. Sparks Jr. of Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLLC. Participants will learn about forms, filing regulations and record-keeping requirements for small business. Participants will also explore the pitfalls and secret tips of filing your small business tax returns. Both seminars are free and open to the public.

The UT Martin REED Center is a service of the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and the Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Free Enterprise.

For more information, contact Hollie Holt, coordinator of the REED Center, at 731-587-7333. To register, sign up online at [www.utm.edu/reed](http://www.utm.edu/reed).

DEADLINE TO ENTER MISS UT MARTIN/MISS TENNESSEE SOYBEAN FESTIVAL PAGEANT, NOV. 8

MARTIN, Tenn. – Plans are underway for the combined Miss University of Tennessee at Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant to be staged at 7 p.m., Nov. 17, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building at UT Martin. The theme is "A Crowning Achievement." Winners of each crown will gain the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in Jackson next summer.

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

Deadline to register for the pageants is Nov. 8, and applications from all UT Martin students should be returned to David Belote, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, Office of Student Life, Student Life Center, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. All others should be sent to Lynn Gibson, 580 Sandhill Rd., Martin, TN 38237.

For more information, contact pageant executive director, Lynn Gibson, at 731-588-2570 or lynngibson@frontiernet.net. Applications are available at [www.misstennessee.org](http://www.misstennessee.org) or at [www.utm.edu/missutm](http://www.utm.edu/missutm).
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 may be purchased at the Boling University Center beginning Nov. 1. Tickets also may be purchased at the door.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING SKILLS WORKSHOP SLATED FOR NOV. 8 AT UT MARTIN

The West Tennessee Accounting Conference is planned, Nov. 8, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Offered by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and the UT Martin Department of Accounting, Economics, Finance and International Business, the workshop will be in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Six professionals will staff the workshop that will provide participants with seven continuing professional education credits. The day will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. The first session begins at 8 a.m. The fee for the conference is $175.

“The Top 10 Technology Issues Facing Accountants in 2008” will be taught by Steve Holt, director of the Instructional Technology Center and Web Services. This session provides the most up-to-date information available on how accountants can avoid pitfalls, use technology to enhance client service and improve information security. It will also provide practical information on the top 10 IT issues facing accounting practitioners this year and offer solutions to these challenges.

“Financial Accounting Standards Update for Businesses” will be taught by Robert Putman, professor of accounting. This session provides an update of changes to Financial Accounting Standards Board standards and other financial accounting standards, as well as information on trends in accounting and expected updates in financial accounting standards.

“Ethical Practices: I Know What I Did but Nobody Else Does” will be taught by Mark H. Crocker, interim director of the state board of accountancy and investigator for the Tennessee State Board of Accountancy. Attendees will hear about situations and tips to help fine-tune their decision-making skills in addition to learning more about the laws and rules that regulate the activities of CPAs. Accountants will learn from an experienced regulator and gain insights through the application of the specific examples that underscore the "do's and don'ts" associated with ethical accounting practices.

“The 2008 Economy and Structural Trends: A Financial Outlook for Accounting and Financial Advisors” will be taught by Dr. Tom Payne. Payne is the chairholder of the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and interim chair of the Department of Accounting, Economics, Finance and International Business. This session addresses recent trends affecting accountants and clients in the regional, national and global economy and financial markets. Policy decisions and recent upheavals in financial markets affecting asset values and investment practices will be discussed. An economic forecast for 2008, including interest rates, equity markets, housing and regional business growth and employment patterns also will be provided.

“Technology That Will Have an Impact on Your Business: Vista, Office 2007, and more...” will be taught by Shannon Burgin, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief information officer. This session provides accountants with important information to ensure forward and backward compatibility with the new platforms and programs. This information is critical to smooth technology implementation both internally and when sharing files with clients. Anticipate and plan for changes that can improve communication, customer service, and the bottom line, while protecting information.

“Individual Tax Update” will be taught by Paula Hearn Moore, assistant professor of accounting and business law. This session focuses on the changes in individual income tax laws for the tax year 2007 that will likely impact the rural tax preparer.

To register, call ECCE at 800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082 or register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.

Deford brings ‘Sports: The Hype, The Hoopla’ to UT Martin as speaker

Nationally renowned sports columnist Frank Deford will speak at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 8, in the Elam Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. With decades of experience as author, columnist and television and radio personality, Deford has become, in the words of GQ magazine, “the world’s greatest sportswriter.”
A native of Baltimore and a graduate of Princeton University, where he has taught in the American Studies Program, Deford has authored 16 books. Two of his books, “Everybody’s All-American” and “Alex: The Life of a Child,” his memoir of his daughter who died of cystic fibrosis, have been made into movies, while a third, “Casey On The Loose,” is being turned into a Broadway musical. His current book, “The Entitled,” is a novel about celebrity, sex and baseball.

Deford has achieved eminence as both sportswriter and sportscaster, first as a writer and editor for Sports Illustrated and, more recently, as a correspondent on HBO’s “Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel,” and as a commentator every Wednesday on Morning Edition on National Public Radio. His work as a journalist has been rewarded with almost every major honor that can be bestowed upon a journalist. He has been elected to the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Sportscasters and Sportswriters; he has been elected six times as Sportswriter of the Year by his peers; he was twice voted Magazine Writer of the Year by the Washington Journalism Review; he has received both an Emmy Award and a George Foster Peabody Award for his broadcasting work; and he received a CableAce Award for his HBO Sports documentary, “Arthur Ashe: Citizen of the World” (1994). His life and work were dramatized in ESPN’s film biography, “You Work Better Than You Play.” His honest and forthright style has led Sporting News to call Frank Deford “the most influential sports voice among members of the print media.”

Deford also is noted for his charity work, most prominently, he served for 16 years as national chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and remains chairman emeritus.

“Frank Deford has been a prominent voice in the sports world for generations of fans and observers of the games,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honors Programs director. “While many of us read his work in Sports Illustrated, where his articles still can be found, a new generation may know him better through his television and radio work. Regardless of which medium one chooses, Deford has always looked at the sporting world with a loving, but critical eye. Appreciating and celebrating the positive aspects of sports, he has never hesitated to comment on the seamier sides which have occasionally threatened the integrity of the games. Join us in exploring Deford’s unique perspective on the good and the bad in the modern sporting world.”

For more information, contact McDonough at damnc@utm.edu or 731-881-7436.

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**BASICS OF EBAY-SELLING OFFERED BY ECCE**

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering a course in the basics of eBay-selling, beginning in November.

“Basics of eBay-Selling” will be taught from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 10, in Room 206, Gooch Hall, on the UT Martin campus. Olen Batchelor, eBay-trained education specialist, will be the instructor, and the fee is $75. The book will cost $19.95, a fee paid to the instructor. Participants will learn how to make a supplemental or full-time income. This multimedia course will include eBay University’s own training materials and will cover selling basics and beyond, including research, opening and using a Paypal account, improving listings with better descriptions and digital photography, security and post-sale activities such as billing and shipping.

To register for a workshop, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082 or visit the Web at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.

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**CHEMISTRY SAFETY WORKSHOP, SCIENCE BOWL SOON**

The Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society will offer a free workshop on Safety in the Chemistry Workplace on Nov. 10 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Area high schools also are invited to send teams to the 28th Annual Science Bowl at UT Martin and can register for the Nov. 10 event by email or phone. The registration deadline is Oct. 26.

Participants in the workshop will be made aware of hazards that may have been overlooked and the resources and options available to remedy those hazards. This workshop is intended to create a better, safer place for students to learn. Topics will include personal protective equipment, waste management and proper storage of hazardous materials.

This workshop is sponsored with support from an Innovative Projects Grant from the ACS.
'Lack' of rural development topic at roundtable with governor

By SABRINA BATES
Chief Staff Writer

Business leaders, elected officials and economic development representatives brought different perspectives to the table on Tuesday when each met with Gov. Phil Bredesen for the sole purpose of focusing on development of rural areas.

As Tennessee Commissioner of Economic and Community Development Matt Kisber described, the roundtable discussion held at the Boling Center on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus "put the focus on rural economic development."

"Keeping customers is as important as recruiting new ones," Kisber said to the group on hand during the roundtable discussion led by Bredesen. The four Northwest Tennessee counties of Weakley, Obion, Henry and Dyer were represented as well as food service industry reps and those in the business of production.

"There is enormous pressure when it comes to job base. This is not unique to Tennessee. Economic development is at the top of the agenda for many states," Bredesen said. The governor expressed that he was not there to speak, but to listen to suggestions on how the state can help enhance rural development.

An issue that seemed to resonate during the roundtable discussion was having an adequate number of skilled laborers.

"We need let young adults who don't plan to go to college know that you don't have to be a college grad to adequately support your family. We need to identify these students before they turn 16. There are trainable, marketable young men and women in public schools," Ron Cooper of Southern Machinery in Union City said.

"There is a need for skilled labor. The concerns I have are when I see a company from Georgia advertising for skilled laborers in our local newspaper, it makes me think this is not just a problem in Tennessee," Keith Riley of Tyson Foods in Union City reiterated Cooper's statement.

From providing technology centers and community colleges with more funding to encouraging the 87 percent of high school students who do not go to a four-year institution to get trained in a skilled labor, the discussion cited a need for attainable training for the blue-collar workforce.

Bredesen also heard from those who did not point out state shortcomings, but those of rural community members.

"The rural community has to come to terms with the 10, 15 or 20 employees that often come about from new businesses are just as important as trying to land large industry," Carl Holder with the Henry County Economic Development Council said.
Weakley County Economic Development Executive Director Ronnie Price emphasized the need for counties to build spec buildings and look to the state for more of the financial aspects of the construction.

With the recent regional airport joint venture between Weakley and Obion counties and the feasibility study by Weakley and Henry counties for a soybean-crushing industry, Price also confirmed the importance of rural counties working together to accomplish regional enhancement projects.

UTM Dean of Agriculture Jim Byford suggested the state build the infrastructure for biofuels, which would include pipelines and hard wiring along the interstate.

According to Tennessee Department of Revenue Commissioner Regan Farr, there is funding available for workforce training as well as tax credits for businesses that locate in rural areas across the state that are considered "economically distressed."


The correlation between education and the workforce did not go unnoticed during the discussion on Tuesday.

Tennessee State Rep. Mark Maddox, a proponent of education, shared a portion of legislation that he plans to propose during the next session.

"It's good to hear discussion about educating the adult workforce. We also need to be allowing lottery scholarships for adults that want to go or go back to college on a part-time basis, because they can't afford to go to school full time," Maddox stressed.

The House member referred to utilizing the state’s lottery scholarship money for non-traditional students that currently are a part of the workforce.

While there have only been a handful of Bredesen-led roundtable discussions across the state, the governor said he will continue to garner ideas and insight from rural areas to better face the economic development challenges that plague communities with a dense population.

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Annual barbecue for UTM athletics set

Chi Omega sorority will hold its annual barbecue to benefit UT Martin athletics from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, prior to the Skyhawks football game with Murray State. Richie and Reggie’s BBQ of Dresden will provide the food. Anyone wishing to reserve a ticket may contact any member of the Chi Omega sorority or call Tricia Ladd at (731) 695-3212.

Santa’s Village event is set for UTM

Santa’s Village will celebrate its 23rd year of operation, Dec. 6-9, and continues to provide donations of food and toys to agencies that distribute the proceeds to area residents who need them.

The holiday fantasyland is staged each year at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex at the University of Tennessee Martin. Slated for 6-9 p.m. Dec. 6-7, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Dec. 8, and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 9, the event will carry out the "Very Beary Christmas" theme in "enchanted forest" scenes, including Santa in a hunting lodge. Also featured will be a display made with 2,008 canned foods, as well as a giant Christmas tree, horse-drawn wagon rides, MTD model train display, children's inflatables and 54 arts and crafts booths. Twenty hours of entertainment, highlighting regional talent, and a petting farm, will add to the festivities. An opening ceremony is set for 5:45 p.m. Dec. 6. Admission is a suggested donation of $5 worth of nonperishable foods and/or toys.

Service agencies receiving food and toys collected at Santa’s Village this year include: Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council, Obion County American Red Cross, We Care Ministries, Santa’s Helpers and Chimes for Charity.

Co-sponsors for the event are Martin Parks and Recreation, the C. E. Weldon Public Library and UT Martin. Additional confirmed sponsors of the event include: Volunteer Community Hospital, University Plaza, Hamilton-Ryker, First State Bank, Greenball Inc., MTD Products, Tyson Foods, Southern Source, Office Products and Sulter’s Clean and Shine. For more details, call Martin Parks and Recreation Department at (731) 587-6784.
Put your heart and soul into your sport

Once again I am writing about the sport of football. It intrigues me. As a girl I was only given the opportunity to play powder-puff football during our high school football homecoming events. Therefore, I have never experienced putting on a helmet and pads and participating in sport skills such as throwing and catching while having additional obstructions on my body.

Recently, I have spent many hours observing football practice. It seems to me that football is a sport that you have to love, to want to put yourself through the intense work out, heat exposure, and then later in the season trying to keep your fingers warm enough so that you are able to catch the ball and hold on to it!

Since it is my son’s first year to play football, I decided to ask my sons’ friend, Koby Ashmore, who is in his second season as a Martin Dolphin, some questions about his love for the game. I asked Koby what motivated him to play football. He replied, ‘You get to hit people.’ Koby added that he likes to play football because you get out there and have fun.

Koby’s long term goal is to play in the NFL. Therefore, I decided to interview former NFL player and current University of Tennessee Martin Skyhawk football Receivers Coach and Recruiting Coordinator Jay Graham to see about football motivation. Jay played in the NFL for six seasons for three different teams, including the Baltimore Ravens, Seattle Seahawks and Green Bay Packers.

Jay said his major sports influence came from his three older sisters. All of his sisters were college athletes who either played volleyball or ran track. His youngest sister earned a gold medal in the 1996 Olympics for the 4x400m relay in track. He said being the youngest, he felt pressure, in a good way, to be an athlete.

Jay said when he was growing up, the athletes who motivated him the most were Michael Jordan and Bo Jackson because they had a great work ethic. The coach that influenced Jay the most was Clement Fleming, Jay’s high school football coach from Concord, N. C. Jay said Coach Fleming took a big interest in his life; he took time beyond football practice and would drive him home from school and encourage him to do well with academics.

I asked Jay what kind of coach he liked the best - a screamer or a praiser? Jay said that he believed you need a mixture of both. He said that a coach who yells must first build a relationship between the player and the coach and they must know each other in order for the player to accept the yelling. He added that derogatory comments are not helpful. Encouraging comments are much better.

Jay’s advice for young NFL hopefuls like Koby is to remember that football is a game. Athletes need to play the game and have fun as well as focus on their will and drive to win. However, they need to be able to turn off the anger they might experience on the field. Athletes need to understand what the game is about. He believes that leadership qualities, sports ethic, respect for themselves and their teammates, as well as their opponent, are an integral part of being an athlete.

Although the topic of this article is about football, I believe that Jay Graham’s advice is suited for other sports as well as individual work ethic. With all things, try to find the positive in the situation; you need to enjoy what you are doing. It is important to do things for yourself and not worry about pleasing other people. If you put your heart and soul into your sport, you may not make it into the NFL, but you will be proud of yourself when you walk off the field.

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. She’s the mother of two children.
Why veterinarians do what they do

It's a typical Monday. I arrived at work at 6 a.m., worked through lunch and left the office at 5:30 p.m. I drove an hour home, walked with my neighbor for 30 minutes, and had been in my office now for over an hour tying up loose ends. I'll work until I go to bed tonight, and I thought about that all the way home. I was feeling pretty sorry for myself until I reminded myself that I was going to get to see my youngest nephew, Ben, play junior high football tomorrow night. I'll get to sit with my sister and watch the whole game without interruption. I also reminded myself that I was able to visit my parents yesterday. I stayed all afternoon and not once did the phone ring for me or that hateful little beeper I used to wear go off.

On my ride home, I noticed the leaves were starting to change, and with my window down, I could feel that old familiar chill signaling fall was here. The holidays will soon be upon us, and as I was lamenting my day even knowing that once I got home, I could stay there, I thought about all those Christmas dinners that I have missed. I thought about all those football games I couldn't attend. I thought about all those nights I didn't get home till late only to be awakened from a deep sleep by the phone ringing. Someone needed help, and I would get out of bed, slip on my pants, boots and scrub shirt, and out into the night I would go again.

I was thinking about all this driving home, and this month's article fell into place. This month I've decided to write not about the animals we love, but the people who take care of them - veterinarians.

I hear a lot of good things about veterinarians, but I also hear complaints. I know plenty of people have probably complained about me. I hear about prices. I hear about a veterinarian who may not seem like he or she cares. I hear about veterinarians being testy with their clients. I guess in my position, I hear it all.

So, I decided to let you know some things about veterinarians that maybe you didn't know, you don't see, and you might misunderstand. Here goes:

- The grade-point average of most students entering veterinary colleges today is between 3.5 and 4.0. For those of you who don't know, that's a really good grade-point average especially when you consider those students are taking some of the hardest classes a university can offer. The rumor is that it is harder to get into vet school than medical school. I have no facts for that - it's just what I've heard.

- Veterinary college costs on average these days approximately $80,000-$100,000. That's the debt load most veterinarians today walk out of vet school with, and that's not counting any undergraduate debt they may have accumulated. Coupled with that debt load is the fact that veterinarians are one of the lowest paid health professionals.

- Nobody gives you lab equipment and supplies, surgical equipment, radiograph machines, exam tables, vaccines, drugs, computer management systems, etc. Those things are expensive, and I don't mean a little expensive - I mean expensive, and for the most part, there are no insurance companies that pay after the deductible has been met.

- I really don't know of one single veterinarian, and I know plenty, who only work 40 hours a week. That's a slow easy week without emergency night call, weekend call, or holiday call. If they do only work 40 hours a week, I can guarantee you they have earned it by years of 60-, 80-, and 90-hour
weeks while still being one of the lowest paid health professionals.

- Veterinarians are human. They get tired, they get hungry, and they get ill at times. Sometimes when there are only two or three of them, a couple of veterinary technicians, and the poor receptionist at the front with emergencies, scheduled appointments and walk-ins, they may seem a little rushed. Especially if they only got two hours of sleep last night, missed their kid’s game and haven’t seen their spouse awake since yesterday morning.

You’re probably asking yourself - so why do they do it? Well, because it’s not all that bad. In fact, to a veterinarian, there is nothing really like seeing you walk out with your beloved pet wagging its tail when that pet was hit by a car two nights before, and you rushed them in sure they wouldn’t make it.

It’s pretty rewarding seeing that calf or foal open its eyes, take that first big breath and start calling for momma knowing all along that they wouldn’t have made it into this world if you, as the vet, hadn’t been there.

It’s heartbreaking, but also comforting, to know that as a veterinarian, you were able to help your client’s grief by gently easing their pet of many years out of all that pain, and it’s with joy when that same client brings in a new puppy, and you begin to help them raise it.

Even now, although I absolutely love my students and teaching them, I don’t think I could do this job if I didn’t take care of the animals at the teaching farm. When I need a break from the office and the classroom, I usually find my way down to the barn.

Today, one of our horses that had been sick, and I treated, was in the hall of the barn. He looks great. I walked up to him, and he stuck his head out to nuzzle almost as if to say, 'Thank you.' There's not much better than that, and that's why we do it. We don't do it for the money - we probably could have picked another career that paid better. We don't do it for the time off and a long list of benefits - there isn't much time off and most of the time, the list of benefits isn't that long.

We don't do it for the pristine working conditions in an ultramodern environment - lying on your stomach in a pasture in two feet of snow at midnight trying to help a cow and a farmer is not a pristine or ultramodern working environment.

We do it for those that can't speak for themselves and the people who own and love them. So, the next time your veterinarian may seem a little rushed or rude or you think they charged too much, give them a break. I guarantee you, they need it.

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.

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Seniors to present recitals

Nelson Senior Trumpet Recital is Nov. 19

Michael Nelson, a senior music education major from Hendersonville, will perform his senior trumpet recital at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 19, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the University of Tennessee at Martin Fine Arts Building. He will be performing solo literature for trumpet and piano, and several works with the UT Martin trumpet ensemble. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Kurt Gorman, assistant professor of music, at 881-7404.

Rawls Senior Percussion Recital is Nov. 14

Clint Rawls, a senior music education major from Troy, will perform his senior percussion recital at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 14, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the University of Tennessee at Martin Fine Arts Building. His recital will include a new marimba concerto, “Alabados Song,” in which he will be accompanied by the UT Martin percussion ensemble under the direction of Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music. The “Alabados Song” is a programmatic work depicting ritualistic ceremonies of ancient Mexico. Other works by Rawls will include “Madison’s Unicorn” by award-winning composer Brett Dietz. For more information, contact Hill, at 881-7411.
Hakim brings life to history; to speak Nov. 27 in Dyersburg

Joy Hakim, author of science and social studies books for K-12 teachers, will speak at the Professional Development Center in Dyersburg, from 6:30-8 p.m., Nov. 27. The event is sponsored by the Vertical Immersion Project: Teaching Traditional American History, funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The VIP is a collaborative effort between Dyersburg City Schools and the University of Tennessee at Martin. There is no admission fee, and the public is invited to attend.

Hakim, a graduate of Smith College, earned a master's degree in education and received an honorary doctorate from Goucher College, Baltimore, Md. She has had dual careers: as a teacher and a writer, which she sees as two sides of the same coin. She was a classroom teacher in Syracuse, N.Y., Omaha, Neb., and Virginia Beach, Va. She taught American literature at Tidewater Community College and a writing course for English teachers at University of Virginia as an adjunct professor.

She has been a reporter for Norfolk Virginia's Ledger Star and an editorial writer and associate editor for the Virginian-Pilot. She's done a lot of freelance writing, including articles for the Wall Street Journal, The American Educator and Education Week.


Hakim is now writing narrative science for readers of all ages. In "The Story of Science" she takes readers from Sumeria to supernovae sightings. The first three volumes, "Aristotle Leads the Way," "Newton at the Center," and "Einstein Adds A New Dimension" have been published by Smithsonian Books in collaboration with the NSTA (National Science Teachers Association). A team at Johns Hopkins is doing coordinated teaching materials. Hakim is now working on books on earth, life and environmental sciences.

For more information, contact Danny Walden at the Professional Development Center, (731) 286-3611, or Dr. Bonnie Daniel, at UT Martin, 881-7015.

PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS – Kendra Leake, left, Nashville, and Autumn Sullivan, Paris, complete an externship in the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of University Relations, Oct. 26. The externship is part of coursework for the Principles of Public Relations class taught by Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of communications. They met with Bud Grimes, director of the Office of University Relations, reviewed university marketing pieces and recruitment video and discussed content and design.

Captain’s Coffee opens with book signings from local authors and music on Nov. 14

Captain’s Coffee, a coffee shop located in Paul Meek Library at the University of Tennessee at Martin, officially will open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9 a.m., Nov. 14.

The event also will include book signings and musical entertainment and is open to the public.

UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes, Mary Carpenter, library director, and Chris Munkel, Sodexho Dining Services general manager, will take part in the ceremony.

Captain's Coffee, operated by Sodexho, will offer samples of coffee and hot chocolate, and Captain Skyhawk will give visitors free coffee coupons.

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Smartt writes weekly newspaper columns for the Weakley County Press and Union City Daily Messenger, and regularly speaks to civic, business and Christian groups.

While Smartt has topics that can be adapted for keynotes, weekend retreats or more extensive speaking engagements, don’t ask her to “speak on organizing closets, algebra, scrapbooking, or gourmet cooking.” J. John Porteria will sign his book, "The Note," a mystery/psychological thriller, from 2-4 p.m., in the lobby.

Porteria, who practiced cosmetic dentistry for 30 years before retiring, also has published "Conspirators of Revenge," another psychological thriller/murder mystery and two works of non-fiction, "Grinning & Grinding: A Collection of American Dental Humor" and "Tribute to a Champion: A Fight for Life."

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A whole bean coffee and grinder will be available so that patrons can purchase coffee to make at home or their offices.

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For more information, contact Coco Boone, Sodexho marketing coordinator, at 731-881-1390.
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Have you ever been on a team that didn’t meet its goals or that ended in conflict? Is team-building a skill that’s underdeveloped in your workplace? Whether you are a manager or an employee, Vivian Harte, a veteran educator and team-builder, can teach you the tools needed to develop and maintain a successful team.

"During the 1990s, many companies set up teams, but often the teams failed, and businesses didn’t know what went wrong," said Harte. "Building an effective team is not simple. It takes excellent team members, leaders who understand the team process and supportive management."

Students who enroll in this course will learn components of a successful team and stages of group development. They’ll master the skills needed to make decisions, solve problems and effectively manage projects in a team setting. They’ll also find out how to avoid the pitfalls of unhealthy group interaction and minimize the causes of conflict within a team.

Students can interact with the instructor and fellow students in Web-based discussion areas, where they can ask course-related questions. A response is usually promised within one business day, and often arrives much sooner than that.

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FIRE-SAFETY TRAINING — Martha Hutchens, Paul Meek Library staff member, takes her turn discharging a fire extinguisher in a fire-safety exercise during the University of Tennessee at Martin’s fall break. Tim Alexander, Martin Fire Department training officer, conducted the training for the library’s faculty and staff.

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UT M speakers guide updated

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The guide, at http://www.utm.edu/departments/univel/resources.php, is prepared in alphabetical order by general topic and divided into subtopics. For assistance in making contacts with the speakers and sources, or for assistance in finding campus experts for topics not listed, call the Office of University Relations at 881-7615.
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The movie features two characters from Shakespeare’s Hamlet who are brought to life outside of the confines placed upon them by the play and comedy ensues. It stars Gary Oldman, Tim Roth and Richard Dryfuss. The film is based on a successful play by Tom Stoppard, who also wrote and directed the movie.

For more information, contact Dr. Lynn Alexander, Department of English chair, at lalexand@utm.edu or 731-881-7300.

ALLEN TODD VOICE RECITAL SLATED FOR NOV. 26
MARTIN, Tenn. – The Department of Music at the University of Tennessee at Martin will present the winner of the 2007 Jackson Symphony Orchestra’s Vocal Competition, Allen F. Todd II, bass-baritone, in a recital at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 26, in the UT Martin Fine Arts Building. The event is free and open to the public.

The program will feature music by Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Gershwin, Baur, Brown, Lloyd, Price and many African-American composers. Dr. Jung-Won Shin from Lane College will accompany Todd on piano.

For more information, contact Dr. Amy Yeung, assistant professor of music, at 731-881-7408 or ayeung@utm.edu.

VISUAL ARTS SOCIETY HOSTS DISGRUNTLED ARTISTS EXHIBITION
The Visual Arts Society will open the Disgruntled Artists Exhibition with a reception from 5-7 p.m., Nov. 27, in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The Visual Arts Society-sponsored exhibition will feature new and innovative artwork from students across the university. Awards will be presented in various categories as juried by members of the Visual Arts Society. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Doug Cook, Department of Visual and Theatre Arts chair and professor of theatre, at 731-881-7406.

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Among many tasks, Carroll creates new Web features, including a virtual news clipping link and an improved Web photo album of campus images and HTML version of Campus Scene, the university's alumni magazine. The creation of the HTML version of Campus Scene is her most notable accomplishment; stories are now searchable on the Web, thus potentially expanding readership and exposure. Carroll also performs essential office tasks, such as managing office mailings.

According to her supervisor, "Natalie adds additional value to her work by exhibiting a positive attitude and outstanding work ethic no matter the task at hand. She pursues assignments with minimal supervision. Especially with her Web and publication work, Natalie makes judgment calls related to design and layout. She has matured and improved her skills while completing important university projects."

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 to 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. They receive a $1,000 cash award, an engraved plaque and a nameplate on the perpetual plaque in a place of honor in the Boling University Center.

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

Dau visits with Martin honors students

John Bul Dau, left, featured in the award-winning film and memoir, "God Grew Tired of Us," met with University of Tennessee at Martin Honors Seminar students prior to his presentation as part of the university's Academic Speakers Series. A member of the Dinka people, he spoke about his experiences growing up in war-torn Sudan, as the leader of the "Lost Boys" and on the current situation in the Sudan. The film won the Grand Jury Prize as the Audience Award at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival. With Dau, are, from left, Jennifer Lynch, Dickson; Dr. Lionel Crews of Sharon, Honors Programs associate director; and Ethan Braytenbah, Lewisburg.
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Black receives Road Builders' scholarship

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Bryan Black, son of George and Vickey Black of Fulton, is a senior. He received the Tennessee Road Builders Association Scholarship. Additional information on scholarship and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, Tenn. 38238. In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
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Economic development
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RIBBON-CUTTING - New Humboldt Higher Education Center director Matt McLean is joined by Mayor Allen Barker, Dr. Don Williams of Tennessee Technology Center, Lenn Solimons of UTM, Dr. Bruce Blanding of Jackson State, Sam Brackstone and others at the center ribbon-cutting Thursday.
New campus draws hundreds to opening

BY APRIL G. JACKSON

Retired Main Street School principal Katherine Forsythe wasn’t surprised at all Thursday to see the beautiful transformation of the school building where she worked for decades.

“It’s a substantial and beautiful old building,” Forsythe said at the grand opening of the Humboldt Higher Education Center. She expressed appreciation that existing hardwood floors were preserved and restored. “It was well built in the beginning,” she said. Some histories indicate the school was built in 1937 for $60,000.

A crowd of about 200 people milled about the shining hallways and state of the art classrooms of the former elementary school Thursday afternoon as it re-opened as a college center.

The recent $2.25 million renovation was made possible by donations from a host of individuals and local businesses. Many donations came from former students of Main Street Elementary.

Humboldt businessman and former Main Street student Gary Caraway went from room-to-room admiring new paint, carpet and furnishings. He jokingly noted he had been paddled in almost every room.

Prior to the opening a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the back entrance. A host of officials spoke to the crowd. State Senator Lowe Finney said other West Tennessee communities were envious of what Humboldt had done by bringing college classes into the city.

“West Tennessee is a better place for it,” Finney said. He noted that industry was often watching Tennessee communities even when the communities didn’t know they were being watched.

Mayor Allen Barker lauded the Humboldt City Board and the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce board of directors for their commitment to the project. The fundraising committee, under the leadership of Richard Ayers, was also praised.

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While preserving history, the effort to save the Main Street building also created something that will bring educational opportunities to generations yet to come, the mayor said.

Frank Dodson of Jackson State Community College, the lead institution of the four who will be offering classes in Humboldt, said the venture was a unique effort that would allow students to seamlessly transfer from one institution to another. JSCC, the Tennessee Technology Center, the University of Tennessee at Martin and the University of Memphis all plan to use the campus.

JSCC president Bruce Blanding noted the event was the fruition of the community coming together. He urged everyone to sign up for classes and prepare to see JSCC in full force in Humboldt in January. Don Williams of the TTC told the crowd how he heard stories from his 81-year-old mother about attending school at Main Street and how he never imagined the technology center actually using the same building. UTM and UM officials hailed it as a beacon of hope and an investment in the community.

Matt McLean was introduced as the new director of the Humboldt Higher Education Center and said he looks forward to many taking the opportunity to attend there.

Recital set for tonight at UT Martin

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In the previous 22 years, Santa’s Village has collected $714,284 worth of food and toys and attracted 187,873 visitors to the community event. Last year, the value of the donations reached $52,140, and 12,904 people attended.

Suiter expressed appreciation to 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

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some cases, throughout the year.

“It’s a team effort — like a big family that works on this,” Suiter said.

“We are so thankful you spend your time and effort helping in this event,” Martin Mayor Randy Brundige told volunteers attending an annual kickoff luncheon recently held.

Suiter also praised the work of MTD and its employees, who provide the model train display each year, and the WCMT Can Caravan, which involves all Weakley County schools in a canned food collection prior to Santa’s Village opening each year.

Suiter also thanked students in UT Martin’s agriculture and natural resources classes, who donate about 1,000 hours each year for the setup and removal of Santa’s Village.

“I believe in this personally and the university believes in this corporately,” said Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Len Solomon, vice chancellor for university advancement, said Santa’s Village is an example of UT Martin as the “campus that cares.”

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

Governor’s School

The deadline to apply for one of two Governor’s Schools hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin is Nov. 30. The school for the Agricultural Sciences is slated for May 25-June 27 and the one for the Humanities takes place June 1-July 3. Successful applicants will be notified Jan. 25.

For an application for the Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences, visit utm.edu/departments/caas/tgsas/. Brochures are available by calling (731) 881-7260 or by writing TGSAS, University of Tennessee at Martin, 256 Brehm Hall, Martin, TN 38238.

For an application for the Governor’s School for the Humanities, visit utm.edu/departments/govschool.

Applications are also available in high school guidance offices.
Deford shares his thoughts on today's young athletes

By Kenneth Coker
Special to The Press

The pen is mightier than the sword, or so they say.
If that old cliché is indeed true, then Frank Deford could be considered one of the strongest men in the nation.

For the past 45 years, Deford has been a fixture in American homes through his numerous writings in Sports Illustrated, appearances on HBO’s Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel and commentaries on National Public Radio’s Morning Edition.

And over the years, he has seen his share of the top stars and class acts that the sports world has to offer, covering the likes of Elgin Baylor, Bill Russell, Michael Jordan, Bear Bryant, Gale Sayers, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert and many others during the glory days of his career in the field.

So it should come as little surprise that when asked about today’s athletes and the negative headlines that many are making, Deford is quick to explain where he believes the problem lies.

“From a very young age, athletes are kissed up to,” Deford told The Messenger Thursday before a lecture at the University of Tennessee at Martin. “People cheat for them, they slip them money and these young men get women very easily.

“When this happens on a regular basis, it gets in your mind that ‘hey, I can do anything.’ The trouble is that we accept it. We play along with it until someone does something really awful and look up to them when in reality they are just young men playing a game.”

And in Deford’s mind, that line of thinking leads to many of the steroid and drug problems that are prevalent in the present time.

“These guys take these drugs and think they can get away with it,” he said. “It’s all a part of the same mindset with getting the women they want because they think they are big stars.”

Despite all the negatives, the 45-year veteran of the sports scene does see a small cluster of positives on the horizon. Deford believes that the National Football League is leading the way in cleaning up the sports world.

The 1994 CableACE Award winner also points out that not all athletes are bad eggs and that some good guys are still taking to their respective playing surfaces as ambassadors for their sports.

“I think there’s a lot of good guys left,” Deford explained. “It’s amazing to me that as many of them get through to that point unscathed, but we shouldn’t think that all athletes are jerks.

“For one, Roger Federer has never had a mark against him and I don’t think anybody has anything negative to say about him, or Tiger Woods for that matter. I don’t think Tiger has the charm that Federer has, but

he’s conducted himself absolutely impeccably and proved that it is possible to be a good guy and an athlete.”

One might assume that Deford would pick his own top contribution to the world from the heap of awards hardware he has amassed while haunting the sidelines and press boxes of countless sporting venues.

Yet, that is not the case at all.

It’s not his six U.S. Sportswriter of the Year awards, induction into the National Association of Sportscasters’ and Sportswriters’ Hall of Fame or Emmy Award for his coverage of the 1988 Seoul, South Korea Olympics that makes him proudest.

Deford pegs his work as the national chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation — in memory of his daughter Alex, who fell victim to the disease at the age of eight in 1980 — as his top contribution to society.

SPORTS: 'THE HYPE, THE HOOPLA' — Nationally renowned sports columnist Frank Deford, left, met with University of Tennessee at Martin Honors Seminar students prior to his presentation as part of the university’s Academic Speaker Series. With decades of experience as author, columnist and television and radio personality, Deford has become, in the words of GQ magazine, “the world’s greatest sportswriter.” Deford has authored 16 books. Two of his books, “Everybody’s All-American” and “Alex: The Life of a Child,” his memoir of his daughter who died of cystic fibrosis, have been made into movies, while a third, “Casey On The Loose,” is being turned into a Broadway musical. His current book, “The Entitled,” is a novel about celebrity, sex and baseball. With Deford are Tommy Gossett, center, and Bradley Gregg, both of Union City.
"Of all the things I've done, that's by far the most worthwhile," Deford said. "Everything I've written pales in comparison to doing something good like that. It made me a better person. I can't say that writing made me a better person.

"It made me a lot of money, a certain amount of fame and it was terribly gratifying, but it didn't make me a better person and working for the Foundation did."

Deford became involved in the advocacy for a cure for the disease after his daughter's death. He chronicled her life in the memoir "Alex: The Life of a Child."

The book was later made into a movie starring Craig T. Nelson and Bonnie Bedelia in 1986.

"At first we were scared to death. It was one thing when I wrote the book because I was in control," Deford said of the experience.

"When you turn your life story over to a movie director or producer, you lose control. At the end of the day, it was great because it gave so much to cystic fibrosis and it was also a tremendous tribute to my daughter.

"We haven't conquered the disease yet, but we've come a long way and I think that's something you could put on my tombstone."

CANNED FOOD DRIVE — Sodexo Dining Services and Interfaith Student Center hosted a special "Cans Across America" canned food drive Wednesday, Nov. 7. A total of 1612 cans of food weighing 1424 pounds were donated to the We Care Ministries food bank. The drive was made possible with the help of the entire UT Martin campus community, including several student organizations. The Leaders in Residence and the sisters of Chi Omega donated more than 400 cans each and were recognized for their generous contributions. In addition, several student groups volunteered their time to help with the can drive, such as Interfaith Ministries and Pi Sigma Epsilon marketing fraternity. Attending the presentation were (front, from left) Teresa Rowlett, We Care Ministries Food Bank director; Jolinne Balentine-Downey, Interfaith Student Center director; Betty Baker, We Care Ministries director; Terrill Orton, Chi Omega sorority/Sodexo marketing assistant; James Strader, Leaders in Residence; (back, from left) Emily Anne Sparks, Chi Omega sorority; Chris Munkel, Sodexo general manager; BJ Long, Sodexo executive chef; Chad Copeland, Sodexo employee; Houston Gardner and Tucker Phillips, Leaders in Residence.

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Through Nov. 24 in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building at UT Martin. Call (731) 881-7406.

UTM presents jazz and love songs for free

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A variety of musical selections for two to eight pianists will be performed. On the program are Brahms' "Waltzes," Dello Joio's "Ballerina," Leucona's "Malagueña," Britten's "Sentimental Sarabande," and Copland's two-piano setting of music from his ballet "Billy the Kid."

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A performance of "Twelfth Street Rag" includes special guests with Dresden ties. Those performers are Judge Tommy Moore, Dr. Jeff Higgs and state Sen. Lowe Finney.

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Jazz Ensemble to perform Nov. 28

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UT Martin ROTC program places 4th in Division I Ranger Challenge

A group of 10 students in the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC program recently placed fourth out of 18 schools in the annual Ranger Challenge Division I.

"The team trained almost every day, sometimes two to three times a day, to be competitive during this two-day event," said Capt. Donnie Hebel, UT Martin assistant professor of military science and Ranger Challenge coach.

"Every year, the Ranger Challenge team starts with approximately 20 participants. The numbers usually drop to about 10-12 within the first two weeks with the intensity of the training. There are some years, including this one, when the team drops to nine members and another is recruited late to compete.

Those who make it to the competition have proven their loyalty to the team, desire for excellence and fortitude to handle demanding challenges," he added.

Team members complete the toughest two months of their physical and mental training prior to this competition.

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FOURTH IN RANGER CHALLENGE — A group of 10 students in the University of Martin's ROTC program placed fourth in the annual Ranger Challenge Division I competition. The competition consisted of a written map reading and patrolling test, weapons disassembly and reassembly event, hand grenade assault course, stress shoot, full-combat load runs and obstacle courses and weapons marksmanship. Members of the team are, from left to right, first row, Travis Payne, Laverne; Cristine Manning, Cottage Grove; Robert Gallimore, Millington; Jonathan McAnally, Jackson; MSG John Buckley, military science instructor; second row, Christopher Winchester, Dyersburg; Daniel Wilson, Bartlett; Rich Casada, College Grove; Nicholas D'Acquisto, Bethel Springs; Steven Shopher, Gleason and Joseph Graham, Clarksville.

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Their abilities and commitment are tested daily to ensure they can handle the pressure and rigor of Ranger Challenge. They must master several skills and abilities to be competitive.

They conduct a high-intensity upper and lower body workout every day along with timed-distance running to build strength and endurance.

They also conduct several full-combat load runs and obstacle courses. They are tested in their abilities to think fast during a timed map reading and patrolling test.

Their dexterity is tested during weapons disassembly and reassembly. Their hand and eye coordination is challenged during the hand grenade assault course.

This year, they trained on a stress shoot, which consisted of high-intensity physical activity immediately followed by weapons marksmanship.

The following students represented UT Martin in the competition: Cristine Manning, Travis Payne, Stephen Shopher, Christopher Winchester, Jonathan McAnally, Robert Gallimore, Joseph Graham, Nicholas D'Acquisto, Daniel Wilson and Rich Casada.

"At the end of the competition, we knew we would not take home the first-place trophy, but we also knew how amazing it was that the such a small school can compete with The Citadel, USC, UT Knoxville, Clemson, and several other larger schools and say that we stood our ground," said Hebel.
Carroll receives Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award

The Fall 2007 Beth Maloan Outstanding University of Tennessee at Martin Student Employee Award recently was presented to Natalie Carroll, a UT Martin Office of University Relations employee. Carroll is a graphic design major and has been employed for three years. The award was presented Nov. 8 prior to an Academic Speaker Series presentation.

Among many tasks, Carroll, of Linden, creates new Web features, including a virtual news clippings link, an improved Web photo album of campus images and HTML version of Campus Scene, the university's alumni magazine. The creation of the HTML version of Campus Scene is her most notable accomplishment; stories are now searchable on the Web, thus potentially expanding readership and exposure. Carroll also performs essential office tasks, such as managing office mailings.

According to her supervisor, "Natalie adds additional value to her work by exhibiting a positive attitude and outstanding work ethic no matter the task at hand. She pursues assignments with minimal supervision. Especially with her Web and publication work, Natalie makes judgment calls related to design and layout. She has matured and improved her skills while completing important university projects."

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 to 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. They receive a $1,000 cash award, an engraved plaque and a nameplate on the perpetual plaque in a place of honor in the Boling University Center.

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

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Foreign Film Series offers Ringu

“Ringu (The Ring),” the last movie in the 2007 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled at 7 p.m., Nov. 30, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

“Ringu” is the original horror film that was remade as a commercially successful American film in 2002. Its plot concerns a young journalist named Reiko who, after the death of her niece, learns of a mysterious videotape that causes the death of whoever views it in seven days. Skeptical, she views the tape and, to her horror, becomes convinced that she only has seven days to discover the origin of the videotape. She eventually travels to a volcanic island where she discovers a very peculiar little girl named Sadako.

“Ringu” differs from the U.S. film in terms of its acting and suspense; while it may not feature as many startling moments, the original version is remarkable for its superior character development and cinematography. Based on the novel by Koji Suzuki, “Ringu” is the highest-grossing horror film in Japanese history. The movie is directed by Hideo Nakata and stars Nanako Matsushima and Hiroyuki Sanada. It will be introduced by Kyoko Hammond, lecturer of Japanese.

Each foreign film is in its original foreign language and contains English subtitles. All foreign film series movies are free and open to the public. The film series is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council. For more information, contact the Department of Modern Foreign Languages at 881-7420.

Recitals set

Voice Studio
Recital slated for Nov. 27

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Visual Arts Society hosts Disgruntled Artists Exhibition

The Visual Arts Society will open the Disgruntled Artists Exhibition with a reception from 5-7 p.m., Nov. 27, in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The Visual Arts Society-sponsored exhibition will feature new and innovative artwork from students across the university. Awards will be presented in various categories as juried by members of the Visual Arts Society. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Doug Cook, Department of Visual and Theatre Arts chair and professor of theatre, at 881-7406.
**English Film Series offers 'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead' on Nov. 27th**

The University of Tennessee at Martin English Society and Student Activities Council will present “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead” at 7 p.m., Nov. 27, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center. This event is free and open to the public.

The movie features two characters from Shakespeare’s Hamlet who are brought to life outside of the confines placed upon them by the play and comedy ensues. It stars Gary Oldman, Tim Roth and Richard Dryfuss. The film is based on a successful play by Tom Stoppard, who also wrote and directed the movie.

For more information, contact Dr. Lynn Alexander, Department of English chair, at lalexand@utk.edu or 881-7300.

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**Excel workshop offered by ECCE**

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering an Excel workshop in December.

“Intermediate Excel” will be offered in two sessions, from 9 a.m.-noon, Dec. 11 and 13. The fee for the sessions is $110, and the sessions will be taught by Shannon Burgin, UT Martin assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief information officer. Participants will expand their knowledge of spreadsheets, work through complex functions and formulas and use if statements and conditional formatting. Participants will also learn more about using relative and absolute referencing, create detailed examples and executive summaries, and import data into a spreadsheet from an external source. These sessions will demonstrate how to customize graphs and integrate spreadsheets into word processing documents.

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**Allen Todd Voice recital slated for Nov. 26**

The Department of Music at the University of Tennessee at Martin will present the winner of the 2007 Jackson Symphony Orchestra’s Vocal Competition, Allen F. Todd II, bass-baritone, in a recital at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 26, in the UT Martin Fine Arts Building. The event is free and open to the public.

The program will feature music by Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Gershwin, Baur, Brown, Lloyd, Price and many African-American composers. Dr. Jung-Won Shin from Lane College will accompany Todd on piano.

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Doster is First Runner-Up in Miss Soybean Festival

MARTIN, Tenn., Nov. 17, 2007 – Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival crowned Elizabeth Looney, second from left, won the 2006 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 Samantha Doster, of McKenzie, left; and second runner up was Jennifer Cecil, of Nashville, right. Looney is a Northwest Mississippi Community College freshman; Doster, a UT Martin freshman, and Cecil, a Nashville State Community College freshman. Looney was crowned by Kara Waddell, of Mason, 2007 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival.

Gibson County student receives UTM scholarship

MARTIN, Tenn. - A Gibson County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Lynnsey Charlton, daughter of Dwayne and Barbara Charlton of Milan, is a junior. She received the Fred and Marie Colvett Family and Consumer Sciences Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, Tenn. 38238. In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTMI; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
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Holocaust travel-study trip offered in spring

The University of Tennessee at Martin has partnered with Union University to offer a Holocaust travel-study trip in the spring, May 18-June 1.

Participants in the program will experience on-site learning in Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland to explore Berlin, Prague, Cracow and Warsaw. They will see Holocaust materials, former concentration and death camps and Jewish ghettos. Participants will also visit national landmarks, museums, churches and other cultural areas.

Students will attend classroom instruction sessions during the spring semester and have the opportunity to earn three or six hours of upper-level academic credit. The course offerings include the following: The Holocaust in Historical and Literary Perspective, offered by Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, UT Martin Tom Elam Distinguished Professor of History; History of the Holocaust, offered by Dr. Stephen Carls, Union University; and Ethics and Theology After the Holocaust, offered by Dr. David Gushee, Union University.

For more information, contact Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls at 731-881-7472 or accarls@utm.edu.
Cole is Miss UT Martin; Looney claims Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival title

Jordan Cole, of Martin, was crowned Miss University of Tennessee at Martin at the Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant, Saturday night, at the Harriet Fulton Theatre on campus. The UT Martin senior elementary education major won the 2008 title and the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in June in Jackson. Cole also was named Miss Congeniality.

Also headed to the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant is Elizabeth Looney, of Eads, a freshman at Northwest Mississippi Community College, who won the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival title.

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“Wow. That’s all I can say,” Cole said, following her third competition in the UT Martin pageant. Cole, who has been competing in pageants for a number of years, added, “I don’t know if I’m more excited about winning Miss UT Martin or Miss Congeniality.”

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Piano ensemble to perform November 29

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For more information, contact Harriss at 731-881-7411.
UT Martin places fourth in Ranger Challenge Competition

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Bass-baritone to be featured in voice recital

The Department of Music at the University of Tennessee at Martin will present the winner of the 2007 Jackson Symphony Orchestra’s Vocal Competition, bass-baritone Allen F. Todd II, in a recital at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the UT Martin Fine Arts Building.

The event is free and open to the public.

The program will feature music by Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Gershwin, Baur, Brown, Lloyd, Price and many African-American composers. For more information, contact Dr. Amy Yeung, assistant professor of music, at (731) 881-7408 or ayeung@utm.edu.
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LOCALS ATTEND UTM SENIOR DAY: Shelby Barger, Rachel Carter and Natalie Grantland, from left, attended the recent University of Tennessee at Martin Senior Preview Day. Over 450 seniors were in attendance at UTM, receiving information about a variety of topics, including scholarships and financial aid, college and housing costs and various university academic programs. Barger, the daughter of Julie Enochs, and Carter, the daughter of Merry Carter, attend Dyersburg High School. Grantland, the daughter of Janie Grantland, attends Halls High School.
UTM Library marks designation as federal depository with reception

The University of Tennessee at Martin Paul Meek Library will host a reception celebrating 50 years as a federal depository library from 2-4 p.m., Nov. 27, in the library lobby. Eighth District Congressman John Tanner will be a special guest.

The Federal Depository Library Program was established by Congress to ensure that the American public has access to its government's information. For more than 140 years, the government has disseminated information to designated depository libraries throughout the country, and they, in turn, provide citizens with local, equitable, no-fee access to government information in an impartial environment with professional assistance.

There are approximately 1,300 depository libraries in the program. Anyone can visit federal depository libraries and use the tangible and electronic collections, which are filled with information on statistics, business, agriculture, consumer information, health and nutrition, legal and regulatory information, demographics and numerous other subjects.

"It is an honor that Paul Meek is one of these libraries, said Ania Lasota, UT Martin government documents librarian and assistant professor of library science. Under the law, members of Congress may designate libraries to serve as depositories for the congressional districts they represent. Congressman Jere Cooper requested the designation for the UT Martin Branch library and, on Nov. 21, 1957, the library was officially signed into the federal depository library program.

Speakers for the event include Mary Carpenter, library director; Lasota; and Chancellor Tom Rakes. Sandy Downing, retired government documents librarian, and Steve Rogers, retired library director, will also be acknowledged. The reception will have light refreshments, a small exhibit and door prizes for students.

For more information, contact Lasota at 731-881-7073 or alasota@utm.edu.

Youth invited to writing workshop

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Holocaust travel, study trip offered this spring

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At-Risk Youth topic of presentation

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Call Dr. Michelle Merwin, associate professor or psychology and interim chair of the Department of Psychology, at (731) 881-7543, or send an email to mmerwin@utm.edu.

Connor Gilroy, left, Lexie Poole and Erin Wyatt, University School of Jackson students, were among participants at the University of Tennessee Martin Department of English's Young Writers Conference. The conference was for students in grades 9-12.
Hakim brings history to life at Dyersburg PDC

Joy Hakim, author of science and social studies books for K-12 teachers, will speak from 6-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Professional Development Center in Dyersburg. There is no admission fee, and the public is invited to attend.

The event is sponsored by the Vertical Immersion Project: Teaching Traditional American History, funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The VIP is a collaborative effort between Dyersburg City Schools and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Hakim, a graduate of Smith College, earned a master’s degree in education and received an honorary doctorate from Goucher College, Baltimore, Md. She has had dual careers: as a teacher and a writer, which she sees as two sides of the same coin. She was a classroom teacher in Syracuse, N.Y., Omaha, Neb., and Virginia Beach, Va. She taught American literature at Tidewater Community College and a writing course for English teachers at the University of Virginia as an adjunct professor.

She has been a reporter for Norfolk Virginia’s Ledger Star and an editorial writer and associate editor for the Virginian-Pilot. She’s done a lot of freelance writing, including articles for the Wall Street Journal, The American Educator and Education Week.


Hakim is now writing narrative science for readers of all ages. In “The Story of Science” she takes readers from Sumeria to supernovae sightings. The first three volumes, “Aristotle Leads the Way,” “Newton at the Center,” and “Einstein Adds A New Dimension” have been published by Smithsonian Books in collaboration with the NSTA (National Science Teachers Association). A team at Johns Hopkins is doing coordinated teaching materials. Hakim is now working on books on earth, life and environmental sciences.

For more information, contact Danny Walden at the Professional Development Center, 731-266-3611, or Dr. Bonnie Daniel, at UT Martin, 731-881-7015.
Area Student Receives UTNAA Scholarship

MARTIN - University of Tennessee at Martin student David Chambliss of Huntingdon received the Valedictorian Scholarship. This award is a one-year scholarship of $1,000 for the top academic student from high schools in the state of Tennessee. UTNAA was established in 1836 as a tradition of service of alumni from the Chattanooga, Knoxville, Martin, Memphis and Tullahoma campuses. Chambliss is pictured with UT Martin chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes.

Local student wins UTM scholarship

A Gibson County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions. Lynseye Charlton, daughter of Dwayne and Barbara Charlton of Milan, is a junior. She received the Fred and Marie Colvett Family and Consumer Sciences Scholarship.

McNairy County students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

Two McNairy County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Gerry Hamm, daughter of Neal Hamm of Adamsville and Tammy Thacker of Stantonville, is a sophomore. She received the Parry Winkles Scholarship.

Gretchen Stackens, daughter of Jerry and Claud Stackens of Selmer, is a senior. She received the Whittington Family Scholarship.

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

UTM will host young writers workshop

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Milan resident wins Merit award

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The presentation is sponsored by the psychology department and will be followed by refreshments. Afterwards, Okwumabua and students from her program will conduct an informal conversation with UT Martin students regarding graduate study in psychology at the University of Memphis.

Okwumabua is a licensed clinical psychologist and works with faith-based organizations in Memphis. Her work focuses on preventing “at-risk” youth from engaging in risky behaviors such as becoming sexually active, failing in school, using alcohol and other drugs and getting involved in gangs and criminal activity. She is known for the development and implementation of the “Let the Circle Be Unbroken: Rites of Passage” curriculum and youth development program used in communities to prepare youth for responsible adulthood and living healthy lives.

For more information, contact Dr. Michelle Merwin, associate professor or psychology and interim chair of the Department of Psychology, at 881-7543 or mmerwin@utm.edu.

PINION HONORED — State Rep. Phillip Pinion was recently honored for his commitment, along with other state legislators, to the state library system and the Tennessee Electronic Library. The Tennessee General Assembly appropriated $1 million in recurring funding for TEL. Matched with federal funds and contributions from TENN-SHARE member libraries, TEL resources will double in 2008. Susan Rogers Blakely (second from right), Reelfoot Regional Library System director, representing the state regional library system, presented Pinion with a plaque that read, “TENN-SHARE and the Tennessee Electronic Library Community present this award in appreciation of your support for the Tennessee Electronic Library.” Others at the presentation at the University of Tennessee at Martin Paul Meek Library included (from left) Georgia Baskett, head of the Paul Meek Library Catalog Department, representing academic libraries; Cheryl Ross, Lake Road Elementary School librarian, representing school library media centers; and Roberta Peacock, C.E. Weldon Library director, representing public libraries. The Tennessee Electronic Library is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is available to Tennesseans at home, school, workplace and in their local libraries. Full-text databases contain authoritative information that is used by children in grades K-12, by college and university students, by business people and by citizens developing new career skills or seeking healthcare information. A recent study commissioned by the Urban Libraries Institute documented the many ways that library services support economic development through early literacy and school readiness, through building employment information and technology skills of an area workforce and through support for companies striving to succeed in an increasingly competitive small business sector.

Excel workshop offered by ECCE

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering an Excel workshop in December.

"Intermediate Excel" will be offered in two sessions, from 9 a.m.-noon, Dec. 11 and 13.

The fee for the sessions is $110, and they will be taught by Shannan Burgin, UT Martin assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief information officer.

Participants will expand their knowledge of spreadsheets, work through complex functions and formulas and use "if" statements and conditional formatting. Participants will also learn how to use relative and absolute referencing, create detailed examples and executive summaries and import data into a spreadsheet from an external source.

These sessions will demonstrate how to customize graphs and integrate spreadsheets into word processing documents.

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Foreign film series offers 'The Ring'

"Ringu (The Ring)," the last movie in the 2007 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled at 7 p.m. Friday in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

"Ringu" is the original horror film that was remade as a commercially-successful American film in 2002.

Its plot concerns a young journalist named Reiko who, after the death of her niece, learns of a mysterious videotape that causes the death of whomever views it in seven days. Skeptical, she views the tape and, to her horror, becomes convinced that she only has seven days to discover the origin of the videotape. She eventually travels to a volcanic island, where she discovers a very peculiar little girl named Sadako.

"Ringu" differs from the U.S. film in terms of its acting and suspense; while it may not feature as many startling moments, the original version is remarkable for its superior character development and cinematography. Based on the novel by Koji Suzuki, "Ringu" is the highest-grossing horror film in Japanese history. The movie is directed by Hideo Nakata and stars Nanako Matsushima and Hiroyuki Sanada.

It will be introduced by Kyoko Hammond, lecturer of Japanese.

Each foreign film is in its original foreign language and contains English subtitles. All foreign film series movies are free and open to the public.

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

Jazz ensemble to be featured

The University of Tennessee at Martin jazz ensemble will perform at 7:30 tonight in Harriet Fulton Theatre of the UT Martin Fine Arts Building.

The group will play the music of Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock, Thelonious Monk, Billy Strayhorn and the mambo from Bernstein's West Side Story. This event is free and open to the public.
Entertainers share talent

to benefit Santa’s Village cause

Performers who will take the Santa’s Village stage Dec. 6-9 to provide 20 hours of continuous entertainment during the 23rd annual event that will include winners and finalists in several area talent contests.

The lineup also features entertainers from a five-state area. They range in age from 4 to 75.

Finalists from the Memphis Mid-South Youth Talent Show and the Kentucky Opry Talent Contest, as well as winners of the Soybean Festival Talent Show and the Dresden Iris Festival Talent Show, are among the entertainers to be featured this year.

Also appearing will be youth and adults playing guitars, violins, accordions, trumpets, saxophones and piano.

The Memory Makers, which has members from Martin, Union City, Bradford and Fulton and Mayfield, Ky., will provide big-band era music.

This year’s teddy bear-inspired “Very Beary Christmas” Santa’s Village is slated for 6-9 p.m. Dec. 6-7; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Dec. 8; and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 9. The opening ceremony is set for 5:45 p.m. Dec. 6. Admission is a suggested donation of $5 worth of nonperishable foods and/or toys.

Reba Wade of Reba Wade Music Studio in Martin has volunteered as entertainment coordinator of Santa’s Village for 19 of its 23 years.

“We all enjoy doing this,” Ms. Wade said. “It is something we feel we can share to help people.”

Santa’s Village will feature “enchanted forest” scenes, including Santa in a hunting lodge. Also featured will be a display made with 2,000 canned foods, a giant Christmas tree, horse-drawn wagon rides, MTD model train display, children’s inflatables and 54 arts and crafts booths.

Service agencies receiving food and toys collected at Santa’s Village this year include Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council, Obion County American Red Cross, We Care Ministries, Santa’s Helpers and Chimes for Charity.

Co-sponsors for the event are Martin Parks and Recreation, the C.E. Weldon Public Library and UT Martin. Additional confirmed sponsors of the event include Volunteer Community Hospital, University Plaza, Hamilton-Ryker, First State Bank, Greenball Inc., MTD Products, Tyson Foods, Southern Source, Office Products Companies and Suiter’s Clean and Shine.

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

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Take discount online courses now

Think of it as an early Christmas present for yourself or a friend. Plan it as an alternative to cabin fever or the winter doldrums. Whatever the reason, take advantage of a $10 discount in December on Ed2Go online courses provided via the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education.

The instructor-facilitated online courses are informative, fun, convenient and interactive. Instructors are adept at creating warm and supportive communities of learners.

All courses last for six weeks (with a two-week grace period at the end). Courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas and supplementary links. Participants can complete any course entirely from home or office and at any time of the day or night.

All courses require Internet access, e-mail, Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Internet Explorer Web browsers. Some courses may have additional requirements.

Most courses begin as low as $85, and there is a $10 discount on all online courses that begin December 12 and end January 18.

Categories include: Accounting; Grant Writing; Graphic Design; Nutrition; Languages-French, Italian, Spanish; legal courses; PC Troubleshooting; Personal Development-Communication, Business Writing, Leadership; Resume Writing; Personal Enrichment-Genealogy Basics; Goodbye to Shy; Wine Appreciation; Personal Finance; Marketing; Start Your Own Business; Test Prep-GED, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, SAT/ACT; Web Graphics, Web Page Design and Writing.

For more information about the courses or to register, visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ece/onlinecourses.php. Select Education To Go.
Very ‘beary’ Christmas set for Santa’s Village Dec. 6-9

Santa’s Village will celebrate its 23rd year of operation, December 6-9, and continues to provide donations of food and toys to agencies that distribute the proceeds to area residents who need them. 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.

Slated for 6-9 p.m., December 6-7; 11 a.m.-9 p.m., December 8; and 1-5 p.m., December 9, the event will carry out the “Very, Beary Christmas” theme in “enchanted forest” scenes, including Santa in a hunting lodge. Also featured will be a display made with 2,008 canned foods, a giant Christmas tree, horse-drawn wagon rides, MTD model train display, children’s inflatables and 54 arts and crafts booths. Twenty hours of continuous entertainment, highlighting regional talent, and a petting farm, will add to the festivities.

Opening ceremony is set for 5:45 p.m., December 6. Admission is a suggested donation of $5 worth of nonperishable foods and/or toys.

Service agencies receiving food and toys collected at Santa’s Village this year include: Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council, Obion County American Red Cross, We Care Ministries, Santa’s Helpers and Chimes for Charity.

Co-sponsors for the event are Martin Parks and Recreation, C. F. Weldon Public Library and UT Martin. Additional confirmed sponsors of the event include: Volunteer Community Hospital, University Plaza, Hamilton-Ryker, First State Bank, Greenball, Inc., MTD Products, Tyson Foods, SouthernSource, Office Products and Suiter’s Clean and Shine.

“Santa’s Village has provided a wonderful holiday event that can be enjoyed by all ages,” said Dennis Suiter, Martin Department of Parks and Recreation director, which coordinates the event each year. Suiter also pointed to the goal of the event to “help so many families and children during the holidays.”

In the previous 22 years, Santa’s Village has collected $714,284 worth of food and toys and attracted 187,873 visitors.

to the community event. Last year, the value of the donations reached $52,140, and 12,904 people attended.

Suiter expressed thanks to 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 a team effort-like a big family that works on this,” said Suiter.

“We are so thankful you spend your time and effort helping in this event,” Martin Mayor Randy Brundige told volunteers attending the annual kickoff luncheon.

Suiter also praised the work of MTD and its employees, who provide the model train display each year, and the WCMF Can Caravan, which involves all Weakley County Schools in a canned food collection prior to Santa’s Village opening each year. Suiter also thanked students in UT Martin’s agriculture and natural resources classes, who donate approximately 1,000 hours each year for the setup and removal of Santa’s Village.

“I believe in this personally, and the university believes in this corporately,” said Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs. Len Solomons, vice chancellor for university advancement, said Santa’s Village is an example of UT Martin as the “campus that cares.”

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

Excell workshop offered December 11, 13

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering an Excel workshop in December.

“Intermediate Excel” will be offered in two sessions, from 9 a.m.-noon, December 11 and 13. The fee for the sessions is $110, and the sessions will be taught by Shannon Burgin, UT Martin assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief information officer. Participants will expand their knowledge of spreadsheets, work through complex functions and formulas and use if statements and conditional formatting.

Participants will also learn more about using relative and absolute referencing, create detailed examples and executive summaries, and import data into a spreadsheet from an external source. These sessions will demonstrate how to customize graphs and integrate spreadsheets into word processing documents.

To register for a workshop, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082 or visit the Web at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.
RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP – University of Tennessee at Martin student Amy Sparkman of Union City recently received the university’s Valedictorian Scholarship, a one-year scholarship of $1,000 for the top academic student from high schools in Tennessee. She graduated last year from Obion County Central High School. UTNAA was established in 1836 as a tradition of service of alumni from the Chattanooga, Knoxville, Martin, Memphis and Tullahoma campuses. Miss Sparkman was congratulated by UT Martin chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes.

Recycling event slated for Saturday

University of Tennessee at Martin students and faculty will sponsor a recycling event from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday in the Hardy M. Graham Stadium parking lot on campus. Anyone interested in participating should take recyclables to the site and learn how to make West Tennessee more eco-friendly. The materials to be accepted include plastic containers, scrap metal of any kind, all paper and cardboard, aluminum cans being collected for local Boy Scouts, eyeglasses for the Lions Club, used clothing in good shape for area charities, cell phones for an area domestic violence shelter and ink cartridges for the Carroll County Humane Society.

This event is sponsored by the UT Martin Recycling Club, the American Democracy Project, Sodexo, UT Martin Physical Plant, the Saturday Morning Cleanup Crew, Second Nature, Tri-Beta, Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society and Go Green.

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SANTA’S VILLAGE
6 p.m. Dec. 6-7; 11 a.m. Dec. 8; and 1 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex at UT Martin. Admission: $5 worth of nonperishable foods and/or toys. 587-6764.

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30 FOREIGN FILM SERIES
“Ringu,” 7 p.m. Friday in Watkins Auditorium, Boiling University Center at UT Martin. Free and open to the public. Call 881-7420.
Santa's Village sponsor

Joining sponsors for this year's Santa's Village is First State Bank. Presenting a check at the annual kickoff luncheon to Dennis Suiter, Martin Parks and Recreation Department director, are (from left): Nancy Barner, Martin location; Misty Edwards, Sharon location; Pattie Nutting, Dresden location; Lesia Ary and Dorothy Cavin, Sharon location.

Santa's Village, a holiday fantasyland, provides the sights, sounds and fun of Christmas and is staged each year at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Those attending donate canned items as the admission price. Local service agencies receive proceeds to assist needy family in the area.

Recycling Club Event slated for December 1

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Learn finer points of Photoshop CS3 online

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education has partnered with online course provider Ed2Go to offer Introduction to Adobe Photoshop CS3.

Whether you want to be a graphic artist, learn 3D, produce video, or simply edit the images from your digital camera, Photoshop is the essential program to learn. That's why author and Photoshop expert, Sherry London, created a new online course, "Introduction to Adobe Photoshop CS3."

"Though bookshelves are lined with volumes on the topic, it's much easier to learn Photoshop under the guidance of an expert instructor," said London. "When that expert instructor can be there for you in the privacy of your own home, at your own hours, you get the best of all possible worlds."

Students who register for the course will learn how to edit photos, create basic paintings and prepare images for printing. They'll also get hands-on practice to improve photographs by removing flaws, correcting poor exposure and adding new elements using the newest techniques Photoshop CS3 has to offer.

Students can take "Introduction to Photoshop CS3" from the convenience of home or office and at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php.

For more information, contact Debbie Mount, ECCE director, at 731-881-7104.
UT Martin students, faculty to demonstrate eco-friendliness during recycling event Dec. 1

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AREA STUDENT RECEIVES UTNAA SCHOLARSHIP — University of Tennessee at Martin student Josh Potts, of South Fulton, recently received the National Merit Scholarship. This award is a four-year scholarship of $1,000-$2,000 for students named as National Merit Finalists. UTNAA was established in 1836 as a tradition of service of alumni from the Chattanooga, Knoxville, Martin, Memphis and Tullahoma campuses. Potts is pictured with UT Martin chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes. (Photo submitted)

STUDENT RECEIVES UTNAA SCHOLARSHIP — University of Tennessee at Martin student Matthew Cook, of Martin, received the Joe and Pat Johnson Scholarship. This award is a one-year scholarship of $1,500 for upper division students who are previous recipients of the Alumni Valedictorian or Alumni Chapter scholarship. UTNAA was established in 1836 as a tradition of service of alumni from the Chattanooga, Knoxville, Martin, Memphis and Tullahoma campuses.

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Local groups collect toys

By Misty Menees
Martin Kiwanis Club

For many years, the late Mike Munkel of Martin played Santa. He didn’t dress up in a jolly red suit. He didn’t ride at the end of the Christmas parade. He didn’t even have elves to assist him.

No one is quite sure how he did it, but over the years, Munkel put together literally thousands of gift-filled stockings for children every year at Christmas.

Betty Baker, director of We Care Ministries of Martin, said that the former director of Food Services for UT Martin “made Christmas possible” for many underprivileged children over the years with his stockings that he filled to the rim with small toys and candy for boys and girls from Weakley County.

After Munkel lost his battle with cancer in October 2005, members of the Martin Kiwanis Club and Sodexho Dining Service wanted to carry on the stocking tradition in honor of their former friend and colleague.

The Martin Kiwanis Club, the UT Martin Undergraduate Alumni Council and Sodexho Dining Services have been busy collecting toys and donations to fill nearly 600 stockings that We Care will give to each child who is served by this year’s We Care Christmas Store.

Charlie Deal of the Martin Kiwanis Club has been working to organize the effort. Deal said each stocking is for either a boy or a girl and contains age appropriate toys.

At Monday night’s stocking stuffing event inside the campus dining room at UT Martin more than 25 members of each participating organization sorted toys, stuffed and sealed the stockings. They will be delivered to We Care later this week.

Several volunteers commented, “It’s hard to believe that one man could have ever done this all by himself.”

If you would like to assist with the project next year, the group recommends saving unopened kid’s meal toys throughout the year, buying small toys when you find something appropriate on sale or by writing a check to the Kiwanis Club.
Santa's Village gears up for 23rd year

It's that time of year again and the Martin Parks and Rec Department is definitely in the spirit of the season. The 23rd annual Santa's Village is gearing up for Dec. 6-9, at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex, on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Bring the kids for all the fun and excitement of Santa's Winter Wonderland, a petting farm, visit with Santa Claus, view the model train display, ride in a horse drawn wagon, and listen to live entertainment.

It's absolutely free to the public but a five-dollar new toy or non-perishable canned good donation will be appreciated. Martin Parks and Rec, C.E. Weldon Public Library and the University of Tennessee at Martin sponsor the village.

All proceeds from Santa's Village will go to help less fortunate families.

So make Dec. 6 through 9 a weekend to remember, not just for your family for others as well. For more information, call the department at 587-6784.

Live Entertainment at Santa's Village (subject to change) -
- Thursday, Dec. 6
  * 5:45 p.m. — Welcome & See Santa, Page 4
- Friday, Dec. 7
  * 6 p.m. — Santa Claus with the Westminster Marching Band; Martin Elementary Student Council, Boy Scout Troop #11
  * 6:45 p.m. — Magical Mink's Magic Show
  * 7:30 p.m. — Christmas Special featuring: Rose Brawner; Michael Brewer; Lindsey Wade; Allie Baker; Linda Ramsey; Alex Butler
  * 8 p.m. — Teresa Townsend
  * 8 p.m. — Michael Butcher, Ashleigh Ayer
  * 8:30 p.m. — Michael Brewer
  * Saturday, Dec. 8
  * 10:30 a.m. — Will Sliger; Becky Lee, Piano
  * 11 a.m. — Rachel Alley; Piano
  * 11:20 a.m. — Darla Mallory; Erin Mallory; Will Tuck; Kyle Day
  * 12 p.m. — Michelle Fieser; Emma Fieser; Jim Fieser; Violins and Guitar
  * 12:30 p.m. — Amber Vermillion; Zach Rea; Nealy Wade
  * 1:15 p.m. — Ed Knight; Elaine Knight; Accordions
  * 2 p.m. — Haley Perkins; Graham Perkins
  * 2:30 p.m. — Mary Katherine Maxey; Bailey Maxey; Lucas Maxey
  * 3:30 p.m. — Michael Brewer; Carla Lee
  * 4:30 p.m. — Ashleigh Ayer; Tabitha Dawson
  * 5:30 p.m. — “The Memory Makers” — Band
  * 6:30 p.m. — Lindsey Wade; Rose Brawner
  * 7:30 p.m. — Tassie Renée; Brian McWherter
  * 8:30 p.m. — Alex Butcher; Heidi Craddock
  * Sunday, Dec. 9
  * 12:30 p.m. — Rose Brawner; Graham Perkins
  * 12:50 p.m. — James White; Piano
  * 1:10 p.m. — Tabitha Dawson; Zach Rea
  * 1:50 p.m. — Mary Katherine Maxey; Bailey Maxey; Lucas Maxey
  * 2:45 p.m. — Rose Brawner; Brian McWherter
  * 3:30 p.m. — Larry Holders; Vocal and Guitar
  * 4 p.m. — Michael Brewer; Janice White; Lana Lee

Entertainers share talent for Santa's Village

Performers who take the Santa's Village stage, Dec. 6-9, to provide 20 hours of continuous entertainment during the 23rd annual event, include winners and finalists in several area talent contests.

The lineup also features entertainers from a five-state area. They range in age from 4-75.

Finalists from the Memphis Mid-South Youth Talent Show and the Kentucky Opry Talent Contest, as well as winners of the Soybean Festival Talent Show and the Dresden Iris Festival Talent Show are among the entertainers to be featured this year.

Also appearing will be youth and adults playing guitars, violins, accordions, trumpets, saxophones and piano.

The Memory Makers, with members from Martin, Union City, Bradford and Fulton and Mayfield, Ky., will provide big band era music.

This year's teddy bear-inspired "Very Beary Christmas" is slated for 6-9 p.m., Dec. 6-7; 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Dec. 8; and 1-5 p.m., Dec. 9.

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Reba Wade, of Reba Wade Music Studio in Martin, has volunteered as entertainment coordinator of Santa's Village for 19 of the 23 years.

"We all enjoy doing this," said Wade. "It is something we feel we can share to help people.

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PINION HONORED — 77th District Rep. Phillip Pinion recently was honored for his commitment, along with other state legislators, to the state library system and the Tennessee Electronic Library. The Tennessee General Assembly appropriated $1 million in recurring funding for TEL. Matched with federal funds and contributions from TENN-SHARE member libraries, TEL resources will double in 2008. Susan Rogers Blakely, second from right, Reelfoot Regional Library System director, representing the state regional library system presented Pinion with a plaque that read, "TENN-SHARE and the Tennessee Electronic Library Community present this award in appreciation of your support for the Tennessee Electronic Library." Others at the presentation at the University of Tennessee at Martin Paul Meek Library included, from left, Georgia Baskett, head of the Paul Meek Library Catalog Department, representing academic libraries; Cheryl Ross, Lake Road Elementary School librarian, Obion County School System, representing school library media centers; and Roberta Peacock, C.E. Weldon Library director, representing public libraries. The Tennessee Electronic Library is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and available to Tennesseans at home, school, workplace and in their local libraries. Full-text databases contain authoritative information that is used by children in grades K-12, by college and university students, by business people, and by citizens developing new career skills or seeking healthcare information. A recent study commissioned by the Urban Libraries Institute documented the many ways that library services support economic development through early literacy and school readiness, through building employment information and technology skills of an area workforce and through support for companies striving to succeed in an increasingly competitive small business sector.