Your donations can help area hunters feed those in need

When we were kids in the early 1960s, it was a thrill to actually see a deer because they were few in number. These days, all of us have seen deer grazing on the side of the road or, perhaps, in our backyards.

It's common knowledge that the Volunteer State is overrun by a deer herd estimated at more than a million by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Some counties, including Madison, Carroll, Weakley and Hardeman, have so many deer that the TWRA allows hunters to hunt these counties to kill three antlerless deer per day during season.

That's a lot of meat that could be used to feed hungry folks. But there had to be a game plan to connect all the dots and actually get the meat into the hands of citizens in need.

That's where Larry Ross, Jim Byford and the United Methodist churches in West Tennessee joined forces with a statewide program called Hunters for the Hungry.

Here's how it works. A hunter takes a deer, executes the designated meat processor in his or her county and donates it to Hunters for the Hungry. The processor prepares the meat, usually grinding it into burger-like packages. It is picked up by a local food bank or soup kitchen to feed the needy in that county.

There's only one glitch in this formula. The meat processor can't do it for free and stay in business. So funds have to be raised to pay a minimal fee to the processor, usually about $40 per deer.

Ross and Byford, members of the United Methodist Church, helped organize the area's Methodist men to raise money for deer processing.

"There are plenty of deer, plenty of hunters willing to donate deer and there are plenty of hungry people," said Byford.

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All money raised is sent to the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church, which has offices in Jackson. The money is counted, sorted by county and sent to the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, which administers the statewide program. It writes the checks to the individual processors in each county.

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To donate

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She is the daughter of Dennis and Susan McClure of Henry.

UT unveils new FUTURE campaign

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The FUTURE campaign comes as the statewide university continues the silent phase of a $1 billion fundraising campaign.

UT President John Petersen spoke to more than 3,600 employees in a six-way simulcast with campuses in Martin, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis, Tullahoma and offices in Nashville.

“We've experienced several years of a growing momentum that have resulted in great strides in enrollment, public and private support, research dollars and strengthening of our overall image,” Petersen said.

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The UT logo created in 1986 with the tops of the letters forming the shape of the state of Tennessee will become more prominent. The new ad uses the logo to help spell the words reputation, neutrons, sleuth and future.

Student access and success, research, economic development, outreach and globalization are key goals in the new strategy.

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Research began about a year ago on the new plan. State residents were surveyed on their perceptions and knowledge of the university, and officials looked at internal communication with employees.

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On the Net:

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By Bill Austin

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

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

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

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

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

Construction is planned from January 2007-May 2008.

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

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

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

UTM to exhibit Tanzanian art

The University of Tennessee at Martin's University Museum will display Tanzanian art, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., on weekdays, Oct. 9 through mid-December.

This new exhibit will showcase Tanzanian art collected by UT Martin students on travel-study programs. The exhibit will display unique, colorful art pieces.

The University Museum is free and open to the public. It is located adjacent to the Special Collections reading area of the Paul Meek Library.
Governor's School deadline approaching

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Math teachers attended annual conference at UT Martin

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Dr. Berger entertained and inspired the participants of the conference and the contest winners with his talk on Hamlet and probability theory. He has been recognized by the Mathematical Association of America with a National Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching and he has received the Chaumet Prize for his work in number theory. The topic of Ms. Campbell's address was "A New Bag of Tricks," which explored the resources available for teachers on the Internet.

President Pat Tyree, of the Williamson County School System, moderated the business meeting of the association which included the election of Dr. Ed Nichols of Chattanooga State Technical Community College as president-elect of the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association.

Each year the association administers mathematics contests in algebra I, algebra II, geometry, statistics, precalculus, and calculus and advanced topics across the state. This year more than 5,100 of the top mathematics students in the state of Tennessee participated in the contests. The individuals with the top three scores in each of the contests were invited to the annual conference and recognized at an awards ceremony.

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The students, their schools and teachers are listed by contest:

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In geometry, first place was won by Ryan Liu of Jefferson Middle School in Oak Ridge, a student of George Aylor. Second place went to Isaac Park of Houston High School in Germantown, a student of Leigh Packard. Third place went to Zhixiang Wu of White Station High School in Memphis, a student of Poppy Underwood.

In statistics there was a tie for first place between Austin Branstetter of Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, a student of Jim Shackleford, and Austin Gillespie of Ravenwood High School in Brentwood, a student of Professor Nuccio. There was also a tie for third place between Nick Tataren of Hume Fogg High School in Nashville, a student of Professor Clayton, and Krzysztof Zienkiewicz of Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, a student of Jim Shackleford.

In the precalculus contest, there was a tie for first place between Newton Allen of University School in Nashville, a student of Mary Prasit, and Scott Edwards of Memphis University School, a student of Nancy Gates. Third place went to Larissa Wenren of Tullahoma High School, a student of Frank Vanzant.

The calculus and advanced topics II contest was won by Wei Ning Liu of Cookeville High School, a student of Professor Scott. There was a tie for second place between Evan Broder of Martin Luther King Magnet School in Nashville, a student of Professor Hughes, and Donald Kovach of Brentwood High School, a student of Jerry Stelmaszak.
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MAKING ‘HOUSE’ CALLS — United States Sen. Lamar Alexander (right) met with citizens Tuesday afternoon in downtown Martin at the gazebo to update the community on national issues and offer thanks for all of the support he has been given since his inception into office. Alexander spent some time with Scott Fortner (left) of Martin during his visit. He also met with University of Tennessee at Martin students. “I caution my colleagues. As a nation, we are gaining and losing jobs every day. To be competitive, we need to lower health care costs, taxes and focus on education,” Alexander expressed.
Weststar accepts applications for leadership development program

Applications to participate in the premier leadership development program in Tennessee are now available from WestStar, said members of the WestStar’s board of trustees.

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UT Martin student to perform senior recital

Bryan Scott, of Troy, a senior music education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will perform his senior percussion recital at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 12, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre.

Scott’s performance will feature the compositions of Dr. Andy Harnsberger, Nebojsa Zivkovic, James Campbell, John Willmarch and N. Scott Robinson. His recital will include styles from the United States, Brazil, Italy, Egypt and Japan and feature a variety of instruments, such as the marimba and timbale.

Scott will be accompanied by Adrian Baker, Sarah Roberts, Clint Rawls and Mark Fairless, all of whom are UT Martin percussion majors.

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Dove winners to headline UTM concert

MARTIN, Tenn. — Two-time Dove Award winner SonicFlood will be in concert at the University of Tennessee-Martin Fieldhouse at 7 p.m. Oct. 23.

Admission is free for UTM students. Tickets for youth groups and general public may be purchased for $5 in advance and $10 at the door. Information on ticket outlets can be received by phoning the UTM Baptist Collegiate Ministry, 731-587-2263.

SonicFlood has been one of the most popular bands in the Christian music industry. Two of its singles, “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” and “I Want to Know You,” climbed to No. 1 on the Christian music charts.

SonicFlood’s tour is promoting its album, “This Generation.” The band has joined the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to promote involvement in missions among young adults and youth.

Tennessee 4-H Roundup at UT Martin

Peaches Marsh, of Medon, was recognized as a Level II (11th and 12th grade) state winner in the food science project at the Tennessee 4-H Roundup held at the University of Tennessee Martin. From left to right are Kyle Hensley, Level I winner from Kingston; Cheyenne Dillon, Level II winner from Whiteville; Dwight Loveday, UT Extension specialist; Peaches; Rebekah Lemley (donor); Jessica Whitmill, Level I winner from Talbott; and Murray Miles, Tennessee Dairy Products Association (donor).
Golf is becoming a game for the family

According to Mood, Musker and Rink (2007), historians do not agree on the origin of golf. It is believed that golf was played in Scotland more than 500 years ago and that St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland is the oldest existing golf course. Obviously, since then the popularity of the sport has increased to extreme proportions.

In the past, golf was thought to be a rich man's sport. However, it is definitely not that way anymore. Currently, golf is enjoyed by individuals from a variety of incomes, cultures and age levels. The popularity of the sport has warranted the need for the Golf Channel, magazines such as Golf Digest, a plethora of instructional videos as well as web sites such as JuniorLinks.com.

Golf can be extremely frustrating, but that is part of the allure that keeps us coming back for more. It just takes a few good shots to keep us hooked and looking forward to the next round. One of the best features of this sport is that it is a lifelong sport. Seldom do you see a group of senior citizens out playing touch football in the park; however, I do see them frequently at the golf course.

Equipment costs vary a great deal. Inexpensive beginner packages can be purchased at stores like Wal-Mart, or second hand sporting good stores at a reasonable price. As your game improves, then you will probably want to get better clubs. When purchasing a good set of clubs it is best to consult a golf teacher or professional. The size of club that you will need is determined by a person's height and the weight of the club is often determined by personal preference.

The sport of golf is constantly becoming more friendly. Most people are familiar with black, blue, white and red tees; however, the newest tee box is referred to as the family tee and it is becoming increasingly popular. The family tee is a far forward tee that generally has hazards (sand and water) on the side of the fairway and provides golfers with a straight shot to the green. This is an excellent way to keep a beginner's interest in the game, and their frustration level to a minimum.

Golf lessons are a great way to learn and work on basics. Lessons may be offered as individual or group, and golf camps or clinics are popular for children. If you don't have the extra cash to pay for a lesson then your friends are always full of golf advice. The only thing that you need to be careful about is learning bad habits. It is much harder to break a bad habit, like a bad grip, than it is to learn it the right way the first time.

Golf can be frustrating and rewarding. I like to think of it this way, if I were as good as Michelle Wie, then I would be on the golf channel all the time and I would be required to wear Nike clothes every time I picked up my clubs. Instead I am happy being an average golfer, I don't have to sign autographs everyday, and I get to wear what I want.

If you are just starting out to golf for the first time, or taking your child out on the course to work on a new sport, just remember that everybody was a beginner at one time. Golf is supposed to be fun, the more you play the better you will get and you can play it for many years. This sounds like a win-win situation; you might as well start now and teach the whole family!


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

Keep your pet safe on Halloween

I know exactly where the clown costume is in the attic. The costume consists of the hat with the fuzzy little ball on top, clown collar and clown booties. She hates it. When I lived in Huntingdon and had lots of trick-or-treaters, Lacy and I would dress up every year on Halloween. I was a witch, and she was a clown.

I played spooky music, lit candles all over the house and handed out candy while she glared at me from the couch and refused to move. Little ghost and goblins loved the “clown dog” who would wag her tail and let them pet her while she stayed completely still in her costume managing somehow to pleasantly greet the little ones and give me hateful looks all at the same time.

Since moving to Crockett County, our Halloween festivities have come to a halt. We live pretty far out in the country and have no trick-or-treaters. I know she breathes a sigh of relief every year when I put the Halloween decorations back in the attic, and she has not had to wear the dreadful clown costume.

Even though most of us enjoy Halloween, the fact is that the majority of our pets don’t. Halloween can be a very fearful, nerve-wracking time for our pets, and in some instances, very dangerous. Lacy (she may disagree) and I never had any problems during all those times we celebrated Halloween, but I always took several precautions to make sure she and my little trick-or-treaters stayed safe.

On Halloween night, Lacy stayed by my side because even though Halloween pranksters may not mean to cause harm, they sometimes do. They might open a gate to a fenced in back-yard or let a dog off the chain. With all the scary, loud noises and sights during Halloween, those animals become scared, run away or out in the road, and immediately, the holiday becomes a disaster.

Always make sure you know where your pet is on Halloween, and better yet, keep your pet in a back room away from the festivities or in an outside enclosure that is safe and quiet. This ensures that while you hand out candy, your pet won’t quickly slip out the door and keep your pet safe from all the pranksters.

Speaking of candy, please keep it up and away from your pet and encourage your children to do the same. Candy, candy wrappers and lollipop sticks can all cause major problems with your pet. If you have to give your pet a treat for Halloween, stay with treats that are designed for your pet. There are a lot of specialty pet stores out there now that have cookies, treats, and candies just for your pet.

Along with specialty treats for our pets, who can resist dressing our pet up in Halloween specialty costumes? Please use common sense and make sure the costumes don’t inhibit your pet’s sight, smell, or breathing; do not inhibit your pet’s movement; and do not have sharp edges, bangles or balls that can be chewed up and swallowed and cause harm.

Lacy’s costume had no sharp edges and buttons. It was completely safe as was her behavior during the festivities. She loved seeing the kids, the doorbell didn’t bother her and she never bothered the trick-or-treaters or the candies and decorations. Unlike Lacy, some pets hate the noise, see trick-or-treaters as intruders who need to be chased away, and want to chew on every cord and turn over every candy.

Realize your pet is just doing what comes naturally in protecting their territory and investigating new things. It is your responsibility as the pet owner to keep your pet, its environment and the trick-or-treaters safe for Halloween.

In case you’re wondering, I won’t make Lacy suffer the indignity of wearing a clown costume this year. Most of the decorations, candies and scary music will stay in the attic. I will buy the candy, however, just in case a little ghoul decides to knock on my door. Either way, I’m sure we’ll have a safe and fun Halloween. I hope you and your family do the same.

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.
History groups to hear UTM professor’s impact

The major mid-20th century writing works of former University of Tennessee at Martin English professor Harry Harrison Kroll will be highlighted Nov. 4 at a joint meeting of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society and the West Tennessee Historical Society.

The meeting is set for 11 a.m. in the Paul Meek Library on the campus in Martin, Tenn. UTM Special Collections/University Archives Curator Richard Saunders will deal with Kroll, who wrote most of his major works in Martin between 1936 and 1958. During those years he sometimes advised the student newspaper, recruited for the college, and chaired the English Department for more than a decade.

Saunders will briefly allude to Kroll’s impact at Lincoln Memorial University on east Tennessee students who began Appalachian literature.

A format change for Purchase society members is that the program will precede the meal, a one-time reversal of normal procedure. Weather allowing after the program, Saunders will give members a one-quarter-mile walking tour across campus to Michael’s Steak House where a meal can be ordered for about $8 a person (non-buffet). For others, the restaurant is a three-minute drive. Those interested in attending the meal should contact Melissa Earnest by Oct. 31 at 270-871-0235 or Melissa.Earnest@caldwell.kyschools.us, or Marvin Downing, 731-387-0054, mdowning37@charter.net, or William Wells, 270-345-2249, wellsw@vci.net.

Wells, of Mayfield, was selected president at the Purchase society’s summer meeting in July in Benton. Earnest, of Princeton, is the president-elect, and Downing, of Martin, is secretary-treasurer.

Other officers: John E.L. Robertson of Paducah, member-at-large; Kate Reeves of Murray, archivist; William Wade of West Kentucky Community & Technical College at Paducah, journal editor and webmaster; and Virgil I. Boyd Jr. of Murray, newsletter editor.

Directions to Meek Library:
Locate McDonald’s on University Street. Drive east toward downtown. At the first traffic light, turn right onto Mt. Pelia Road. Go 2-3 blocks to Wayne Fisher Drive; turn left; the library is on the left.
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For an application and additional information call WestStar at 1-731-881-7298.

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Small business marketing the focus of local program

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center are hosting a program titled, "Marketing Your Small Business: The Dynamics of Marketing Your Business," 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Oct. 26 at First State Bank on East Reelfoot Avenue in Union City.

The program is offered in cooperation with Main Street Union City and is open to the public.

It will focus on issues that affect how people market their businesses. Participants will establish a foundation for building a more comprehensive marketing plan.

Jamie Frakes, director for the Tennessee Small Business Development Center, will be the instructor. The program is free; however, UT Martin continuing education credits are available for $10.

Registration must be completed two days prior to the program. For more information or to register, contact Glenda Chrise, Main Street Union City executive director, at 885-8570 or Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, at (731) 587-7333. Participants may also register for the event online at www.utm.edu/reed.

Time Wasted Is Costing You $$$

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Applications are being taken for Miss UTM, Miss Soybean Pageant

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. 18, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at UT Martin. The theme is "A Touch of Class." Winners of each crown will gain the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in Jackson next summer.

For more information, contact pageant executive director, Lynn Gibson, at 588-2570 or lynngibson@frontiernet.net. Applications are available at www.misssoybeans.org or at 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 Boiling University Center beginning Nov. 1. Tickets also may be purchased at the door.
Online course offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering a new online course, "Microsoft Excel 2003 in the Classroom."

This class is geared to help educators integrate technical solutions from the corporate world into their teaching practices. Taught by Robin Sellers, a 10-year veteran of both the classroom and the school computer lab, "Microsoft Excel 2003 in the Classroom" is an online workshop consisting of tips, shortcuts and useful lesson plan ideas for teachers who want to introduce Excel in their classrooms.

"Each day that I teach, I'm constantly looking for new and exciting ways to use technology in my classes," said Sellers. "I'm so excited to be able to share what I know about Excel not only with my colleagues, but also with future teachers."

Teachers who enroll in Sellers' course will learn all the important Excel basics, including using toolbars, formatting cells and worksheets, inserting formulas for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and creating color charts and graphs.

Sellers also covers more advanced Excel features, such as sorting and analyzing student test data, writing mathematical formulas and using the Function Wizard to automatically calculate student averages and other statistics.

Throughout the course, which is taught entirely over the Internet, teachers will explore standards-based lesson plans and activities that will allow them to pass their Excel knowledge on to their students, no matter what grade level they teach.

By the end of the course, teachers will have a solid understanding of the basic functions of Excel and new ideas for integrating this technology into lesson plans across the curriculum.

"One of the things teachers most love about this course," said Sellers, "is the fact that they will leave it armed not only with a wealth of skills and knowledge, but also with a fully customized Excel gradebook that they can use in their own classrooms."

"Microsoft Excel 2003 in the Classroom" can be taken online at any time of the day or night. The registration fee is $85. For more information about this course, contact ECCE at 881-7082 or (800) 482-5199.

Foreign film series to show historical drama

"Der Untergang," or "Downfall," the second movie in the 2006 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled for Sept. 28, in Watkins Auditorium in Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Deadline nearing for Martin pageant

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Deadline to register for the pageants is Nov. 4, 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@frontier.net. Applications are available at www.miss.tennessee.org or at www.utm.edu/missutm.

4th UTM extension

MARTIN, Tenn. — Residents in and around Decatur County will be able to earn college credits and degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin Parsons Center once the center is constructed in two years.

Parsons will be the fourth UT Martin extended campus location. Construction is scheduled to be completed by fall 2008. UTM will start offering classes in Parsons in January 2007 to build a student base for the center.

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Information: Parsons Center at 731-847-3880.

UTM preview day

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REED Center looks to downtown offices

By SABRINA BATES
Chief Staff Writer

A familiar face to the city of Martin was on hand during their formal monthly meeting of mayor and aldermen Monday evening. Hollie Vowell-Holt, former Martin Economic Development director, is now in charge of the REED Center of Northwest Tennessee. Holt made a request for members to consider financially helping the center remodel a building in downtown Martin on Lindell Street.

"We want to be the one stop shop of rural northwest Tennessee," Holt explained. She continued by stressing the partnership between the center and the University of Tennessee at Martin and explained how beneficial a downtown Martin location would be for the city of Martin.

Clients from the REED Center have stemmed from places as far as Atoka and back to Dresden and the surrounding communities. The REED Center works with USDA Rural Development and the Small Business Administration through the USDA.

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Association conducting seminars for small business owners or future entrepreneurs. The board agreed to a renovation bid of $223,700 from Allen Searcy Builders and Construction of Union City for a building at 406-408 South Lindell St.

A grant in the amount of $60,000 has been awarded to the center for renovation purposes, the city of Martin would foot the remainder of the bill.

"Is there anyone else putting up money other than us?" alderman Bill Harrison asked. Holt responded by stating other agencies such as local banks have formed partnerships with the REED Center.

In other bid news, Tim Foster of Martin placed a bid of $9,000 a year for maintenance of flower beds and shrubs and the board accepted the bid.

"As you know, one pump has already gone down at the water treatment plant and another is in bad shape. This is a necessary investment," Martin Mayor Randy Brundige commented. The board agreed to accept a bid in the amount of $580,000 from Ronald Franks Construction of Savannah for influent pumps and bar screen at the wastewater treatment plant.

Ordinances passing on their second and final readings include:

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In department news, the Martin Police Department reported an addition of a second dispatch station and a new digital recorder, which is computer based for the department from the Weakley County 911 Board.

"People may notice a 911 charge on their phone bills and that money will help with the renovation of the equipment. We hope to have two dispatchers in the future as well," MPD Chief David Moore announced.

Public works director Billy Wagster reported phone calls offering praise from the community for the recent blacktop program especially on K and Frederick streets.

Parks and recreation director Dennis Suiter announced the department is making plans for the upcoming Santa's Village event.

The board agreed to settle a lawsuit with former Martin Fire Department member Samantha Green.

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As part of this year’s University of Tennessee at Martin’s homecoming festivities, two time Grammy nominee and two time Dove award winner, SonicFlood, will be in concert at UT Martin’s Fieldhouse at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23.

Having sold 1.5 million records since 1999, SonicFlood has been one of the most popular bands in the Christian music industry. Two of their singles, “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” and “I Want to Know You,” climbed to number one on the Christian music charts.

SonicFlood’s current tour is promoting their most recently released album, “This Generation.” They have also joined the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to promote involvement in international missions among young adults and youth.

The UTM Student Activities Council is making admission free for UT Martin students. Tickets for youth groups and the general public can be purchased at $5 in advance, and $10 at the door.

To purchase tickets or receive more information about the concert, contact the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at (731) 587-2265.

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Getting educated

ON UT-MARTIN

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Teachers who enroll in Sellers’ course will learn all the important Excel basics, including using toolbars, formatting cells and worksheets, inserting formulas for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and creating colorful charts and graphs. Sellers also covers more advanced Excel features, such as sorting and analyzing student test data, writing mathematical formulas and using the Function Wizard to automatically calculate student averages and other statistics.

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“Microsoft Excel 2003 in the Classroom” can be taken online at any time of the day or night. The registration fee is $85. For information about the course, contact ECCE at (731) 881-7082 or 1-800-482-5199.

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Learning center nears reality

Humboldt accepts $1.9M bid to turn former school into Adult Ed Center

By TONYA SMITH-KING
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HUMBOLDT — A vision the community has had to turn the former Main Street Elementary School into a center for higher learning got even closer Monday to becoming a reality.

The Humboldt Mayor and Board of Aldermen accepted Wolfe Company LLC's low bid of $1.9 million to renovate the facility at a called meeting Monday night. Wolfe's price was lower than the bids offered by three other companies.

A fifth company had an even lower bid at $1.5 million but withdrew it, citing a computer error, according to Jerry Hartsfield of Jackson's TLM Associates Inc., which did the drawings for the project. Those drawings were on hand Monday night for aldermen to view.

The renovation work is expected to start in December, Hartsfield said.

Schools that would hold classes in what will be called the Humboldt Adult Education Center are Jackson State Community College, Tennessee Technology Center of Jackson, the University of Tennessee Martin and the University of Memphis.

The city has committed to giving each $1 million toward the project, which is estimated would cost nearly $2.5 million. An effort is now under way to raise the remainder of those funds.

Clint Williams, a retired Humboldt banker, is heading fund-raising efforts and told aldermen $330,000 in pledges already had come in. Richard Ayers of Humboldt's Jones Companies Ltd. said individuals could donate from $5 to $500,000 for the project.

Ayers presented aldermen with a new brochure created to help with fund raising and with the results of a Humboldt-area survey that Jackson State, UT Martin and Tennessee Tech conducted. Of the 952 people who returned the survey, 41.8 percent said they'd take classes at the new center. The schools distributed 2,000 surveys during the spring.

Aldermen deleted one aspect of the renovation project that called for brick ceilings, saving more than $500,000.

They also asked Wolfe Company not to proceed for now on the part of the renovation pertaining to the installation of biology lab equipment. The cost on that was a little more than $83,000. Mayor Allen Barker said there may be some grant money available for the equipment.

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— Tonya Smith-King, 425-9680

Truckers' success workshop slated

In today's business world, information can be crucial to make a trucking company prosper.

The Driven to Success Workshop — set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 4 — will show those in the trucking industry how to re-think their business expenses, plan their mobile office and determine their break-even point across the board. The workshop will be led by trucking business advisor Tim Brady, also known as "the I.C.E. (In-Cab Education) Man."

"Everyone from owner/operators to HR, marketing/salespeople and fleet managers can learn from this workshop," Brady said. "It takes the mystery out of operating each truck like a small business on wheels. Your company can benefit from this workshop whether it has one truck or 40."

The Driven to Success Workshop is hosted by Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance, Transportation Division, at their building in midtown Memphis.

The $150 fee includes the course textbook, workbook and lunch.

Other sponsors of the workshop include the University of Tennessee at Martin REED Center and the UTM Office of University Relations; Dyersburg State Community College/ Tennessee Small Business Development Centers; Dyersburg State Community College; and Write Up The Road Publishing of Kenton.

To register, call 1-800-292-8072. Seating is available for only 40 participants, as is assigned truck parking.

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Former Milanite featured in **Tennessee Alumnus** magazine

By Steve Short

He's gone from captain of the band to captain of the backwoods.

Former Milanite Carl "Bro" Wirwa, Jr., a band captain in the class of '69 at Milan High School, has been a Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency officer for 29 years.

Now a resident of Alamo, Wirwa is featured in the Fall 2006 edition of **Tennessee Alumnus** magazine.

Writer Bud Grimes profiles Wirwa and his "worthwhile work" to make the world a better place to live.

Wirwa, a 1975 graduate of the Univ. of Tennessee at Knoxville, is responsible for 21,000 acres of wildlife-management areas in Gibson, Dyer and Crockett counties.

"In managing duck populations, improving migratory bird habitat, and serving as a frontline observer for the possible spread of avian influenza, Wirwa is making a difference for the environment, for wildlife, and for recreation enthusiasts of all ages," writes Grimes.

The writer accompanied Wirwa in a boat through Cypress Tupelo Swamp in the Tigrett Wildlife Management Area southeast of Dyersburg and wetlands that are considered a "duck hunter's paradise." Descriptions of the land and Wirwa's duties are presented in the magazine article.

Wirwa said he thought he was selected for the magazine feature because he and his wife and two sons all graduated from the Univ. of Tennessee.

Bro Wirwa grew up in the Milan arsenal Area Q community. "In 1969 he enrolled at UT Martin, where he studied animal science," the article states. "He met his wife, Carol Fields (Martin '74, Knoxville '75), at Martin. In 1974 they headed to Knoxville, where he pursued fisheries and wildlife management courses to complete his degree. Carol earned a master's degree in social work. They now live in Alamo where she's the Crockett Co. Middle School librarian.

Their sons, Nick (UT Martin '03) and Drew (UT Martin '06) are pursuing graduate degrees in wildlife and natural resources.

Wirwa became a TWRA manager in 1993, and today with the help of two technicians, he manages vast expanses of wetlands and other state property in West Tennessee."

Carl is the brother of Milan High School librarian Amy Wirwa Hearn and the son of the late Rose and Carl Wirwa of Milan.

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Holly Hopper, daughter of Terry and Connie Hopper of Hornbeak, has been awarded a scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

A freshman, she received the Vincent Implements Inc. Scholarship.
Rushing selected as director of UT Martin Parsons Center

Residents of Decatur County and the surrounding area will soon have the opportunity to earn college credits and degrees at the University of Tennessee at Martin Parsons Center. Jason Rushing, Decatur county native, will serve as the center’s first director.

The UT Martin Parsons Center is the fourth UT Martin extended campus location, and construction of the facility is scheduled to be completed by fall 2008. In the interim, UT Martin will begin offering classes in Parsons in January 2007 to build a student base for the center.

“It is indeed an honor to have been selected as the director of the UT Martin Parsons Center. I have always had a strong interest in the field of higher education and feel that the position in Parsons will not only allow me to work with the wonderful facility, staff and students at UT Martin, but also will be an opportunity to provide a service to my community,” said Rushing.

He added, “A well-educated population is a key to the growth and success of any region, and I look forward to working with UT Martin’s Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, area community leaders and others in and around the region to make the center a success.”

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Rushing has a background of leadership experience, having served on the Weakley County Red Cross board of directors, completed sales and service strategies training at the Leaders Credit Union and currently serves as director of the Jim Ayers Alumni Scholarship Fund. In 2003, Rushing became a certified student leader by the National Conference on Student Services. He served on the search committee for dean of the UT Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences in summer 2003 and made presentations to the alumni and development committees in spring 2004. The UT Martin Alumni Council is among the organizations of which Rushing is still an active member.

While attending UT Martin, Rushing was a member of the Student Government Association, LEAD Academy, Student Activities Council and University Council. He served as a student ambassador and member of the History Club and Baptist Student Union. He maintains professional memberships in both Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society and Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society.

For more information, call the UT Martin Parsons Center at (731) 847-3880.

Students present art exhibit at UTM
University of Tennessee at Martin students, Will Cook of Martin, Alissa Ruud of Moline, Ill., and Erica Johnson of Martin, all of whom have a graphic design emphasis, will be featured in a senior art exhibition beginning with an opening reception from 5-7 p.m., Oct. 24, in the Fine Arts Gallery of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on campus. The exhibition will run for two weeks, and it may be viewed at any time. There is no admission charge.

Student receives scholarship
Adam Dowland, a health and human performance major, received the Michael Maness Memorial Scholarship, not the Health and Human Performance Upperclassman Scholarship as listed.
Martin topic of new book from Cowser

By SARA REID
Staff Writer

Some people are bitten by the writing bug and choose to swat it away, but one Martin native has chosen to scratch the resulting itch.

Twice bitten and never shy, he is now promoting his second book. But who could argue with his decision when, even before the bite, writing was in his blood.

Bob Cowser Jr., the son of two University of Tennessee at Martin English professors, was, according to his mother, Mary Ellen Cowser, hooked on writing from the moment a high school English teacher wrote an encouraging comment on one of his papers.

Cowser carried around the comment for inspiration and in college at Loyola-New Orleans as a print journalism major.

COWSER added English as a second major at the end of his freshman year. Furthering his education, Cowser earned a master's degree in English from Marquette and a doctorate in creative writing from the

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KIDS COLLEGE SPACE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP — Jordan Long of Martin was the recipient of the UTM Kid College Space Camp Scholarship. He spent six days at the Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. While there he completed an intense course on the principles of aerospace technology, space exploration and discovery. A graduation ceremony was held at the end. Jordan is the son of Dr. David and Sarah Long of Martin.

Cowser

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University of Nebraska.


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After receiving much critical acclaim for his first work, Cowser published a second book, "Scorekeeping: Essays from Home," this year and like its title, it spotlights Cowser's hometown, Martin, and is told from his own unique perspective.

"It is a collection of essays about growing up in Martin," Mary Ellen Cowser explained.

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Folklorists gather at Reelfoot Lake for event

Tennessee folklorists will converge in early November at Reelfoot Lake’s Airpark Inn. Tennessee Folklife Society President Walter Darrell Haden invites all who are interested in folk traditions to attend this two-day program.

The Friday, Nov. 3, program begins at 3 p.m. in the Airpark Community Room overlooking Reelfoot Lake. Dr. James Akenson, who conducts Belmont University’s annual International Country Music Conference, will speak about teaching Australian culture through a focus on Australian country music. From 6:30-9:30 p.m., the Friday night folk, bluegrass, and country music runs “round-robin” in the same location and is free to the public.

Registration for all Saturday, Nov. 4, sessions of music and scholarly papers starts at 8:30 a.m. At 9 a.m., Dr. Holly Anderson, of Tennessee Tech, will present her study of the music of one Middle Tennessee family in “Storying Their Lives.” Joe Bone, curator of the Crockett Cabin at Rutherford, will discuss “The Folklore in Davy Crockett.” At 10 a.m., Dr. Laura Jarmon, UT Martin professor of English, will present her research into various west Tennessee folk dialects. At 10:45 a.m., the well-known Jimmie Rodgers aficionado McDonald Craig, of Perry County, will sing and yodel blues. At 11:30 a.m., in its first performance for Tennessee folklorists, Sharon’s Dulcimer Orchestra, led by Prentice Ary, is introduced by Dr. Preston Prather, UT Martin professor emeritus.

Barbecue luncheon reservations may be made until Oct. 25 by contacting Haden at 4613 Charles Cannon Road, South Fulton, TN 38257. The price is $15. The luncheon speaker, Robert Valentine, is one of the South’s foremost Mark Twain impersonists, returning Twain to Tennessee-Kentucky scenes of some of his best-known works.

Saturday afternoon’s session opens at 1:15 with Memphis’ Ernestine Parker Rector and TFS Secretary Tom Morgan’s “The Red Rector Story.” At 2 p.m., Robert G. McCrory, D.V.M., of Benton, takes his listeners to that town’s “Tator Day.” Next, Jennifer C. Core, of Nashville, will present the most recent findings of Tennessee’s Sampler Survey. The afternoon program will close with a cappella harmony from a west Tennessee Mennonite family.

At 4 p.m., the Tennessee Folklife Society’s annual business meeting closes the day. Those who wish to preregister for the two-day event at Airpark Inn should send $20 for each membership to TFS Bulletin Editor, Dr. Kenn DeShane, at Box 201, Department of English, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

Deadline to enter Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant is Nov. 4

MARTIN, Tenn. - Plans are under way for the combined Miss University of Tennessee at Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant.

The events will be staged at 7 p.m. Nov 18 in the Harriet Fulton Theater of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at UT Martin.

The theme is “A Touch of Class.”

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.

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For more information, contact pageant executive director Lynn Gibson, at 731-588-2570 or lynngibson@frontiernet.net. Applications are available at www.missmartin.edu or at www.UTMartin.edu/misstuf.

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.

Travel-study program to explore Italy

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

This travel-study program will explore Italian popes, painters, polenta, paramours, poets, political puerility and potentates. Participants will examine Italy’s history, culture and cuisine. They will tour San Marino, the third smallest state in Europe (after the Holy See and Monaco).

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

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

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

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

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

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UT Martin plans travel study program to Italy

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

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

For complete information, contact Stan Sieber, professor of history and coordinator of travel studies, at 881-7467, or the Center for Global Studies and International Education, at 881-1023.
U.T.'s Johnson to speak in Martin

Dr. Joe Johnson, president emeritus of the University of Tennessee, will speak at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 30, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin in Martin, Tenn. His topic will be "The Future of Higher Education," an appropriate topic given the lifetime of service that Dr. Johnson has provided to the people of the state of Tennessee in general and to the University of Tennessee in particular. His appearance, part of the Academic Speaker Series, is sponsored by UT Martin Honors Programs. The presentation is free and open to the public.

"Joe Johnson has given a lifetime of service to the University of Tennessee," said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director. "No one understands the people and the system better than he and no one is in a better position to explain the state of the university and the future of higher education in Tennessee than Joe Johnson."

After receiving a degree from Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Ala., and a certificate from the Southern Regional Training Program in Public Administration, Johnson served two years in the army. Upon his return from service, Johnson completed his master of arts degree in public administration at UT in 1960. He would later add a doctorate in education from UT.

It was at this point that Johnson began his long and meritorious career of service to UT. Broken only by a three-year period of service to the State of Tennessee as chief of the Budget Division and executive assistant to the governor and deputy commissioner of finance and administration (1960-63), Johnson served in a host of teaching and administrative positions at UT between 1958 and 2004.

With experiences ranging from instructor of political science to chancellor of the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences in Memphis to executive assistant to President Andy Holt to vice president for business and finance to executive vice president and vice president for development, he compiled an extensive understanding of the complete workings of the university system.

Johnson's service as president of UT from 1990-1999 and as interim president during 2003-04, marked a period of growth and expansion for the university in many of its functions. With a focus on the people who make up the university, he made regular appearances on all of the system's campuses and rarely missed a commencement.

He retired from the presidency in 1999 and, after service as interim president in 2003-04, retired again in 2004. He currently serves as president emeritus.

For more information, contact McDonough at 731-881-7436.

Fireworks display set Oct. 27 at UT Martin

A large fireworks display is part of activities at 10 p.m., Oct. 27, at Graham Stadium in Martin, Tenn., during homecoming week at the University of Tennessee at Martin. It will follow the annual pyramid competition and pep rally event, which starts at 8:30 p.m.

For more information and a complete schedule of homecoming activities, visit www.utmforever.com.

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Bill Rhodes, president and chief executive officer of AutoZone, will receive the University of Tennessee, Martin, Outstanding Young Alumni Award Oct. 27 during the homecoming activities. Rhodes serves on the Memphis Tomorrow partner's board of the FedEx Institute of Technology and is treasurer of the National Civil Rights Museum.
Miss UTM, Soybean Pageant deadline is approaching

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. 18, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at UT Martin. The theme is "A Touch of Class." Winners of each crown will gain the opportunity to compete in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in Jackson, Tenn., 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. 4, 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, Tenn. 38238. All forms should be sent to Lynn Gibson, 580 Sandhill Rd., Martin, Tenn. 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 or at www.utm.edu/misstutm.

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.

Bradford student in UTM comedy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WestStar accepting applications

Applications to participate in the premier leadership development program in Tennessee are now available from WestStar, said members of the WestStar's Board of Trustees.

For application and additional information contact WestStar at (731) 881-7298 or write WestStar, Room 320, Hall Moody Administration Building, University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, Tenn. 38238-5011. The deadline for application is Nov. 17. Anyone can apply to participate in the program. Nominations are accepted but not required.

The WestStar mission is to identify, encourage and equip community-minded people who want to become more involved, want to help West Tennessee become a better place and are willing to accept assertive and dynamic leadership roles.

Participants learn new leadership skills and develop strategies for assisting communities in solving problems and maximizing potential. Participants also become part of a growing network of other leaders who, through mutual support and assistance, shape the future of West Tennessee.

WestStar's vision is that it will be the premier leadership program in the U.S. that establishes an elite group of people bonded by their commitment to realizing the educational, economic and social development of West Tennessee.

A group of citizens will be competitively selected to participate in the 2007 program. The WestStar program consists of seven specially designed seminar programs addressing contemporary major issues important to the development of West Tennessee. Each seminar takes place over a one-and-a-half day period, with a graduation program in June. The program begins January 18.

WestStar enters its 18th year under the leadership of one of its founders, UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan.

Last year's graduating class brought the total number of alumni to 464.

WestStar alumni from Gibson County include the following: Jim Blankenship, Kelly Bryant, Cheri Childress, Mary Ellen Cochran, Virginia Davidson, Bob Duncan, Kay Gibson, Ruth Graves, Charles Guy, Brenda Horner, Dotty Jones, Greer Lasheez, Tommy Litton, Jennifer Nunley, Pat Riley, Kathy Ross, Linda Schrader, Sherry Scruggs, Kathleen Smith, Barry Smith, Norm Spencer, Emily Sullivan, Glenda Temple, Sharyn Thompson, Ken Thorne, Joy Wallsmith and Marilyn Williamson.
Folklorists to gather at Reelfoot Lake

Tennessee folklorists will converge in early November at Reelfoot Lake’s Airpark Inn. Tennessee Folklife Society President Walter Darrell Haden invites all who are interested in folk traditions to attend this two-day program.

The Friday, November 3, program begins at 3 p.m. in the Airpark Community Room overlooking Reelfoot Lake. Dr. James Akenson, who conducts Belmont University’s annual International Country Music Conference, will speak about teaching Australian culture through a focus on Australian country music. From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., the overnight guests will enjoy Friday night folk, blues, bluegrass and early country music runs “round-robin” in the same location and is free to the public.

Registration for all Saturday, November 4, sessions of music and scholarly papers starts at 8:30 a.m. At 9 a.m., Dr. Holly Anderson of Tennessee Tech will present her study of the music of one Middle Tennessee family in “Storying Their Lives.” Joe Bone, curator of the Crockett Cabin at Rutherford, will discuss “Davy Crockett.” At 10 a.m., Dr. Laura Jarnon, UT Martin professor of English, will present her research into various west Tennessee folk dialects. At 10:45 a.m. the well-known Jimmie Rodgers aficionado McDonald Craig, of Perry County will sing and yodel blue. At 11:30 a.m. in its first performance for Tennessee folklorists, Sharon’s Dulcimer Orchestra, led by Prentice Ary, will be introduced by Dr. Preston Prather, UT Martin professor emeritus.

Barbecue luncheon reservations may be made until October 25 by contacting Haden at 4613 Charles Cannon Road, South Fulton, TN 38227. The price is $15. The luncheon speaker, Robert Valentine, is one of the South’s foremost Mark Twain impressionists, returning Twain to Tennessee-Kentucky scenes of some of his best-known works.

Saturday afternoon’s session opens at 1:15 with Memphis’ Ernestine Parker Rector and TFS Secretary Tom Morgan’s “The Red Rector Story.” At 2 p.m., Robert G. McCrory, D.V.M., of Benton, takes his listeners to that town’s “Tater Day.” Next, Jennifer C. Core, of Nashville, will present the most recent findings of Tennessee’s Sampler Survey.

At 4 p.m., the Tennessee Folklife Society’s annual business meeting closes the day. Those who wish to pre-register for the two-day event at Airpark Inn should send $20 for each membership to TFS Bulletin Editor, Dr. Kenn DeShane, at Box 201, Department of English, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

Deadline to apply for Governor’s School is December 1

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

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

For an application or for more information, visit http://www.utk.edu/departments/caas/tgsas.html.

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

Applications also are available in high school guidance offices.

Second preview slated November 4 at UTM

The second of two Senior Preview Days is set for November 4 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Senior Preview Days are opportunities for high school seniors and their families to visit and learn about the university. Each event is designed to enable future college students to become familiar with the Martin campus and to get that all-important first impression of university life.

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

Registration on November 4 will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon in the Elam Center.

Registration will be followed by a welcome and general information session, the university’s academic fair, which will take place in the Elam Center, academic department visits and campus tours.

For more information about Senior Preview Day activities and events, call the UT Martin admissions office at 1-800-829-UTMI or 731-881-7020.
The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering a new online course, "Microsoft Excel 2003 in the Classroom."

This class is geared to help educators integrate technical solutions from the corporate world into their teaching practices. Taught by Robin Sellers, a 10-year veteran of both the classroom and the school computer lab, "Microsoft Excel 2003 in the Classroom" is an online workshop consisting of tips, shortcuts and useful lesson plan ideas for teachers who want to introduce Excel in their classrooms.

"Each day that I teach, I'm constantly looking for new and exciting ways to use technology in my classes," said Seller. "I'm so excited to be able to share what I know about Excel not only with my colleagues, but also with future teachers."

Teachers who enroll in Seller's course will learn all the important Excel basics, including using toolbars, formatting cells and worksheets, inserting formulas for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and creating colorful charts and graphs.

Sellers also covers more advanced Excel features, such as sorting and analyzing student test data, writing mathematical formulas and using the Function Wizard to automatically calculate student averages and other statistics.

Throughout the course, which is taught entirely over the Internet, teachers will explore standards-based lesson plans and activities that will allow them to pass their Excel knowledge on to their students, no matter what grade level they teach.

By the end of the course, teachers will have a solid understanding of the basic functions of Excel and new ideas for integrating this technology into lesson plans across the curriculum.

"One of the things teachers most love about this course," said Seller, "is the fact that they will leave it armed not only with a wealth of skills and knowledge, but also with a fully customized Excel gradebook that they can use in their own classrooms."

"Microsoft Excel 2003 in the Classroom" can be taken online at any time of the day or night. The registration fee is $85. For more information about this course, contact ECCE at 731-881-7082 or 1-800-482-5199.

The Alumni Dinner and awards program is set for 6 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Student Life Center of Alumni Gym. A pyramid-building competition and pep rally will follow at 8:30 p.m. at Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

The homecoming football game pits the UTM Skyhawks against Eastern Illinois at 2 p.m. at Graham Stadium.

Information: Rita Mitchell, 731-881-7616.

Christian music group SonicFlood will perform at 7 p.m. Monday at Skyhawk Fieldhouse at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Tickets are $5 in advance and $10 at the door. Call (731) 587-2265 or visit sonicflood.com.
**UTM Homecoming theme:**

‘Return of the A-Team’ set for next week

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Alumni Relations will evoke memories of the 1980s with “The Electric 80's ... The Return of the A-Team” as the theme of this year's homecoming celebration.

Homecoming 2006 will be celebrated Oct. 23-29, with Quad City's live music, reunion tents, demonstration areas, petting farm, carnival games and fellowship as a focal point from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Oct. 28, in the Quad. Adding to the festivities for current UT Martin students, alumni and friends are the UT Martin alumni dinner and awards program, pyramid building competition and pep rally and Greek Step Show.

At 2 p.m., Oct. 28, the Skyhawks will face Eastern Illinois at Hardy M. Graham Stadium. The following is a complete schedule of events for homecoming weekend:

- **Monday, Oct. 23**
  - 4 p.m. - Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
- **Tuesday, Oct. 24**
  - 7 p.m. - SonicFlood Concert, Skyhawk Field House
  - TBA - Rope Pull, Pacer Pond

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**Reed Center offers ‘Marketing Your Business’ seminar**

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center are hosting a program titled “Marketing Your Small Business: The Dynamics of Marketing Your Business,” from 9-11 a.m., Oct. 26, at First State Bank on Reelfoot Avenue in Union City. The program is offered in cooperation with Main Street Union City and is open to the public.

This program focuses on issues that affect how people market their businesses. Participants will establish a foundation for building a more comprehensive marketing plan.

Jamie Frakes, director for the Tennessee Small Business Development Center, will be the instructor. The program is free; however, UT Martin continuing education credits are available for $10.

Registration must be completed two days prior to the program. For more information or to register, contact Glenda Crisp, Main Street Union City, at (731) 885-8370, or Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, at 587-7333, or register online at www.utm.edu/reed.

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- 7 p.m. - Student Activities Council Lip Sync Show, Pacer Pond
- 8:30 p.m. - Homecoming Court Announcement, Pacer Pond
- 8:45 p.m. - Bonfire, Pacer Pond

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**

- TBA - Rope Pull, Pacer Pond

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

- TBA - Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
- 7 p.m. - Mr. UTM Contest, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center

**Friday, Oct. 27**

- 3:30 p.m. - Rope Pull championship, Pacer Pond
- 6 p.m. - UTM Alumni Dinner and Awards Program, Student Life Center Alumni Gym
- 8:30 p.m. - Pyramid and Pep Rally, Hardy M. Graham Stadium

**Saturday, Oct. 28**

- 7:30 a.m. - Letterwinner’s Breakfast, Student Life Center Alumni Gym
- 9:30 a.m. - Chancellor’s Brunch, Chancellor’s Residence
- 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Quad City
- 2 p.m. - Skyhawks vs. Eastern Illinois University, Hardy M. Graham Stadium

**Sunday, Oct. 29**

- 10 a.m. - “Walk in the Quad”
- 10:30 a.m. - Homecoming Brunch, featuring a musical performance by UT Martin New Pacer Singers and alumni, Skyhawk Dining Room, Boling University Center
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RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP — University of Tennessee at Martin student Dusty Hickerson (center) of Union City recently received the alumni national merit scholarship. Recipients of these awards represent the top one-half of 1 percent of the graduating seniors in the United States. Recipients may attend the UT campus of their choice. UTNAA was established in 1836 as a tradition of service of alumni from the Chattanooga, Knoxville, Martin, Memphis and Tullahoma campuses. Among those on hand to mark the occasion with Hickerson were Dr. Nick Dunagan (left), UT Martin chancellor, and Kerry Witcher, interim executive director of the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association.

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Tennessee-Chattanooga studies in-state tuition

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) - The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga is considering offering in-state tuition to parts of other states.

Finance Vice Chancellor Richard Brown says the challenge in doing that is finding a way to attract students across the state line without financially burdening the university.

Brown says U-T-C would lose more than a (m) million dollars if the 123 students who live just over the state line were allowed to pay in-state costs.

But that could be offset with enrollment of 250 new students. However, that would call for additional classrooms and faculty members.

Such breaks are already offered by other state colleges, including the University of Memphis, Tennessee Tech, U-T Martin, Austin Peay (Peay') and East Tennessee State.

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Business e-commerce seminar slated

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center are hosting the program “E-Commerce and Your Business: How to Sell Your Stuff Online” Nov. 2 at the West Tennessee Agriculture Museum in Milan, located at 3 Ledbetter Gate Road.

The program, set for 8-10 a.m., is being offered in cooperation with Milan Chamber of Commerce.

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

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

No fee will be charged for Milan Chamber of Commerce members. Non-members will be required to pay a $10 registration fee. UT Martin Continuing Education credits will be available for an additional $10 for those interested.

Registration must be completed at least two days prior to the program.

For more information or to register, contact the Milan Chamber of Commerce at (731) 686-7494 or Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, at (731) 587-7333.

Registration also is available online at www.utm.edu/reed.
**WestStar Graduates’ Knowledge, Expertise Extended Via Speakers’ Bureau**

**Area Students Receive UTNAI Scholarship** University of Tennessee at Martin students Whitney Higdon of Bruceleton and Jennifer Brooks of Hollow Rock received the first-year valedictorian scholarship. This award is a two-year scholarship of $3,000 to the valedictorian who is designated as the top academic student in each high school across the state of Tennessee. Recipients of this award may attend the UT campus of their choice. UTNAI was established in 1836 as a tradition of service of alumni from the Chattanooga, Knoxville, Martin, Memphis and Tullahoma campuses.

**TDA, UT Martin partner for cattle health with high tech mobile trailer**

State Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens and University of Tennessee at Martin officials will announce a new partnership for improving cattle management and health in West Tennessee, at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 27, at the Ray and Wilma Smith Livestock Center on the UT Martin campus.

The partnership will be marked with the unveiling of a mobile, high-tech trailer that will be managed by the university for the purpose of demonstrating proper cattle handling and health practices.

The MobilCattleDocTM is a 24-foot long, 8-foot tall trailer that can be pulled to virtually any location and is equipped with a hydraulic chute and other equipment for safely and efficiently handling and holding cattle.

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

What: Demonstration of high-tech mobile cattle unit

When: 1:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27

Where: Ray and Wilma Smith Livestock Center, under cover, rain or shine

For more information, contact Bud Grimes or Rita Mitchell, UT Martin Office of University Relations, 731-881-7615.
Four to receive awards at homecoming

Four awards will be presented during University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming activities, Oct. 23-29. The awards will be presented at the annual UT Martin Alumni Awards Banquet at 6 p.m., Oct. 27, in the Student Life Center Alumni Gym.

This year's award recipients are:

• Bill Rhodes, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession. Rhodes currently serves on several community and industry boards; Memphis Tomorrow. Partners Board of the FedEx Institute of Technology and the National Civil Rights Museum (treasurer). He is a former board member of the Greater Memphis Arts Council, the Mid South Junior Golf Association and Christ Methodist Day School. He and his wife, Amy, have two children.

• Buddy Mitchell, Outstanding Alumni Award, given to an alumnus or alumna in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession. Mitchell, of Knoxville, is associate vice president for agricultural development and government relations for the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture that serves as the headquarters operational unit for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, College of Veterinary Medicine, Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Station. He is a UT Martin 1966 graduate with a degree in general agriculture and a 1968 UT graduate with master's degree in agricultural economics. He was vice president of the Student Government Association and national ruler of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho at UT Martin and also served as chapter adviser for Alpha Upsilon following service in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He also has served as associate vice president for federal relations for the UT multi-campus system and as interim UT vice president for agriculture. He was named one of Alpha Gamma Rho's Men of the Century by the national fraternity in 2005. Mitchell, originally of McLeMoresville, and wife, Penny, have three children, Chad, Candice and Rob.

• Sara Dunagan and Bettye Giles, Chancellor's Award for University Service, given for outstanding service to UT Martin. Dunagan, of Jackson, has six children and spouses and 12 grandchildren and spouses, who have graduated from UT Martin and one grandson currently enrolled. Two years ago at the alumni awards banquet, she was presented a Founders Society plaque for contributions to UT Martin. She has a connection with UT Martin that spans more than 50 years. She first came to the campus (UT Junior College) after World War II with her husband, Horace Dunagan, as he completed college after serving in the armed forces. Horace and Sara Dunagan stayed connected to the university through his affiliation as a member of both the UT Development Council and the UT Martin Development Committee. They established a scholarship endowment for out-of-state students through a charitable remainder trust in 1985. After his death in 1987, she funded the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking at UT Martin to honor his banking career which spanned some 38 years. She established two University Scholars endowments in 1994 and 1999. In 2001, the Dunagan family donated to the new Agricultural Teaching Complex and funded the renovation of a former dairy barn into the new Complex Headquarters Building. In 2003, Dunagan established three charitable remainder trusts, one for each of her children — Nick Dunagan, Nancy Dunagan Biggs and Anita Dunagan Roy — that will benefit UT Martin academic programs, including the Dunagan Chair in Banking, faculty development, the Agricultural Teaching Complex, the Learning Resource Center, the Paul Meek Library and student scholarships for international travel and teacher education.

• Giles, of Martin, a retired physical education professor and director of women's athletics, completed 42 years of service to the university. A leader and administrator in women's intercollegiate athletics and physical
Buddy Mitchell

education, she was one of the founders of the Tennessee College Women's Sports Federation in 1969 and served as its first president. She was president of the Tennessee Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and received the TAHPERD Honor Award and the Life Honor Award. She received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, and was honored with the naming of the Bettye Giles Softball Field on campus.

Bettye Giles/Nadine Gearin Endowed Scholarship was established in 2003 by Pat Head Summitt, UT women's basketball coach, in Giles and Gearin's honor. Giles was inducted into the UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame, and was honored with the naming of the Bettye Giles Female Athlete of the Year Award. She has served as president of the Kiwanis Club and twice received the Kiwanian of the Year Award. Also, she is a member and past chair of the

Sara Dunagan

Community Developmental Services Board, is a member of the Skyhawk Club Board and is past retiree chair of the UT Martin Family Campaign. She is retiree chair of the current campaign. She served as area director of the Special Olympics for many years. Profits from summer spirit camps under her direction, have been providing health and human performance scholarships for many years. She is a graduate of Austin Peay State University with a bachelor's degree in physical education and health and a minor in radio/theater. She completed a master's degree in physical education and health at UT Knoxville.

Bettye Giles

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

For more homecoming information, visit www.utmforever.com.

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS CHEMISTRY WEEK IN TENNESSEE

Recognizing the important role that the business of chemistry plays in Tennessee and the achievements of the local sections and student affiliates chapters of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) in the state and the fact that ACS members are reaching out all across the nation with positive messages from the society, Gov. Phil Bredesen proclaimed the week of Oct. 22-28 as Chemistry Week in Tennessee. Visiting with the governor at this occasion were several local section representatives and SAACS officers. They are (front, from left) Nashville section past chair and National Chemistry Week coordinator Ruth A. Woodall, Eastern section councilor/NCW coordinator Dr. Al Hazari of UT Knoxville, Gov. Bredesen, Kentucky Lake Section councilor/NCW coordinator and UT Martin SAACS adviser Dr. S.K. Airee and Kentucky Lake Section chair J. Brent Montgomery of Palermsville; (back, from left) Chattanooga section councilor Dr. Maurice R. Smith, UT Martin SAACS president and vice president Jon Bain of Mount Pleasant, Brad Bledsoe of Bon Aqua, and Nashville section chair Dr. Tim Hanusa of Vanderbilt University.

ECCE to offer class on Christmas ornament making

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Education is offering a workshop on one-stroke Christmas ornaments from 9 a.m. - noon, Nov. 4.

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

There is a $50 fee for the class and a $20 supply fee, which includes ornaments, brushes, paint and miscellaneous supplies, must be paid to the instructor on the day of class. Students may keep the brushes. Charlie Boyd will be the instructor. Space is limited. To register, call ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.
UTM SAACS celebrates National Chemistry Week

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemistry Society (SAACS) and the Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society (KLACS-ACS) are sponsoring a series of programs at UT Martin to celebrate National Chemistry Week (NCW), Oct. 22-28. Also, Mayor Randy Brundige proclaimed Chemistry Week in Martin.

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Johnson, UT president emeritus, part of academic speaker series

Dr. Joe Johnson, president emeritus of the University of Tennessee, will speak at 7:30 p.m., October 30, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. His topic will be "The Future of Higher Education," an appropriate topic given the lifetime of service that Dr. Johnson has provided to the people of the state of Tennessee in general and to the University of Tennessee in particular. His appearance, part of the Academic Speaker Series, is sponsored by UT Martin Honors Programs. The presentation is free and open to the public.

"Joe Johnson has given a lifetime of service to the University of Tennessee," said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director. "No one understands the people and the system better than he and no one is in a better position to explain the state of the university and the future of higher education in Tennessee than Joe Johnson."

After receiving a degree from Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Alabama, and a certificate from the Southern Regional Training Program in Public Administration, Johnson served two years in the army. Upon his return from service, Johnson completed his master of arts degree in public administration at UT in 1960. He would later add a doctorate in education from UT.

It was at this point that Johnson began his long and meritorious career of service to UT. Broken only by a three-year period of service to the State of Tennessee as chief of the Budget Division and executive assistant to the governor and deputy commissioner of finance and administration (1960-63), Johnson served in a host of teaching and administrative positions at UT between 1958 and 2004.

With experiences ranging from instructor of political science to chancellor of the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences in Memphis to executive assistant to President Andy Holt to vice president for business and finance to executive vice president and vice president for development, he compiled an extensive understanding of the complete workings of the university system.

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He retired from the presidency in 1999 and, after service as interim president in 2003-04, retired again in 2004. He currently serves as president emeritus.

For more information, contact McDonough at 731-881-7436.

The Electric 80’s...The Return of the A-Team’ homecoming week theme

University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Alumni Relations will evoke memories of the 1980s with "The Electric 80s... The Return of the A-Team" as the theme of this year’s homecoming celebration.

Homecoming 2006 will be celebrated October 23-29, with Quad City’s live music, reunion tents, demonstration arcs, petting farm, carnival games and fellowship as a focal point from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., October 28, in the Quad. Adding to the festivities for current UT Martin students, alumni and friends are the UT Martin alumni dinner and awards program, pyramid building competition at the rally and Greek Step Show.

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May 2004, as well as earning a certification in history and government and taking additional courses in accounting, finance and economics. He earned his Master of Business Administration from Union University in August 2006.

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Rushing has a background of leadership experience, having served on the Weakley County Red Cross Board of Directors, completed sales and service training at the Leaders Credit Union and currently serves as director of the Jim Ayers Alumni Scholarship Fund. In 2003, Rushing became a certified student leader by the National Conference on Student Services. He served on the search committee for dean of the UT Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences in summer 2003 and made presentations to the alumni and development committees in spring 2004. The UT Martin Alumni Council is among the organizations of which Rushing is still an active member.

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Wins Scholarship

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Continuing education courses offered online

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

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

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

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

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Students present art exhibit at UT Martin

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Writers of the Future — The Young Writers’ Clubhouse held its first session on Sept. 30 in Gooch Hall. On a beautiful fall day on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin, West Tennessee Writing Project teacher consultants Nancy Crider, Brittan Sutherland, and Annette Ferguson led the day’s activities. Students from area schools spent the morning exploring various topics about space.

Each clubhouse writer creatively wrote about a trip to the moon, created their own constellation, and told stories about how their constellations came to be placed in the sky. Throughout the day, at the Clubhouse, they shared their stories with friends and small groups.

The young writers could receive helpful advice on grammar, editing and revising from the Teacher Consultants. After lunch the students helped build a planetarium, which they could walk in, lie down and gaze up at the constellations they had created.

The next Young Writers’ Clubhouse will be held Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., for all third through eighth grade students. If you would like to register your child can visit: www.utm.edu/wtwp for an application or contact the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at (731) 881-7082.

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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. 18, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building at UT Martin.

The theme is “A Touch of Class.” 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 pageant is Nov. 4, 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 or at 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.

LYSISTRATA at
UTM’s Vanguard

You think the 60’s had freedom? Try 460 BC. The Summer of No Love! Women striking for peace using the most powerful weapons in the feminine arsenal lead to hilarity in Aristophanes’ ever popular anti-war comedy classic. Under the leadership of the crafty Lysistrata, the ordinary women of ancient Greece unite in a radical act of civil disobedience.

They occupy the public funds building and, worse, refuse their husbands the joys of the marriage bed in order to secure peace and put an end to war (that sure gives new meaning to the “Withholding Tax”). Deprived of both money and sex the men become so immobilized that they can no longer fight. In the end, this time-honored favorite supports the “screwball” notion that even though men may be from Mars and Women from Venus, only together can they create harmony in the spheres.

Nov. 9-12
Main Stage
LYSISTRATA
By Aristophanes
Translated by Douglas Parker

Dougherty to be honored during UTM homecoming

John Dougherty, University of Tennessee at Martin professor emeritus, will be honored during homecoming festivities Oct. 27-28 at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. A choir reunion is being planned for all alumni who sang in the UAM a cappella choir during Dr. Dougherty’s tenure there as choir director and music department head from 1965-1982. Activities will include an alumni choir “meet and greet” reception, alumni dinner, two alumni choir rehearsals and performances, including a concert and the singing of the alma mater during the pregame ceremony.

The UAM a cappella choir reunion committee is establishing the John Dougherty Choral Scholarship in his honor.

During his tenure as professor and music department chair at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Dr. Dougherty performed several roles with Opera Memphis and has also performed with Nashville Opera and Arkansas Opera Theatre. He has been soloist with the Memphis Symphony, Paducah (Ky) Symphony, Jackson Symphony and various community and University choral groups. He was also a member and soloist with the Memphis Vocal Arts Ensemble.
Weststar graduates’ knowledge and expertise extend via Speakers Bureau

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

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

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

"WestStar is equipping graduates to take on the challenges of applied leadership.”

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

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

ECCE offers online courses

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

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

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

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

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

UTM student receives scholarship

The Tennessee Council of Cooperatives, represented by Tim Riley, awarded a $500 scholarship to Tabitha Jernigan of Selmer. The student at the University of Tennessee Martin is the daughter of Larry and Sherry Wagoner. Jernigan, a freshman, is working toward a bachelor's in agriculture, concentrating in plant and soil science. The TCC sponsors six college scholarships for agricultural students from each of Tennessee's four-year agriculture programs: Austin Peay State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University, the University of Tennessee Knoxville, the University of Tennessee Martin and Tennessee State University.
ECCE online class offers teachers help inside classroom

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pulitzer Prize winner to speak Thursday

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David M. Kennedy will speak at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 2, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center. His visit will be co-sponsored by UT Martin Honors Programs, the Vertical Immersion Project and the Department of History and Philosophy. The presentation is free and open to the public.

"Tom Brokaw immortalized the generation which was raised in the Depression and fought the Second World War as the 'Greatest Generation,'" said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin honors programs director. "In his recent Pulitzer Prize-winning book, 'Freedom From Fear: The American People in Depression and War, 1929-1945,' David Kennedy explains how these men and women surmounted the catastrophic events they faced to triumph over fear and earn their place as the 'greatest generation.'"

A native of Seattle, Kennedy received his bachelor of arts degree from Stanford University and a master of arts degree and doctorate from Yale University. He has taught at Stanford University since 1967 and is currently the Donald J. McLachlan Professor of History. In addition to his service at Stanford, Kennedy has held visiting professorships at several prominent universities, including the University of Florence and Oxford University.

His numerous books and articles have been honored with several important awards. His first book, "Birth Control in America: The Career of Margaret Sanger," received the Bancroft Prize in 1971, while "Over Here: The First World War and American Society" (1980) was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. His most prominent book, "Freedom From Fear: The American People in Depression and War, 1929-1945" (1999), received both the Pulitzer and Francis Parkman Prizes.

With a style that beautifully and masterfully interweaves the political, social, economic and cultural forces of the time, Kennedy has written some of the best histories of the American people during the 20th century and the period of the world wars.

For more information, contact McDonough at 881-7436.
**Business consultant expands times available**

Ron Acree, a consultant with the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), has expanded the times he will be available at the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center (REED) in Martin. In November, he will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Nov. 9 and Nov. 16.

This is an opportunity for existing business owners to get advice on marketing, customer service or cash flow issues. Budding entrepreneurs may receive advice on developing a business plan, marketing and record keeping. Acree is knowledgeable about state and national resources that are available for businesses.

The REED Center also offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at 587-REED (7333). The REED Center is located at 920 University St., Martin.

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

**Weakley County student receives UTM scholarship**

A Weakley County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

No fee will be charged for Milan Chamber of Commerce members; however, non-members will be required to pay a $10 registration fee. UT Martin Continuing Education credits will be available for an additional $10 for those interested.

Registration must be completed two days prior to the program. For more information or to register, contact the Milan Chamber of Commerce, at (731) 686-7494, or Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, at 587-7333. Registration also is available online at www.utm.edu/reed.

REED Center offers customer service help

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, call Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator, at 587-7333.
Mobile unit cattle health set for area

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

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

“This mobile cattle handling unit will be an important tool for educating and demonstrating proper cattle management and care,” said Givens.

“By helping producers understand and practice better management techniques, we can help improve the quality, add value and increase the marketability of Tennessee cattle. We’re proud to partner with UT Martin to deliver this service to West Tennessee cattle producers.”

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

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

The $47,000 specially designed trailer will be stationed at and maintained by UT Martin when it is not being used at farms, field days, cattle sales and shows for educational and demonstration purposes. “The MobileDoc is a high-quality, animal friendly, mobile cattle handling facility that will help producers realize how safe and easy cattle processing can be,” said Charlie Rowlett, UT Martin director of the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex. “With EID becoming more important in every beef cattle operation and the known value enhancement that comes with proper vaccinations and identification, this should be a great tool for the western region of Tennessee.”

“Having a mobile unit in West Tennessee also serves an important homeland security and animal disease control function,” said Givens.

“In the event of an animal disease outbreak, this unit can be quickly deployed to any location where it’s needed for the treatment and handling of cattle by animal health officials.”

For more information, contact 731-881-7260.

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UT Martin SAACS Award

MARTIN (October 26) - The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) chapter recently claimed its 27th consecutive nationwide outstanding rating. The chapter has been recognized with the highest ratings by the Society on Chemical Education of the American Chemical Society for more years than any other chapter in the nation. Pictured with Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, seated center, are, Dr. S.K. Airee, left, and Dr. Nancy Hinds, SAACS co-sponsors, and SAACS officers and members, second row, Christy Lowe, McKenzie, treasurer; Megan Malin, Holladay; Kendra Salter, Memphis; and third row, Andy Smith, Dover, secretary; Chad Waters, Camden; Brad Bledsoe, Bon Aqua, vice president; Alexandria Boyce, Memphis, and Jon Bain, Mount Pleasant, president.