Business consultant available on Oct. 11

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

He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 11.

Acree is knowledgeable about state and national resources that are available for businesses.

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

The REED Center also offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at (731) 587-REED (7333).

The REED Center is located at 406 Lindell St. in Martin.

For additional services offered by the REED Center, visit the Web site www.utm.edu/reed.

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Fuel and food: North American Marketing Expo taps experts

Fuel and food. They are two commodities that affect most aspects of Americans’ lives and are the focus of the North American Marketing Expo (NAME) and Trade Conference, “Encouraging Trade for the Future of Tennessee.” NAME is sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin, in cooperation with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The conference, from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 12, at Boling University Center, will focus on North American market linkages, supply and distribution networks, border logistics and commodity pricing trends, among other topics.

“Our Center for Global Studies and International Education is excited to cooperate with the U.S. Chamber for this conference,” said coordinator Andrew Brown, UT Martin assistant director for international initiatives. “From agribusiness to small and medium businesses and industry, we want to promote international growth in our state and region.”

Michael Kergin, former Canadian ambassador to the U.S., Dr. Hector Marquez, Mexican Embassy Trade and NAFTA Office director, and Megan Provost, U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agriculture Service special assistant, will serve as keynote speakers covering impacts and trends related to American agriculture and NAFTA.

Concurrent sessions for small- and medium-business enterprises, agriculture and agribusiness operations will include various market experts from the U.S., Mexico and Canada. “Getting Your Product to Market: Solutions for Cross-Border Logistics,” will be led by Sean Finn, Canadian National Railway senior vice president/public affairs. Panelists include Maurice Owen, Cates Landing-Mississippi Riverport executive consultant; Ernie Valdez, Averitt Express international services director; Tom Kaden, Mallory/Alexander Logistics Operations vice president; Southwest and Canadian Border; and Ekrem Sarper, United States Coalition of Service Industries director. “Ethanol and its Impact on International Commodity Prices,” will be led by Dr. Jim Byford, UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences dean. Panelists include Dr. Alberto Aguirre, University Agrarian Antonio Narro president emeritus; Megan Provost, USDA Foreign Agriculture Service special assistant; Bob Friesen, Canadian Federation of Agriculture president; and Dale Miller, USDA Foreign Agriculture Service Office of Outreach and Exporter Assistance director.

Dr. Tom Payne, chairholder, UT Martin Horne Car and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking, will serve as facilitator for the closing panel that will include David Spann, U.S. Export Assistance Center/Memphis director; Bob Bathgate, AMCHAM Canada president; Kyle Holmberg, Tennessee Department of Agriculture Biofuels Program coordinator; Dr. Jamie Frakes, Tennessee Small Business Development Center/Dyersburg director; and Gabe Pellant, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service deputy director general.

The EXPO also will feature booths with representatives from international logistics, shipping, freight-forwarding, financial institutions and government export-assistance agencies.

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, will provide opening remarks. Dr. Paul Crapo, UT Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education director, and Leslie Schweitzer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Trade Roots Program director, will close the conference.

Registration for the conference is $50 and includes lunch. For registration and other information, visit www.utm.edu/NAME or call Brown at 881-1092.

UTM ECCE offers online employee training courses

The University of Tennessee at Martin has a new program that makes it easy for businesses to provide high-quality training for their employees—no matter how many employees they have or where they are located.

Through lessons provided by ECCE partner, ed2go, online instruction and interaction with fellow students, employees gain knowledge they immediately can apply on the job. Each student will have the flexibility to study at his or her own pace combined with enough structure and support to complete the course. And, they’ll be able to access the classroom 24/7 from anywhere with an Internet connection.

New sessions of each course are offered every month and last six weeks, with two new lessons being released weekly (for a total of 12). The courses are entirely Web-based with comprehensive lessons, quizzes and assignments. An instructor guides each course, pacing learners, answering questions, giving feedback and facilitating discussions.

UT Martin and ed2go host the entire operation. That means participating businesses don’t have to spend time purchasing, integrating, administering or supporting the technology. They can reap the rewards of this online training tool without any behind-the-scenes work.

These courses are thoroughly market tested with more than a million learners completing at least one of them.

Interested businesses can begin offering these courses right away. To learn more, visit the online instructor center at http://www.ed2go.com/ utmartin-pro/. Select “Education To Go.”

For more information, contact ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.
Author to speak at UT Martin

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

Online class helps teachers

“Teaching Math: Grades 4-6” is one of the new online courses being offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and partner, Education To Go.

How many times have you seen students struggle with multiplication or division skills that you thought they’d mastered long ago? Or perhaps they have trouble remembering the order of operations or how to make mixed numbers from improper fractions.

Michele Thrailkill, veteran educator and author of the new online course, “Teaching Math: Grades 4-6,” believes the problems teachers often experience with math don’t lie solely with today’s students. That’s why she’s dedicated much of her teaching career to helping teachers reinvent math instruction so it makes more sense.

Teachers who register for the course will learn how to reinvent math instruction for grades 4-6 by bringing hands-on learning, inexpensive manipulatives and real-world connections into their classrooms.

Teachers can take “Teaching Math: Grades 4-6” from the convenience of home or office and at any time of the day or night. The registration fee is $85. To register or for more information about this course – part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses – contact the Online Information Center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php. Select “Education To Go.”

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At the Milan Mirror-Exchange, Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Chemistry teacher nominee sought

The local section of the American Chemical Society is seeking nominations for its 2007 Chemistry Teacher of the Year Award. Nominees should reside or work in West Tennessee, Western Kentucky or Massac County, Illinois. Those wishing to submit nominations should send a brief essay describing the nominee's outstanding qualifications, efforts and successes as a Chemistry teacher to larry.bigham@kctcs.edu. Nominations may be submitted by students, alumni, administrators and fellow teachers.

Deadline for nominations is October 8.

The winning teacher will be recognized at the National Chemistry Week celebration at UT Martin on October 25, 2007. Recognition will include presentation of an award plaque, monetary prize and automatic nomination for the Southeast Region American Chemical Society Teacher of the Year Award, 2008, said Keith Butler, Chair of Kentucky Lake Local Section of the American Chemistry Society.
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Movie offered in film series at local college

"Le Pacte des Loups (Brotherhood of the Wolf)," the second movie in the 2007 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 12 in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

"Brotherhood of the Wolf" is a dark and profoundly disturbing tale of the terrifying beast of Gévaudan, a real-life series of grim murders that took place in 18th Century France, as retold in the shadow of death by frightened survivors.

Each foreign film is in its original foreign language and contains English subtitles. All foreign film series movies are free and open to the public. The film series is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council.

For more information, contact the Department of Modern Foreign Languages at (731) 881-7420.

The University of Tennessee at Martin "Guide to Speakers and Sources" is an online guide to speakers and topics.

This guide is designed to acquaint the public with the wide range of human resources available at UT Martin. A variety of groups may find this guide useful in the selection of speakers or experts for various projects and/or meetings.

The guide, at http://www.utm.edu/departments/univrel/resources.php, is prepared in alphabetical order by general topic and divided into subtopics. For assistance in making contacts with the speakers and sources, or for assistance in finding campus experts for topics not listed, call the Office of University Relations at (731) 881-7615.
Deadline to apply for 2008 Governor's Schools nears

The deadline to apply for one of two Governor's Schools hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin is November 30. Governor's School for the Humanities will be June 1-July 3 and Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences is slated for May 25-June 27. Successful applicants will be notified January 25.

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.utm.edu/departments/caas/tgsas/. Brochures are available and may be requested by telephone at 731-881-7260 or by mail at TGSAS, University of Tennessee at Martin, 256 Brechm Hall, Martin, TN 38238.

Governor's School for the Humanities examines the role of language, history, philosophy, politics and the arts in defining the relevance of humanities in our modern age. Visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/gov-school/ for an application or for more information.

Applications also are available in high school guidance offices.
Three to receive UTM Homecoming Awards

Three awards will be presented during University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming activities, October 8-14. The awards will be presented at the annual UT Martin Alumni Awards Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 12, in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center.

This year's award recipients are:

* Lieutenant General John G. Castellaw, Outstanding Alumni Award, given to an alumnus or alumna in recognition for outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession;
* Van Jones, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession (the recipient must not be more than 40 years of age);
* Dee Fields Pritchett, Chancellor's Award for University Service, given for outstanding service to UT Martin.

Castellaw, a 1972 agriculture graduate, has traveled all over the world and currently is deputy commandant, Programs and Resources, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. A native of Crockett County, he was commissioned upon graduation. His early tours were in Marine units deploying to the Mediterranean, Western Pacific and Middle East. Castellaw's staff officer tours began in Marine Aircraft Groups 26 and 36. He served two tours in the Department of Aviation, Headquarters, Marine Corps. His previous joint staff assignments were in the J3 Operations Directorate, U.S. European Command and with the Command Group, United Nations Protection Force Bosnia-Herzegovina during the siege of Sarajevo. He attended the Basic School, the Amphibious Warfare School, the Armed Forces Staff College and the NATO Defense College. Castellaw, a CH-46 pilot, is a graduate of the Marine Corps Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) Course. He received a master's degree in military studies from the American Military University. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal and Legion of Merit. He was the 1990 recipient of the Cunningham Award as the Marine Aviator of the Year.

Van Jones, a 1990 graduate, is an environmental leader, civil rights attorney and public speaker. He is president of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights in Oakland, California. The center promotes integrated solutions to urban America's toughest problems: social inequality and environmental destruction. Working with the Apollo Alliance, Jones is promoting a national "green-collar jobs" initiative. He hopes this approach will create "green pathways out of poverty," while greatly expanding the coalition fighting global warming. He is a 1993 Yale Law graduate, husband and father. At the national level, Jones and the Ella Baker Center worked in 2007 with U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-California), U.S. Rep. Hilda Solis (D-California) and U.S. Rep. John Tierney (D-Massachusetts) to pass the Green Jobs Act of 2007. That pathbreaking, historic legislation will provide $120 million in funding to train 35,000 people a year in "green-collar jobs." Jones also is a founder of a new national coalition that is promoting the idea of a national "Clean Energy Jobs Corps." This multi-billion-dollar federal initiative would put hundreds of thousands of people to work rewiring and retrofitting the energy infrastructure of the United States. His awards include the 1998 Reebok International Human Rights Award, the international Ashoka Fellowship, selection as a World Economic Forum "Young Global Leader." and the Rockefeller Foundation "Next Generation Leadership" Fellowship.

Pritchett, a 1973 graduate, is managing broker for Fuller Partners Real Estate in Martin. She is a past president of Skyhawk Club, past chairman of both the trustees and finance committees of First United Methodist Church in Martin and a former teacher at Bradford High School, Bradford. Pritchett has served as a member of Weakley County Board of Education, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce board of directors, C.E. Weldon Library, both Martin and Weakley County Economic Development Boards and Martin Parks and Recreation Commission. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and has served as advisor. She is married to Mac Pritchett, a UT Knoxville graduate. Her daughter, Brittan Wright Sutherland, also a UT Martin graduate, teaches fifth grade at Martin Elementary School.

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 38258.

For more homecoming information, visit www.utmforever.com.
Online courses convenient, effective options

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education offers online courses for convenient, affordable and effective learning.

All instructor-facilitated courses last six weeks (with a two-week grace period at the end). Courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas and supplementary links. Students can complete any of these courses entirely from home or office and at any time of the day or night. New course sessions begin on the third Wednesday of each month.

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

Some of the most popular courses among more than 250 offered include: Accounting Fundamentals, Speed Spanish, Grammar Refresher, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, Microsoft Word, Real Estate Law, Discover Digital Photography, GRE Prep, A to Z Grantwriting and Creating Web Pages.

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Registration is limited to 100 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms must be received by October 15.

For a brochure and registration forms, visit www.utm.edu/ywc or contact Leslie LaChance, assistant professor of English, via e-mail, lachance@utm.edu, or by phone at 731-881-7296.

Best-selling author, prominent strategic planner part of Academic Speaker Series

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The University of Tennessee at Martin set four all-time enrollment records, based on final fall 2007 enrollment figures.

A total of 7,173 students are enrolled for the fall semester, an increase from 6,824 recorded for fall 2006.

The fall 2007 total includes all-time record fall enrollments for undergraduates, dual-credit/concurrent students, total full-time equivalent and undergraduate full-time equivalent students. Public higher education funding is based on full semester full-time equivalency.

“We’re pleased to experience another significant increase in student enrollment, which I believe is one indicator of the perceived value of a UT Martin education,” said Dr. Tom Rakes, university chancellor. “Our faculty and staff work together to offer high-quality educational programs within an accessible, supportive learning environment.”

Based on final figures, this fall’s enrollment at UT Martin is a 4.1 percent increase over fall 2006. Final figures are compiled by the university’s Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

“Enrollment is one indicator of success, but we’re equally proud of the growing success of our graduates, numerous accredited programs, and a noticeable increase in applied research and outreach initiatives involving both faculty and students,” Rakes added.

The record enrollment also reflects 1,277 freshmen, the second-largest freshman class on the UT Martin campus. Fall enrollment indicates that first-time freshmen have an average 3.37 high school grade-point-average, up from 3.34 in 2006, and an average ACT score of 22.07, up from 21.82 in 2006.

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McNairy County student receives scholarship

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

Rachael Crump, of Selmer, daughter of Jeff and Caryn Wood and Donna Shelby, and wife of Joe Crump, will be a senior. She received the Oscar V. and Maude S. Erwin Scholarship.
Faculty Women's Club observes 70th Anniversary

Past presidents who attended the Faculty Women's Club fall membership tea and 70th anniversary celebration included, from left, front row, Donna Cooper Graves, Anna Clark, Donna McBeth, Bea Mohler, Annie Schommer and Lynn Patterson; back row, Linda Luther, Penny Moser, Barbara Trentham, Betty Henson, Daryl Byford, Carla Field, Dottie Smith, Peggy Hadden, Cathy Dunagan, Betty Henderson, Evelyn Blythe and Mary Beard. The club members raised money through a “No Bake Sale” to make contributions to the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway Project, the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Habitat for Humanity, Outback Victims Assistance Program, We Care Ministries, and C.E. Weldon Public Library. Additionally, the club scholarship endowment awarded three academic scholarships.

Union, UT Martin among best college buys for 2007

Union University and the University of Tennessee Martin have been included in the 2007 edition of "America's 100 Best College Buys," an annual report that evaluates academic quality and cost, according to a press release from Union.

Other Tennessee institutions on the list are Belmont University, Lee University, Tennessee Tech University and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

The report is issued by Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc., an independent research and consulting organization.

The company compiled its report from a survey of 1,468 U.S. colleges and universities. Of the institutions surveyed, 1,152 schools responded.

To be considered for inclusion in the list of 100, an institution must be an accredited, four-year institution offering bachelor's degrees and full residential facilities. It also must have had an entering freshman class in fall 2006 with a high school grade point average and/or SAT/ACT score equal to or above the national average, and an out-of-state attendance cost in 2007-08 not exceeding the national average by more than 10 percent.

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Lifestyles:

Jody Miller thrives as director of KDS Center for Autism

Choosing teaching as a profession is a tough assignment today.

Now, more than ever, teachers across the country are asked to fill many roles in addition to instructional leader. They also look out at the students in their classrooms and see faces that represent a much more diverse group than ever before. It’s a given that not everyone is suited to teach.

The field narrows when talking about individuals who can teach special needs children, such as those with autism. Jody Miller (University of Tennessee at Martin Class of 2002), not only fell in love with all students she had in her first physical education class, she knew she wanted to devote her career to providing quality educational services to students.

What she did not know as she began her career was the fulfillment she would get in return for teaching special needs children, especially those with autism.

"I chose to work with children with disabilities because I truly wanted to make a difference in children’s lives,” Miller said.

Jody Miller, a Parsons native, had a full athletic scholarship to play basketball at UT Martin from 1997-2002. She returned from a career-ending injury her junior year to play the remaining two years of her eligibility. She now serves as director of the King’s Daughter’s School’s Center for Autism. Courtesy photo

She accepted a physical education position at King’s Daughters’ School
in Columbia, a private non-profit, residential program for individuals with mental retardation that was founded in 1955. Current enrollment is 108 from 19 states.

After teaching for a year, she became assistant principal. "While in this position, I was mentored by a wonderful principal, who taught me the value of special education and how important school administration is to a student’s success."

During this time, Miller said it became evident that statistically the rate of diagnosed autism was on the rise within the general population, as well as the school. This led to a branch dedicated to serving children with autism.

Miller became the director when it opened in January 2006. To prepare, Miller completed training via the University of North Carolina Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication-handicapped Children division of the UNC Department of Psychiatry. Also, prior to the opening of the center, she began researching products, furnishings, curriculum — everything it took to fill the new center educationally and physically.

Miller directs a staff of 35 in delivering a highly structured, co-educational program to provide individualized attention so students with autism can learn to communicate, master self-help skills and manage behavioral, social, sensory and transitioning challenges.

“I was definitely a little scared when I took the position as director,” Miller said. “I knew there would be an increase in responsibility, time on the job and some uncomfortable situations. However, these things are far outweighed by the amazing fun I have every day when I go to work.

“The most fulfilling part of my job is watching the progression of these students behaviorally, communicatively and socially, and knowing this progression will give them a chance to live a more independent life.”

Miller avoids burnout by taking off time periodically to pursue activities she enjoys — camping, hiking or working in the yard.

“This allows me much needed time to rejuvenate and avoid major burnout. In all areas of my work over the last several years, it was evident that UT Martin had a great deal to do with preparing me,” she added.

She cites Department of Health and Human Performance faculty as having a profound impact on her.

"Many of these professors were inspirations to me, and I will always be indebted to the university for the great education I received."

Five years into her career, Miller already feels successful.

“I gauge that by continuing to develop a program that offers top-quality education to students,” she said.
Watching my baby play football isn't easy

By Laura Brown

I am currently sitting on the sidelines of my son's second football practice. As I watch the sheer delight in his face while he runs, jogs, sprints, rolls on the ground, catches the ball and participates in numerous other drills, I know that there is no way I could deny him the opportunity to play football. I actually love football, the clashing of the helmets, the exceptional physical endurance and strength of the athletes and the graceful footwork the receivers and backs possess.

The one thing that I am not prepared for at all is watching my child participate in the sport of contact football. Of course I never want to see anyone ever get hurt, but I feel like I am throwing my baby into a lion pit. I can't imagine that the mission of the other team is to try and 'take my son down', pinch him in the bottom of the huddle, bend his finger back and poke his eye ball while pulling his face mask!

I know that everything will be fine; millions of people have played football at one time or another during their lifetime - but this is my baby. I have decided that I need to ask a veteran football mother for advice.

I spoke with Mrs. Dorothy Ann Yandell, the mother of Lee and Jacob Yandell, who both play football at Lambuth University. Dorothy Ann suggested that it is helpful to have your children wear something different from the rest of the team, such as different color socks, that way it is easier to find your child in the huddle or while they are moving quickly through the hole. She said that your child will generally try to find you whether you are located on the sidelines by the fence or at the fifty yardline in the stadium seats. When they do find you, it is helpful to have prearranged hand signals so that you are able to be encouraging when they may need help with their frustration or motivation levels.

I spoke to Dorothy Ann regarding my concern for my son being hurt during the intense hit of a fourth grade 95 pound tackle. Imagine how I will be if my son were to play college football someday! Dorothy Ann's excellent advice was to watch the player, when they get hit and when they get up and if they did their job.

She was right - it was that simple. It is not like I can put on pads and block away defenders as my son catches a touchdown pass. I have been told by many that when your child plays football you no longer watch the game, you watch the player. Therefore, I will definitely take the calming advice I was given from a mother of two college football players. I will sit on the edge of my seat, have an encouraging look on my face and keep both eyes glued to my child.

It is important that I tell you I am the only one with concerns for safety. My son can't wait to get to practice. He loves to put on his pads, run hard and fast, and seek out as much contact as possible!

Dr. Laura Brown has been an assistant professor of pedagogy at the University of Tennessee at Martin for three years. She received her B.S. from UT Martin, her M.A. from Murray State University, and her doctorate from Union University. She teaches people to be physical education teachers. She's the mother of two children.
Lacy's 91-years-old and deserves special love

The rich bronze and red markings that once covered her eyes and jaws are now almost completely grey. When she jumps down from the couch onto the hardwood floors, it is not with one athletic leap any longer. She jumps now with slow deliberation and care. Her back legs don't always do what she tells them to do anymore, and I find myself helping her down the deck steps to the backyard more often than not.

I watch her while she does her 'security duty' around the yard, as my husband calls her wanderings on our place, and when she goes to the far side of the pond, I call to her to come back. I have to call her name several times now before she hears me, and I almost want to talk myself into believing that she has found something that needs further investigation, and therefore, is ignoring me, but I know better. Her hearing isn't what it used to be. She signals me that she is ready to come back inside by standing at the bottom of the steps and looking up at me with those big brown eyes that are no longer bright, but now have that old age haze, and I dutifully work my way down the steps, pick her up, and bring her back inside.

Lacy will turn 13 in October, and for those of you who may not know, that computes to just about 91 years of age for us. I have known her nearly two and a half times longer than I have known my husband. She is older than my youngest nephew, and my older nephew, who will soon turn 17, barely has any memories of me that also don't include Lacy.

She has been by my side through countless emergency farm calls during all hours of the night. She has sat with me through the night at the clinic while I cared for patients. She has put up with kittens, puppies, iguanas, baby goats and countless other patients I have brought home that needed constant care. She has moved to new houses and new towns. She has been there through the loss of loved ones, through good times and bad. For the last 13 years, she has greeted me nearly every morning, and if she did not go to work with me, every afternoon when I came home.

I hope I have her for several more years, but I know that they aren't made to last as long as we do. I've seen it over and over again, and unless something unforeseen happens to me, one day I will be without her. Until that day, however, I will do everything I can to keep her healthy, happy and comfortable. If that means helping her up the steps, I'm there. If that means giving her arthritis medication, she's already on it. If that means taking her for senior wellness checks, I do that, too. If that means feeding her a special diet, guess what? She's on one.

Anytime she gets sick, I don't wait for days to do something about it, something is done and the problem taken care of quickly. Why? She's not a puppy anymore and because of that, I know, as a veterinarian, she needs special care. She needs geriatric care, and your veterinarian will know if your older dog or cat needs it, too. When your veterinarian talks about things like geriatric care and senior wellness checks, listen.

Even if you are on a tight budget, there are things you and your veterinarian can do that will help your older pet be more comfortable and live a quality life longer, and if you're like me, you want to keep that older pet as comfortable and as long as you can.
I know Lacy still feels good most of the time because many days when I come home, she jumps, snorts and romps like she used to when she was a puppy. I know her mind is still pretty sharp because she can still manipulate Crow and me like we were putty in her hands. I hope that there are several more years left in the old girl, and this year, when October has passed, I will breathe a sigh of relief that I have been blessed to have her one more year.

We'll curl up on the couch and maybe by then, we will need to light the fireplace in the evenings. She will sit with her head on my lap as I read or watch television. Her breathing will become regular and deep, and her old eyes will begin to close, and I will stroke those once rich bronze and red markings that have now turned gray and hope for another year....and another....and another.

**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 Huntington Animal Clinic before moving to UT Martin in January 2005.

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**Students Show Patriotism**

The sixth grade students at Carr Elementary observed Constitution Day (formerly Citizenship Day) with a special speaker. With the assistance of Angie Nanney, Fulton Independent’s Community Education Director, Eric Wilson was recommended by the UTM History Department for his expertise in the subject. Mr. Wilson, a junior history major from University of Tennessee at Martin presented an informative power point lesson on the Constitution and discussed with the students their rights and responsibilities as American citizens.

Constitution Day is an American federal holiday that recognizes the ratification of the United States Constitution. It is observed on September 17th, the day members of the Constitution Convention signed the document. Federal law requires that schools, colleges, and universities that receive federal funds provide education programming on the history of the American Constitution on that day.
Award recipients to be recognized at UTM homecoming

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Smithsonian exhibit displayed in Martin

How important is it to have a variety of plants and animals on earth? That topic is the subject of the newest exhibit at the University of Tennessee at Martin Museum. "Diversity Endangered" is a general-interest poster exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service now displayed at UT Martin.

Pollution, over-harvesting, atmospheric shifts and habitat loss are four broad challenges facing species everywhere. Some well-adapted and very useful species disappear while others flourish. The loss of one insect species, for instance, may eliminate the control factor that allows a plant species to spread to epidemic proportions.

Irrespective of the causes, an accelerated rate of environmental change pushes some species to decline far quicker than biological adaptation will allow. The "space" in an environmental niche created by the loss or decline of one species allows other species, often species that don't appeal to humans, to expand dramatically.

Humans, however, also are making efforts to slow biological losses, preserve habitat and stabilize biodiversity. Recent news articles showcasing efforts of select UT Martin faculty and students supplement the exhibit.

The University Museum gallery is publicly accessible in the Paul Meek Library only through the Special Collections/University Archives reading area, and is open to the public from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for university holidays, and by special prior arrangement. Public parking is available across from the library on the other side of Mt. Pelia Road, directly south of the Child and Family Resource Center.

For changing exhibit and additional program information or to schedule a group visit, contact Richard Saunders, curator and university archivist, at 731-881-7094 or saunders@utm.edu.

Guide to speakers, sources now online

The University of Tennessee at Martin "Guide to Speakers and Sources" is an online guide to speakers and topics. This guide is designed to acquaint the public with the wide range of human resources available at UT Martin. A variety of groups may find this guide useful in the selection of speakers or experts for various projects and/or meetings.

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FOREIGN FILM SERIES OFFERS "LE PACTE DES LOUPS"
Brotherhood of the Wolf. 6:30 p.m. Oct. 12 In Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the UT Martin, free and open to the public. The film series is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council. Call 881-7420.

SARAH ROBERTS RECITAL
7:30 p.m. Monday at Harriet Fulton Theatre, Fine Arts Building at UT Martin. Call 811-7418.

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SENIOR EXHIBITIONS
5 p.m. Tuesday in the lobby of Fine Arts Building at UT Martin. Joanna Hite and Jason Woolery exhibits.

Young Writers Conference Set for Oct. 26

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of English is sponsoring the second Young Writers Conference, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Oct. 26, in Boling University Center.

This one-day conference, designed for students in grades 9-12, offers a series of writing workshops taught by UT Martin faculty and visiting author Gloria Ballard. Students can attend hands-on workshops in writing poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as well as songwriting and blogging. Other events include a luncheon, a reading by Ballard and an open mic reading for students who wish to share their own work. Throughout the day students will have the opportunity to create pieces of writing, to connect with other young writers from the region, and to learn from outstanding writers and teachers of writing.

The conference registration fee is $5 for students and $10 for teachers, which includes all workshops, readings and a luncheon. The conference is open to outstanding students recommended by their teachers on the basis of academic achievement and artistic promise. Teachers are encouraged, but are not required to attend along with their students. It is recommended that teachers follow their school policies in arranging for parent/guardian permissions for students who will be attending the conference.

Registration is limited to 100 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms must be received by Oct. 15.

For a brochure and registration forms, visit www.utm.edu/ywc or contact Leslie LaChance, assistant professor of English, via e-mail, lachance@utm.edu, or by phone at 731-881-7296.
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The event will feature chamber music by a variety of student ensembles. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Department of Music at 881-7402.

Real-world business courses available
The University of Tennessee at Martin is one of the first universities to join a partnership that taps into experience and expertise of the Trump Organization.

The Trump name is among the top 10 recognized brands worldwide with a demand in the marketplace for seminars and online training.

The Trump Organization recently signed a strategic, long-term partnership agreement with JER Group Inc. (JER Online), one of the UT Martin online course providers.

"This partnership is unique, one of a kind and has the potential to substantially impact partner enrollments and revenue," said Dr. John E. Reid Jr., president of JER Group Inc.

The main focus of the partnership is training specific to business education and professional development. Trump University teaches real-world education in areas like marketing, entrepreneurship, real estate, wealth creation and self-assessment.

Many of the courses and programs are accredited by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training.

Enrolled students will learn from top experts in the field including faculty made up of Fortune 500 senior executives, outstanding entrepreneurs and also professors from the world's leading educational institutions.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to partner with JER Online and Trump University. People living in rural areas have limited opportunities for learning," said Debbie Mount, UT Martin director of non-degree programs. The online courses and programs provided by JER Online and Trump University will make life-long learning an obtainable goal for people in our community."

For more information, visit the Online Instruction Center at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php. Select Trump University.

UT Martin comments on being 'Best College Buy'
The University of Tennessee Martin released a statement Thursday commenting on the university's inclusion in America's 100 Best College Buys.

The list is compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc., in Rome, Ga. UT Martin also was included on this year's list, according to a press release from Union earlier this week.

"We are honored to be recognized again as a Best Buy, " UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes said. "This type of national recognition is an indicator of the value a UT Martin education offers. Our faculty and staff continue to ensure that students have an excellent learning experience while also keeping costs as low as possible."

The listing is the third major recognition for UT Martin in the 2007-08 academic year, the release says. In August, UT Martin continued its top-tier ranking for master's level public universities in the South in the 2008 edition of America's Best Colleges, compiled by U.S. News & World Report — tied for 20th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor's and master's degrees. Also in August, UT Martin was named a "Best Southeastern College" for 2008 by The Princeton Review.
Author, planner to speak

Thomas P.M. Barnett, a strategic planner and best-selling author, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Barnett has spent his life as a student of global affairs. He received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin with a double major in Russian language and literature and international relations, with an emphasis on U.S. foreign policy. He received a master’s degree in regional studies: Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and a doctorate in international relations from Harvard University.

He has worked in national security affairs since the end of the Cold War and has operated his own consulting practice since 1998. After this practice was acquired by Enterra Solutions in 2005, he assumed the role of senior managing director of Enterra Solutions.

Barnett has been in high demand within the government as a forecaster of global conflict and an expert on military transformation. He has served as senior strategic researcher and professor in the Warfare Analysis & Research Department of the Center for Naval Warfare Studies at the U.S. Naval War College from 1998-2004. During this period, he was detached on special assignment, from 2001-03, as assistant for strategic futures/force transformation in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Business etiquette featured in program at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering a professional development program on business etiquette for the 21st Century.

"Attitude, Manners and Protocol" will be offered from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 24.

Mary Alice Burkhart will be the presenter. The cost is $60, which includes lunch.

Burkhart will explore attitude that encompasses topics such as body language, personal grooming, business wardrobe and communication. She will discuss the ins and outs of manners including gift giving and receiving, using titles and meal manners. Burkhart will also tackle issues of protocol, such as written and electronic correspondence, including thank-you notes and telephone etiquette, as well as formal and practical business entertaining.

Other general topics include personal space, cultural sensitivity and handling conflict.

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UTM offers personal enrichment courses

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering personal enrichment courses in combating emotional eating, pottery, Spanish basics, calligraphy and digital photography in October.

"Letting Go of Emotional Eating," an interactive and experiential workshop, is planned from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22. Dr. Michelle Santiago, UT Martin Counseling Center staff psychologist, will be the instructor, and the fee will be $30. This workshop will explore hunger and emotional eating. Participants will learn why they eat and what they can do to change it, based on the principles of Geneen Roth. This workshop is not intended to be either psychotherapy or eating-disorder treatment. "Calligraphy" will be offered from 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 30-Nov. 20. Ramage will instruct the course, and the fee will be $55. Participants will begin with the basics and learn two alphabets well enough to finish a "project" of their choosing. Participants will need to bring calligraphy pens, paper, ruler and ideas.

"Digital Photography," for those with intermediate and advanced skills, is planned from 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 9-30. Dr. Tom Gallien will instruct the course, and the fee will be $75. This course is primarily designed as a follow-up course for the "Introduction to Digital Photography" course. However, it is open to anyone who is already familiar with digital photography and is comfortable with and understands the operation of a digital SLR. Participants will hone their camera skills by learning the more advanced capabilities of their equipment and creative use of filters, tripods, multiple lenses, flash photography, etc. Wildlife photography, landscape photography, flower and fine art photography, as well as general digital photography will be discussed. This course will be limited to participants who use a D-SLR with interchangeable lens capability. Participants will need to bring a tripod, camera and questions to class along with their camera's instruction manual, if possible. Participants may also wish to bring a notebook for note taking. Printed handouts to supplement the presentations will be provided. To register for a workshop, contact ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082 or visit the Web at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.
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Young Scholars Academy held at UT Martin

A select group of area under represented high school students got a taste of college life during the recent fifth annual Young Scholars Academy at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event was sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs at UT Martin. Students attended this competitive week-long summer residential program, designed for upcoming high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. The non-credit program introduced students to the college experience by focusing on three learning environments: special aptitude development, personal and social development and college/major exploration. Among students attending was Amy Gardner of Martin. She is pictured with UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Thomas Rakes.

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North American Marketing Expo and Trade Conference to be held at UTM

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- Business: Resources for Cross-Border Logistics - "how to" rail, trucking, barge, other
- Agriculture: Understanding North American Commodity Prices - related to Ethanol and Supply/Demand in Canada/Mexico/US
- Small Business/New Business: Export Resources - "how to" export into Canada and Mexico

"We are excited to have the partnership of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Consulate in Atlanta (among many others) to bring this first of its kind conference to Tennessee," Ms. Virgin said. "The cost to take part is only $50 and includes lunch."

The main speakers include Michael Kergin, who will be the keynote speaker; Dr. Marquez, the luncheon keynote speaker; and UTM professor, Dr. James Byford.

Michael Kergin, who served as the 19th Canadian ambassador to the United States of America, is a Canadian career diplomat, who has been a member of the foreign service in some capacity since 1967, when he joined the Department of External Affairs. Kergin graduated from the University of Toronto in 1965, and received a degree from Magdalen College at Oxford University in 1967.

Dr. Michael Marquez is the Director of Trade and NAFTA Office that the Ministry of Economy holds in Washington D.C. Since 1995, he conducted the monitoring and implementation of trade agreements, designed export promotion strategies and performed the respective analysis of international trade agreements to promote the full utilization by the Mexican export sector.

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Schedule of Events

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8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Welcome/Introductions - Dr. Thomas Rakes - Chancellor, UT Martin Main Hall - University Center 206 ABC
8:45 - 9:00 a.m. Opening International Agriculture Update - Representative - Tennessee Farm Bureau; Megan Pro- vost - Foreign Agriculture Service - USDA; "NAFTA and American Agriculture - Opportunities and Obstacles" - Main Hall - University Center 206 ABC
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10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions -
UC 225ABC - Small and Medium Business/Industry - "Getting Your Product to Market: Solutions for Cross-Border Logistics"
Topic Introduction/Facilitator: Sean Finn - Senior Vice-President Public Affairs Canadian National Railway; Panelists: Maurice Owen - Executive Consultant Cates Landing (Mississippi River Port); Emile Valdez - Director of International Services Averitt Express Trucking; Tom Kaden - Vice-President Southwest and Canadian Border Operations Mallory/Alexander International Logistics; and Ekrem Sadar - Director, United States Coalition of Service Industries.
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Rakes recently opened his first fall faculty meeting since becoming the ninth UT Martin chancellor by answering the question: "Who are we?" His remarks, titled "Capacity-Building: A Spirit, A Vision, A Plan," also answered the questions: Where are we headed? How do we get there?

"I believe it is in the best interests of those we serve, as well as ourselves, to remain true to who we are now, but expand upon our tradition of purpose by becoming even better, being very strategic in how we change," he said. "We need to look ahead and envision ourselves as being among the best regional, public universities in the nation. There are things we can do over the coming years to move our programs and services to another level - not necessarily becoming that much larger in enrollment, but becoming stronger academically as we increase in overall stature among those we serve, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

and strengthening efforts to ensure diversity; reviewing and enhancing security initiatives; reviewing support for operations such as development and alumni relations, online studies and extended campuses. Additional priorities will include evaluating and adjusting resources to enhance academic and student services to expand research, leadership and internship opportunities; increasing research and economic development activities; completing $76 million in facilities projects and ensuring all ancillary facilities and services are well maintained or enhanced.

"This morning, I speak of plans, priorities and initiatives, most of which depend on our support, your buy-in, and gathering and aligning resources to move forward. Capacity-building is a continuous avenue to travel, and I realize our actions will speak louder than our words.

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ECCE offering real-world business courses that tap into Trump experience

The University of Tennessee Martin is one of the first universities to join a partnership that taps into experience and expertise of the Trump Organization. The Trump name is among the top 10 recognized brands worldwide with a demand in the marketplace for seminars and online training.

The Trump Organization recently signed a strategic, long-term partnership agreement with JER Group, Inc. (JER Online), one of the UT Martin online course providers.

"This partnership is unique, one of a kind and has the potential to substantially impact partner enrollments and revenue," said Dr. John E. Reid Jr., president, JER Group, Inc. (JER Online).

The main focus of this new business partnership is training specific to business education and professional development. Trump University teaches real-world education in such areas as marketing, entrepreneurship, real estate, wealth creation and self-assessment. Many of Trump University's courses and programs are accredited by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training.

Enrolled students will learn from top experts in the field including faculty made up of Fortune 500 senior executives, outstanding entrepreneurs, and also professors from the world's leading educational institutions, such as Columbia University, Dartmouth College and Northwestern University.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to partner with JER Online and Trump University. People living in rural areas have limited opportunities for learning," said Debbie Mount, UT Martin director of non-degree programs. The online courses and programs provided by JER Online and Trump University will make life-long learning an obtainable goal for people in our community.

For more information, visit the Online Instruction Center at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php. Select Trump University."
Hirosaki professor on campus as part of long-standing exchange

Tokuji Noro, an associate professor at Hirosaki University in Japan, is at the University of Tennessee at Martin, participating in an ongoing visiting professor exchange program. UT Martin and Hirosaki University have maintained a sister-university relationship for more than 20 years.

Noro received a bachelor's in education with a concentration in teaching English as a foreign language from Hirosaki University. While pursuing undergraduate studies, he received a scholarship from the Ministry of Education in Japan to spend nine months abroad. In 1981 and 1982, he attended the Intensive English Program at UT Martin and also took undergraduate courses in education and linguistics. After receiving his degree in 1984, Noro taught English in high schools in Aomori Prefecture for 18 years. While teaching, he attended graduate school and completed a master's in education in 2000.

In 2002, he became associate professor at the Center for Educational Research and Practice in the Faculty of Education at Hirosaki University, a position he still holds. At Hirosaki, he teaches English teaching methodologies, applied linguistics and English phonetics at the undergraduate level and second language acquisition and language assessment at the graduate level. His other responsibilities include coordinating a classroom-based research program in which volunteer teacher participants learn to conduct research that aids them with material and curriculum development and teaching techniques and helps other teachers improve their teaching effectiveness.

Noro was at UT Martin in 2005 as part of a grant-in-aid conducting research on listening comprehension anxiety. He has written and compiled a series of articles on his research that has been published in academic journals in Japan. Last April, he received a four-year extension of the grant to continue his research, and that, in part, is what brings him to UT Martin as the 23rd visiting professor from Hirosaki.

"Although I can conduct some of my research in Japan, being here gives me the unique opportunity to be my own subject," said Noro. "Since there are so many international students here, I talk to them about their language learning experiences and deepen my own understanding of the listening comprehension process."

While at UT Martin, Noro will make presentations to classes in the English Department and be involved with several of the English Writing Center's events and activities. In addition, he is serving as a conversation partner and cultural resource in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages' Japanese courses. Also, he is scheduled as one of the speakers in a series of fall presentations on Japanese culture offered by the Center for Global Studies and International Education. His presentation will be in December.

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Students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

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

• David Duncan, son of Dave and Donna Duncan of Selmer, is a sophomore. He received the H. J. Maxdon Jr. Scholarship.
• Lacie Hill, daughter of Jimmy and Geneva Hill of Bethel Springs, is a junior. She received the Oscar V. and Maude S. Erwin Scholarship.

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

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering health care programs to prepare participants to become phlebotomy, electrocardiogram and pharmacy technicians and medical billing coders.

“Pharmacy Technician Program" is scheduled from 6:00-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 9-November 29, with the exception of Thursday, November 22. The cost of this course is $999, including textbooks. This course will prepare students to enter the pharmacy field and to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board exam. Technicians will work in hospitals, home infusion pharmacies, community pharmacies and other health care settings under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. Course content includes medical terminology, dosage calculations, drug compounding and dispensing of prescriptions.

“Phlebotomy Technician Program” is planned from 6:00-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 2-January 15, with the exception of November 22, December 25, December 27, and January 1. The class will be taught at Henry County High School in Paris, with a fee of $1,599. This program prepares professionals to collect blood specimens from clients for the purpose of laboratory analysis. Classroom and lab work include terminology, anatomy and physiology, blood collection procedures, hands-on practice and training in skills and techniques to perform puncture methods.

"EKG Technician Certification Program" will be taught from 6:00-9:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, October 1-November 19. The course will be offered at Henry County High School in Paris, with a fee of $999, including textbooks.

This program prepares students to function as EKG technicians and take the American Society of Phlebotomy Technician-Electrocardiograph Technician exam, as well as other national certification exams. This course includes practice and background information on anatomy of the heart and physiology, medical terminology and ethics and laboratory assisting. Additionally, students will practice with equipment and perform in hands-on labs.

“Medical Billing and Coding” will be offered from 6:00-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 9-December 29, with the exception of November 22. The cost of the workshop is $1,499, which includes textbooks. This course offers the skills needed to solve insurance billing problems, how to manually file claims, complete common insurance forms, trace delinquent claims, appeal denied claims and use generic forms to streamline billing procedures. After obtaining the suggested practical work experience of six months to two years, students who complete this course may be qualified to sit for various coding exams.

The healthcare programs have been approved for Work Force Investment Act funding. For more information on WIA funds, contact a local WIA office. To register for a workshop, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082 or visit the Web at www.utc.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.

Physical Sciences Workshop

Doug Lowrie of Selmer, a teacher of McNairy County, recently attended the Institute for Middle Grade Science Education at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Teachers received instruction from science faculty spanning life sciences, earth and planetary science, physical science and chemistry designed to help middle school science teachers reach content proficiency in all of these areas.
Three to be honored during homecoming

Three awards will be presented during University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming activities this week. The awards will be presented at the annual UT Martin Alumni Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. Friday in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center.

This year’s award recipients are:
• Lt. Gen. John G. Castellaw, recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award, given to an alumnus or alumna in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession;
• Van Jones, recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession (the recipient must not be more than 40 years of age);
• Dee Fields Pritchett, recipient of the Chancellor’s Award for University Service, given for outstanding service to UT Martin.

Castellaw, a 1972 agriculture graduate, has traveled all over the world and currently is deputy commandant, Programs and Resources, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

A native of Crockett County, he was commissioned upon graduation. His early tours were in Marine units deploying to the Mediterranean, Western Pacific and Middle East. Castellaw’s staff officer tours began in Marine Aircraft Groups 26 and 36. He served two tours in the Department of Aviation, Headquarters, Marine Corps.

His previous joint staff assignments were in the J3 Operations Directorate, U.S. European Command and with the Command Group, United Nations Protection Force Bosnia-Herzegovina during the siege of Sarajevo. He attended the Basic School, the Amphibious Warfare School, the Armed Forces Staff College and the NATO Defense College.


Jones also is a founder of a new national coalition that is promoting the idea of a national “Clean Energy Jobs Corps.” This multi-billion-dollar federal initiative would put hundreds of thousands of people to work rewiring and retrofitting the energy infrastructure of the United States.

His awards include the 1998 Reebok International Human Rights Award, the international Ashoka Fellowship, selection as a World Economic Forum “Young Global Leader” and the Rockefeller Foundation “Next Generation Leadership Fellowship.”

Mrs. Pritchett, a 1973 graduate, is managing broker for Fuller Partners Real Estate in Martin. She is a past president of Skyyhawk Club, past chairman of both the trustees and finance committees of First United Methodist Church in Martin and a former teacher at Bradford High School.

She has served as a member of Weakley County Board of Education, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce board of directors, C.E. Weldon Library, both the Martin and Weakley County Economic Development boards and Martin Parks and Recreation Commission. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and has served as advisor.

She is married to Mac Pritchett, a UT Knoxville graduate. Her daughter, Brittani Wright Sutherland, also a UT Martin graduate, teaches fifth grade at Martin Elementary School.

Reserve tickets for the banquet are available 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.

Three Obion County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The scholarship recipients include:
• Sarah Holt, daughter of Wayne and Phyllis Holt of Rives, a junior who received the Vincent Implements Scholarship;
• Holly Hopper, daughter of Terry and Connie Hopper of Hornbeak, a sophomore who received the Girl Scout Gold Award and the Tom and Patti Wade Scholarship;
• Gregory Huey, son of Greg Huey and Judy Huey of Hornbeak, a freshman who received the Kyle Matthew Toon Scholarship;
• Nathan Wilson, son of Paul and Judy Wilson of Hickman, Ky., a freshman who received the Tosh Farms Scholarship.
Commodities of fuel and food the focus of Friday conference

Fuel and food. They are two commodities that affect most aspects of Americans' lives and are the focus of the North American Marketing Expo (NAME) and Trade Conference, "Encouraging Trade for the Future of Tennessee.

NAME is sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin, in cooperation with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The conference — set for 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday at Boling University Center — will focus on North American market linkages, supply and distribution networks, border logistics and commodity pricing trends, among other topics.

"Our Center for Global Studies and International Education is excited to cooperate with the U.S. Chamber for this conference," said coordinator Andrew Brown, UT Martin assistant director for international initiatives. "From agribusiness to small and medium business and industry, we want to promote international business growth in our state and region."

Michael Kergin, former Canadian ambassador to the U.S., Dr. Hector Marquez, Mexican Embassy Trade and NAFTA Office director, and Megan Provost, U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agriculture Service special assistant, will serve as keynote speakers covering impacts and trends related to American agriculture and NAFTA.

Concurrent sessions for small- and medium-business enterprises, agriculture and agribusiness operations will include various market experts from the U.S., Mexico and Canada. "Getting Your Product to Market: Solutions for Cross-Border Logistics," will be led by Sean Finn, Canadian National Railway senior vice president/public affairs. Panelists include Maurice Owen, Cates Landing-Mississippi Riverport executive consultant; Ernie Valdez, Averitt Express international services director; Tom Kaden, Mallory/Alexander Logistics Operations vice president/Southwest and Canadian Border; and Ekrem Sarper, United States Coalition of Service Industries director.

"Ethanol and Its Impact on International Commodity Prices," will be led by Dr. Jim Byford, UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences dean. Panelists include Dr. Alberto Aguierre, University Agrarian Antonio Narro president emeritus; Megan Provost, USDA Foreign Agriculture Service special assistant; Bob Friesen, Canadian Federation of Agriculture president; and Dale Miller, USDA Foreign Agriculture Service Office of Outreach and Exporter Assistance director.

Dr. Tom Payne, chairholder of the UT Martin Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking, will serve as facilitator for the closing panel that will include David Spann, U.S. Export Assistance Center/ Memphis director; Bob Bathgate, AMCHAM Canada president; Kyle Holmberg, Tennessee Department of Agriculture Biofuels Program coordinator; Dr. Jamie Frakes, Tennessee Small Business Development Center/Dyersburg director; and Gabe Pellathy, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service deputy director general.

The EXPO also will feature booths with representatives from international logistics, shipping, freight-forwarding, financial institutions and government export-assistance agencies.

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, will provide opening remarks. Dr. Paul Crapo, UT Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education director, and Leslie Schweitzer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Trade Roots Program director, will close the conference.

Registration for the conference is $50 and includes lunch. For registration and other information, visit www.utm.edu/NAME or call Brown at (731) 881-1092.
Former SF woman crowned Miss Tenn.

Hailey Laine Brown, of Franklin, Tenn., formerly of South Fulton, has been crowned the new Miss Tennessee USA 2008 and will go on to compete in the Miss USA pageant.

She is the daughter of David and Lisa Thompson of Dresden, Tenn., and Mike and Julia Brown of Paducah. She is the granddaughter of Marion and Carolyn Butler, Martha Brown and the late Charles Brown, all of South Fulton.

She is a 2000 graduate of South Fulton High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin. She is a sales consultant for PSS World Medical, Inc.

Clarksville's Rachel Smith, Miss USA 2007, crowned Ms. Brown at Austin Peay's Music/Mass Communications Building concert theatre.

SOUTH FULTON NATIVE CROWNED MISS TENNESSEE - Hailey Brown, formerly of South Fulton, is shown being crowned Miss Tennessee USA 2008, Oct. 6. (Photo by Robert Smith of the Leaf-Chronicle in Clarksville, Tenn.)

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Of the 50 contestants, the 15 semifinalists competed in swimsuit and evening gowns, of which they were judged on style, elegance and grace. After an intermission, the final five contestants were announced, and the final phase, the question and answer competition, began.

Brown was asked, "What would you say to a young girl who failed to accomplish a certain goal?"

"I would say it doesn't matter how many times you fail, but how many times you get up and try again," she said.

"We always face adversity, and that's when true character and true colors show--in how you handle that situation...I would encourage that person to set new goals...once you achieve more goals, you become self-confident."

After Rachel Smith's final walk as Miss Tennessee USA 2007, Ms. Brown was crowned Miss Tennessee USA 2008.

Other runners-up were: Tucker Nichol Perry, Miss Belmont USA; Third runner-up: Shela Sisco, Miss Davidson County USA; Second runner-up: Catherine Werne, Miss Southern Tennessee USA; First runner-up: Lindsey Halliburton, Miss River Queen USA.

Miss Brown's representative title for the pageant was Miss Cool Springs USA.

(Information for this story was obtained from the Leaf-Chronicle in Clarksville, Tenn.)
Deadline to enter Miss UT Martin/ Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant, Nov. 8

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

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

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

UT-Martin museum stages "Diversity Endangered"

How important is it to have a variety of plants and animals on earth? That topic is the subject of the newest exhibit at the University of Tennessee at Martin Museum. "Diversity Endangered" is a general-interest poster exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service now displayed at UT Martin.

Pollution, over-harvesting, atmospheric shifts and habitat loss are four broad challenges facing species everywhere. Some well-adapted and very useful species disappear while others flourish. The loss of one insect species, for instance, may eliminate the control factor that allows a plant species to spread to epidemic proportions.

Irrespective of the causes, an accelerated rate of environmental change pushes some species to decline far quicker than biological adaptation will allow.

The "space" in an environmental niche created by the loss or decline of one species allows other species, often species that don't appeal to humans, to expand dramatically.

Humans, however, also are making efforts to slow biological losses, preserve habitat and stabilize biodiversity. Recent news articles showcasing efforts of select UT Martin faculty and students supplement the exhibit.

The University Museum gallery is publicly accessible in the Paul Meek Library only through the Special Collections/University Archives reading area, and is open to the public from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for university holidays, and by special prior arrangement. Public parking is available across from the library on the other side of Mt. Pelia Road, directly south of the Child and Family Resource Center.

Courses offered that tap into Trump experience

The University of Tennessee at Martin is one of the first universities to join a partnership that taps into experience and expertise of the Trump Organization. The Trump name is among the top 10 recognized brands worldwide with a demand in the marketplace for seminars and online training.

The Trump Organization recently signed a strategic, long-term partnership agreement with JER Group, Inc. (JER Online), one of the UT Martin online course providers.

"This partnership is unique, one of a kind and has the potential to substantially impact partner enrollments and revenue," said Dr. John E. Reid Jr., president, JER Group, Inc. (JER Online).

The main focus of this new business partnership is training specific to business education and professional development. Trump University teaches real-world education in such areas as marketing, entrepreneurship, real estate, wealth creation and self-assessment. Many of Trump University's courses and programs are accredited by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training.

Enrolled students will learn from top experts in the field including faculty made up of Fortune 500 senior executives, outstanding entrepreneurs, and also professors from the world's leading educational institutions, such as Columbia University, Dartmouth College and Northwestern University.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to partner with JER Online and Trump University. People living in rural areas have limited opportunities for learning," said Debbie Mount, UT Martin director of non-degree programs. The online courses and programs provided by JER Online and Trump University will make life-long learning an obtainable goal for people in our community.

For more information, visit the Online Instruction Center at http://www.utm.edu/departments/eccc/onlinecourses.php. Select Trump University.
Students receive scholarships to UTM

Three area students have been awarded scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Adam McCall, the son of Charles and Willa McCall of Trimble, is a junior. He received the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative Scholarship.

Matt Myers, the son of Mike and Linda Myers of Newbern, is a senior. He received the Brayton Foundation Scholarship.

Danielle Coleman, the daughter of Chris and Patricia Coleman of Friendship, is a freshman. She received the Fred and Marie Colvett Agriculture Scholarship.

SERVICE NEWS

Barr, Stamps graduate ROTC leader course

Chance M. Barr and David B. Stamps have graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. The ROTC cadets have been commissioned as second lieutenants in the Army.

The 33 days of training provide the best possible professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and logistical support. Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader by exercising the cadet's intelligence, common sense, ingenuity and physical stamina. The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officer traits, qualities and professionalism while attending the course.

Cadets in their junior and senior year of college must complete the leadership development course. Upon successful completion of the course, the ROTC program, and graduation from college, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, National Guard or Reserve.

Barr is the son of Carl E. Barr of Newbern and Martha F. Baucom of Dyersburg. He is a 2004 graduate of Dyer County High School.

Stamps is the son of Steven L. and La Donna D. Stamps of Westfield, Ind. His wife Paula is the daughter of Charles T. and Tracie Roberts of Dyersburg. He is a 2003 graduate of Cordova High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Young writers invited to conference

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of English is sponsoring the second Young Writers Conference from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Oct. 26, in the Boling University Center.

This one day conference, designed for students in grades 9 through 12, offers a series of writing workshops taught by UT Martin faculty and visiting author Gloria Ballard.

Students can attend hands-on workshops in writing poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as well as songwriting and blogging.

Other events include a luncheon, a reading by Ballard and an open mic reading for students who wish to share their own work.

Throughout the day students will have the opportunity to create pieces of writing, to connect with other young writers from the region, and to learn from outstanding writers and teachers of writing.

The conference registration fee is $5 for students and $10 for teachers, which includes all workshops, readings and a lunch.

The conference is open to outstanding students recommended by their teachers on the basis of academic achievement and artistic promise.

Teacher are encouraged, but are not required to attend along with their students. It is recommended that teachers follow their school policies in arranging for parent/guardian permissions for students who will be attending the conference.

Registration is limited to 100 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms must be received by Oct. 15.

For brochures and registration forms, visit www.utm.edu/ywe or contact Leslie LaChance, assistant professor of English, by email at lachance@utm.edu, or by phone at 881-7296.
The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) chapter has been recognized by the Society Committee on Chemical Education and the Institute of Green Chemistry with the highest outstanding rating and as Green Chapter for its activities in the 2006-07 year.

The chapter also was awarded an Innovative Activities Grant for 2007-08. This year 28 chapters received an outstanding rating; 25 were designated as green chapters and nine were awarded Innovative Activities Grants in a field of more than 1,000 chapters nationwide.

The chapter has won more of each of these awards than any other chapter in the nation — 28 outstanding ratings, 21 grants and green chapter designation every year since the inception of this award in 2001.

The award-winning chapters will be listed in the September/October edition of “in Chemistry,” the SAACS national magazine and also will appear in the ACS magazine, “Chemical and Engineering News” with a circulation of 200,000.

In addition to the 28 outstanding ratings, the UT Martin chapter has won four commendable ratings making it the winner of more top ratings than any other chapter nationwide.

UT Martin Chapter projects last year included: the 27th Annual High School Science Bowl, the 28th Annual Area Collegiate Chemistry Meeting, a chemistry Merit Badge Clinic for Boy Scouts, participation by 16 SAACS chapters at the 233rd ACS national meeting in Chicago, Ill., speakers and demonstration programs for schools and civic clubs, a tour of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, help with Chemistry Olympiad and National Chemistry Week (NCW) projects and participation in the monthly meetings of the ACS local Kentucky Lake Section.

Forthcoming activities include the NCW program, Boy Scouts Merit Badge Clinic on Oct. 27 and the High School Science Bowl on Nov. 10. The chapter also will be presenting programs under auspices of this year’s Innovative Activities Grant project, “Green Chemistry 101 for Civic Clubs and Senior Citizens.” Area civic clubs may contact SAACS, at SAACS@utm.edu or call 881-7454.
Homecoming Schedule of Events

University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Alumni Relations will evoke memories of the 1990s with “Celebrating the 90s: A Reunion of Friends” as the theme of this year’s homecoming.

Homecoming 2007 will be celebrated Oct. 8-14, 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. 13, 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, pep rally and Greek Step Show. At 2 p.m., Oct. 13, the Skyhawks will face Samford at Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

The following is a complete schedule of events for homecoming weekend:

Thursday, Oct. 11

- 4 p.m. – Rope Pull, Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex
- 6:30 p.m. – Public Relations Student Society of America Womanless Beauty Revue, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
- 9:09 p.m. – SAC 909 Comedy Series, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center Friday, Oct. 12
- 9 a.m. – Golf Tournament, Sharon
- 3:15 p.m. – Rope Pull championship, Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex
- 6 p.m. – Alumni Dinner and Awards Program, Boling University Center
- 8:30 p.m. – Pyramid and Pep Rally, Elam Center Saturday, Oct. 13
- 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

- 10:45 a.m. – “Friends” statue unveiling, Quad near Paul Meek Library
- 11 a.m. – Football Team’s Hawk Walk, Quad near Paul Meek Library
- 11 a.m. – Max Headroom Band, cover band from Nashville singing hits from the 90s, as well as the 80s, Pepsi Music stage
- 2 p.m. – Skyhawks vs. Samford, Hardy M. Graham Stadium
- 6:30 p.m. – Football team and 1967 Reunion, Elks Lodge, Dresden
- 7:30 p.m. – NPHC Greek Step Show, Elam Center Sunday, Oct. 14
- 10 a.m. – “Walk in the Quad”
- 10:30 a.m. – Homecoming Brunch, Boling University Center
Carpenter named to Council on Libraries

Mary Vaughan Carpenter, director of the Paul Meek Library at the University of Tennessee at Martin, has been appointed to a three-year term of the Tennessee Advisory Council on Libraries. Members of the Advisory Council are appointed by Tennessee's Secretary of State in accordance with recommendations from the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

The Advisory Council on Libraries consists of 16 librarians, library trustees, library advocate and library users who are broadly representative of school, public, academic and special libraries across the state. The council's mission is threefold:

1. To advise the Tennessee State Library and Archives on the development of the long-range program for library services in Tennessee.
2. To advise the Tennessee State Library and Archives on policy matters in the administration of the long range program.
3. To assist the Tennessee State Library and Archives in evaluating library programs, services and activities.

Carpenter previously served as the director of the Obion County Public Library in Union City (1999-2007) and the coordinator of the Learning Resource Center, also at UT Martin (1990 - 1999). During her tenure at the Obion County Public Library, more than $5.5 million was raised for the construction of a new 30,000 square-foot facility. From the time she became library director in 1999 through 2006, the library budget increased from $215,414 to $536,937; full-time equivalency staff increased from six to 13; attendance increased from 51,012 to 116,195; and programs increased from seven to 291 per year.

Mrs. Carpenter has a master of library science degree from the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alabama and a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics education from UT Martin. She teaches Library Service 451, "Children's Literature," as a correspondence instructor for the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and is a member of the American Library Association and the Tennessee Library Association. She is involved in several professional organizations, and also serves as a board member of Tenn-Share (a statewide library resource sharing group), Baptist Memorial Hospital and Atmos Energy Customer Advisory.

She and her husband, Bob Carpenter, are the parents of 10-year-old twin daughters, Libby and Molly.

Governor's School deadline is Nov. 30

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

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.utm.edu/departments/caas/tgsas. Brochures are available and may be requested by telephone at 881-7260 or by mail at TGSAS, University of Tennessee at Martin, 256 Brehm Hall, Martin, TN 38238.

Governor's School for the Humanities examines the role of language, history, philosophy, politics and the arts in defining the relevance of humanities in our modern age. Visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/govschool/ for an application or for more information.

Applications also are available in high school guidance offices.

RETIRING FACULTY AND STAFF — Retiring University of Tennessee at Martin faculty and administrative staff recently were honored at a dinner. With the honorees is Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin Chancellor, third from left. Those recognized for their service include, from left, Joe Croom, assistant vice chancellor/director of the Office of Business Affairs; Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor emeritus; Sandra Downing, associate professor of library science; Cile Grasfeder, professor of health and human performance; Steve Rogers, director, Paul Meek Library; and Dr. William Solomons, professor of chemistry.
CD RELEASE CONCERT — Dr. Julie Hill, left, assistant professor of music, recently performed a CD Release Concert with her percussion trio, CAIAXA, at Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theater. The new CD, “Commissioned Works,” features chamber percussion works that were commissioned, written and recorded by the trio. Works include “Terra Cotta Warriors” by James Campbell and “Conga Tarang” by JB Smith, “Highway 22” by Swedish composer Anders Astrand and many others. The trio gave a master class earlier the same day on entrepreneurship in the world of percussion, as well as chamber ensemble rehearsal techniques. Recently, the CAIAXA Trio also performed a concert at Union University in Jackson, with Hill, playing a Zildjian Spiral Cymbal for “Terra Cotta Warriors,” are Julie Davila, center, and Amy Smith.

UTM named one of country’s top 100

The University of Tennessee at Martin is listed among America’s 100 Best College Buys, a listing compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc., in Rome, Ga.

“The University of Tennessee at Martin is among a very select group of colleges and universities across the country — both large and small, public and private — that offer students an academically superior educational environment yet charge the lowest possible cost,” said Lewis Lindsey Jr., CRE president. “UT Martin provides an exceptional opportunity to the residents of Tennessee and to students from across the United States. High quality and low cost will continue to draw the best and brightest students from near and far,” Lindsey added.

“We are honored to be recognized again as a Best Buy. This type of national recognition is an indicator of the value a UT Martin education offers,” said UT Martin chancellor Tom Rakes. “Our faculty and staff continue to ensure that students have an excellent learning experience while also keeping costs as low as possible.”

The listing among America’s 100 Best College Buys is the third major recognition for UT Martin in the 2007-08 academic year. In August, UT Martin continued its top-tier ranking for master’s level public universities in the South in the 2008 edition of America’s Best Colleges, compiled by U.S. News & World Report — tied for 20th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

Also, in August, UT Martin was named a “Best Southeastern College” for 2008 by The Princeton Review.

UT Martin ECCE offers Photoshop class

Do you have basic Photoshop skills and wonder how you could use them to produce images that look great on the Web — maybe even to produce entire Web sites? The new online course “Creating Web Graphics with Photoshop CS3” will teach you everything you need to know to leap into the world of Web development.

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education has partnered with online course provider, Education To Go, to offer this course taught by Sherry London, author, Photoshop expert and two-time nominee for the Photoshop Hall of Fame.

Students will master the creation of simple animated files, buttons, rollovers and all the other elements users have come to expect on the Web. They will learn how to save images for the highest quality display online and discover how to design pages that look good on any screen and still load as quickly as possible. Though the course is written for Photoshop CS3, Photoshop CS2 and CS users also are welcome.

The course includes a classroom that is open day and night. Students can interact with the instructor and their fellow students in Web-based discussion areas, where they can ask as many course-related questions as they’d like. A response is usually promised within one business day and often arrives much sooner.

Students can take “Creating Web Graphics with Photoshop CS3” from the convenience of home or office and at any time of the day or night. To register or for more information about this course — part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses — contact the Online Information Center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/online-courses.php. Select “Education To Go.”

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Applications also are available in high school guidance offices.

UT Martin, Union listed among Best College Buys

The University of Tennessee at Martin and Union University in Jackson are both listed among America’s 100 Best College Buys, a listing compiled by the independent research and consulting organization Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc.

The annual report evaluates academic quality and cost, with the newest findings based on the organization’s 17th annual National College Survey.

The research company, based in Rome, Ga., compiled its report from a survey of 1,468 accredited U.S. colleges and universities that offer four-year undergraduate degree programs and provide facilities for both room and board. Of the institutions surveyed, 1,152 schools responded.

To be considered for inclusion in the list of 100, an institution must be an accredited, four-year institution offering bachelor’s degrees and full residential facilities. It also must have had an entering freshman class in fall 2006 with a high school grade point average and/or SAT/ACT score equal to or above the national average, and an out-of-state attendance cost in 2007-08 not exceeding the national average by more than 10 percent.

“UT Martin is among a very select group of colleges and universities across the country — both large and small, public and private — that offer students an academically superior educational environment yet charge the lowest possible cost,” said Lewis Lindsey Jr., Institutional Research & Evaluation president.

“UT Martin provides an exceptional opportunity to the residents of Tennessee and to students from across the United States. High quality and low cost will continue to draw the best and brightest students from near and far,” he added.

“We are honored to be recognized again as a Best Buy. This type of national recognition is an indicator of the value a UT Martin education offers,” UT Martin chancellor Tom Rakes said.

“Our faculty and staff continue to ensure that students have an excellent learning experience while also keeping costs as low as possible.”

The listing among America’s 100 Best College Buys is the third major recognition for UT Martin in the 2007-08 academic year. In August, UT Martin continued its top-tier ranking for master’s level public universities in the South in the 2008 edition of America’s Best Colleges, compiled by U.S. News & World Report, by tying for 20th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

Also in August, UT Martin was named a “Best Southeastern College” for 2008 by The Princeton Review.

Union University’s average grade point average for entering freshman at the time of the survey was 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Its average ACT was 24. Annual costs for tuition, fees, room and board average $25,660.

“This newest listing by America’s 100 Best College Buys is further evidence of Union’s dual commitment to strong academics and reasonable cost,” Union University President David S. Dockery said.

“We are pleased this independent research confirms what many parents and students are telling us during the admissions process.”

Other Tennessee institutions on the list are Belmont University, Lee University, Tennessee Tech University and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Young Writers’ Clubhouse, ACT prep offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering youth programs to include writing and ACT preparation workshops in October.

“Young Writers’ Clubhouse” is scheduled for 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays Oct. 20, Dec. 1, Feb. 2 and April 12. The cost is $30 per session, which includes a writing notebook and pen, or $100 for all four sessions.

This workshop is a series of writing experiences for third through eighth graders where children write creatively, work with West Tennessee Writing Project teachers and share with their friends.

Each child will need to bring lunch or money to purchase pizza by the slice.

“Making Sense of the ACT” will be offered from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays Oct. 6-27. Ron Ramage will be the instructor and the fee will be $50.

This course will help participants plan strategies to make the highest score they are able to make on this test. Students will use the Real ACT Prep Guide, which should be brought to the first session.

The cost of the text is not included in the registration fee. The book may be purchased on the UT Martin campus at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore by calling (731) 881-7760. This class is limited to 20.

To register for a workshop, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.
Miss Tennessee USA ’08 has family in Paducah

Hailey Laine Brown, daughter of Mike and Julia Brown of Paducah, and Lisa and David Thompson of Dresden, Tenn., received the Miss Tennessee USA 2008 crown from outgoing queen Rachel Smith at the title pageant Oct. 6 in Clarksville.

She will compete next spring for the title of Miss USA 2008. Brown is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin and is employed as a sales consultant for PSS World Medical Inc.

Her grandparents are Martha Brown of South Fulton, Tenn.; Marion and Carolyn Butler of South Fulton; and Buddy and Ann Robinson of Paducah.

Mrs. Carpenter appointed to library advisory council

Mary Vaughan Carpenter, director of the Paul Meek Library at the University of Tennessee at Martin, has been appointed to a three-year term of the Tennessee Advisory Council on Libraries. Members of the advisory council are appointed by Tennessee’s Secretary of State in accordance with recommendations from the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

The Advisory Council on Libraries consists of 16 librarians, library trustees, library advocates and library users who are broadly representative of school, public, academic and special libraries across the state. The council’s mission is three-fold:

1. To advise the Tennessee State Library and Archives on the development of the long-range program for library services in Tennessee.

2. To advise the Tennessee State Library and Archives on policy matters in the administration of the long range program.

3. To assist the Tennessee State Library and Archives in evaluating library programs, services and activities.

Mrs. Carpenter previously served as the director of the Obion County Public Library in Union City (1990-99) and the coordinator of the Learning Resource Center, also at UT Martin (1990-99). During her tenure at the Obion County Public Library more than $5.5 million was raised for the construction of a new 30,000 square-foot facility. From the time she became library director in 1999 through 2006, the library budget increased from $215,414 to $536,937; full-time equivalency staff increased from six to 13; attendance increased from 51,012 to 116,195; and programs increased from seven to 291 per year.

Mrs. Carpenter has an MLS from the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alabama and a bachelor of science degree in home economics education from UT Martin. She teaches Library Service 451 “Children’s Literature” as a correspondence instructor for the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and is a member of the American Library Association and the Tennessee Library Association. She is involved in several professional organizations, and also serves as a board member of Tem-Share — a statewide library resource sharing group — the Baptist Memorial Hospital, and Atmos Energy Customer Advisory. She and her husband, Bob Carpenter, are the parents of 10 year-old twin daughters, Libby and Molly.
WestStar applications available now

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

For an application and additional information, contact WestStar at (731) 881-7298 or write WestStar, Room 321, Hall Moody Administration Building, University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN 38238-5011. The deadline for application is Nov. 16.

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 2008 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 1½-day period, with a graduation program in June. The program begins Jan. 10.

WestStar is entering its 19th year under the leadership of David Belote, assistant vice chancellor of student affairs at UT Martin.

Last year’s graduating class brought the total number of WestStar alumni to 495.

WestStar alumni from Obion County include Ginny Acree, Kevin Bowden, Jim Cooper, Mike Daniel, Gary Houston, Lee Ann James, Bill Latimer, Gail Latimer, Henry Lewis, David K. Parks, James Sanders, Sam Sinclair, Trena Taylor, Brad Thompson, Trip Truitt, Joe Ward, John Warner, Sheila Stone and the late Frank Glover.

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“I know first-hand just how rewarding and satisfying a career in veterinary care can be,” said Kathy Ruane, chief instructor of the veterinary assistant program.

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Dessert Evening offers music, sweets

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Tickets are $18 and can be reserved or purchased from Sherry Adams in the Department of Music at 731-881-7402, or by e-mail at sadams@utm.edu.
Retired UT Martin history professor writes of Nathan Bedford Forrest

By Elizabeth Watts
Staff Writer

Lonnie Maness, a former History professor at UT Martin, is deeply interested in local Civil War history and wants to inform people of the untold stories that surround West Tennessee and the Civil War.

"Lightning Warfare," written by Maness, is a book about General Nathan Bedford Forrest's West Tennessee campaign during the winter of 1862. However, the book gives a thorough background history of Forrest's childhood and life before he became one of the main commanders for the South during the Civil War.

As the reader dives into "Lightning Warfare," they can see that, although Forrest had no formal military education like other generals, he brought sharp military instincts and intelligence to the battle field that enabled him to strategically stay one step ahead of his opponent. Military students since the Civil War study Forrest's campaigns to learn and understand cavalry, soldiers on horseback, tactics.

"Lightning Warfare" begins with Forrest's military campaign at Fort Donelson. According to Maness, Forrest had planned what the Confederate army should do in order to secure a victory at the Tennessee fort. But because of higher ranking officials, Forrest's plans were never put into action and the South lost the battle at Fort Donelson.

As the reader rides with Forrest through "Lightning Warfare's" words, they will begin to understand why Maness thinks that Forrest is a military genius. After reading "Lightning Warfare", readers will militarily understand a Confederate commander that fought and led his cavalry all over our area. Whether the reader personally likes or dislikes Nathan Bedford Forrest and his history, it's apparent through Maness' book that many times Forrest and his military plans were brushed aside by higher ranking commanders.

"Lightning Warfare" is a compelling read for someone that appreciates local and military history.

And with Maness impressive background in history and Civil War, the reader will know that "Lightning Warfare" is historically sound with details chronicling the intensity and realities of the War of the States and not written by a random hopeful author who just wanted to criticize or applaud a Confederate commander. Maness courageously tackles one of the bigger Confederate commanders with honesty and intelligence.

Maness has made the Civil War and Nathan Bedford Forrest his life's work and has studied each and every move that this Confederate cavalry commander made on the battlefield. Forrest, a controversial figure in Southern history, has great ties to northwest Tennessee and western Kentucky and his role in the regional area is spotlighted by Maness exclusively in his focus on 1862.

Dr. Lonnie Maness

Lonnie Maness was born in Wildersville, Tenn., and graduated from UT Martin when it was known as University of Tennessee Junior College at Martin. He completed his Bachelor and Master degrees at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, and worked on his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa and the University of Memphis. He began his tenure as history professor at UT Martin in 1965 and retired in 2002.

Maness has written one other book on General Nathan Bedford Forrest call "An Untutored Genius: The Military Career of General Nathan Bedford Forrest", which was completed in 1990.

People interested in buying a copy of "Lightning Warfare": Forrest's First West Tennessee Campaign - December 1862, contact the author at 731-587-3630.

Phi Kappa Phi students to be recognized

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society chapter will meet to recognize the top 3 percent of the university’s first- and second-year students. The meeting will be at 7 p.m., Oct. 30, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center. This year’s Phi Kappa Phi lecturer, Dr. Stephanie Kolitsch, associate professor of mathematics, will speak to the group on “Mathematics and Magic.”

Dr. Ernest Moser, president of Phi Kappa Phi and College of Business and Public Affairs dean, will preside at the meeting.

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

UTM Recreation will host parties

The UT Martin Office of Campus Recreation will host children's birthday parties at their Olympic-sized swimming pool. The Elam Center Pool is open year round and the cost is only $3 per person. Birthday parties may be booked for children 7 years and older. For more information and reservations, call the Office of Campus Recreation at 881-7745 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Outstanding Leadership Education award presented to McCord

The Robert M. Smith Outstanding Leadership Education Award recently was presented to Frankie G. McCord at the State Leadership Conference in Oak Ridge.

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

McCord, of Crockett County, is Crockett County Chamber of Commerce executive director. As part of her responsibilities, McCord works with planning teams to develop short- and long-term goals for Crockett County, facilitates countywide town hall meeting for strategic planning, designs and conducts youth and adult leadership groups sessions, consults with county and city governments to implement cleanup and beautification projects, organizes all activities and components of the Governor’s Three-Star Award Program, works with the Crockett County Industrial Board to recruit new and retain existing businesses and industries, and coordinates training seminars and locates training resources for dislocated workers. McCord helped gain Tennessee Valley Authority certification of West Tennessee Auto Park in Crockett County.

She is a graduate of Jackson State Community College, the Southeast School of Banking, Crockett County Adult Leadership and WestStar Leadership programs. She was named Tennessee Industrial Development Council Professional of the Year in 2006 and was president of West Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives in 2004-05. She has served on the Crockett County Board of Education from 1994-2006 and is a member of Crockett County Lions Club, Exchange Club, Health Council and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development local board of directors.

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

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Vanguard Theatre will host Posters on Parade

The Vanguard Theatre will host its Posters on Parade from Oct. 29-Nov. 4 in the Fine Arts Building of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

All posters from every Vanguard Theatre production since the Fine Arts Building opened in 1970 will be on display throughout the run of “Little Shop of Horrors.” This exhibit is made possible through the efforts of Tim Barrington, Vanguard Theatre technical director, and partially was funded through the Office of University Advancement.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Doug Cook, Department of Visual and Theatre Arts chair, at dcook@utm.edu.
Leader among Sudanese ‘Lost Boys’ to speak at UT Martin

John Bul Dau, featured in the award-winning film and memoir, “God Grew Tired of Us,” will speak at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 29, in the Elam Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He will speak on his experiences growing up in war-torn Sudan, as a leader of the “Lost Boys” and on the current situation in the Sudan, with some emphasis upon the Darfur region. The event is free and open to the public.

A member of the Dinka people, Dau was born in Sudan and became a refugee in 1987, when his village was attacked by government troops during the civil war involving the Muslim-controlled government in northern Sudan and the non-Muslims of southern Sudan. His family scattered, Dau endured numerous hardships before reaching the relative safety of Ethiopia. After four years in an Ethiopian refugee camp, civil war again broke out, and he was forced to flee to another camp in Kenya. Here, he became a leader among the Sudanese “Lost Boys,” with responsibility for more than 1,000 others. In 2001, along with three other Lost Boys, he was sponsored by a church group to come to the United States and settled in Syracuse, N.Y. Living the American dream, Dau worked long hours to raise money to locate other family members and bring them to the United States. He has earned an associate’s degree at Onondago Community College and currently is pursuing a degree at Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

His experiences are the subject of his memoir, “God Grew Tired of Us,” and the film of the same title, which won the Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival. Dau continues to work tirelessly in support of the people of Sudan and to end the violence in Darfur. He has founded several organizations to assist the people of Sudan, including the American Care for Sudan Foundation, which recently opened a medical clinic in southern Sudan.

“John Bul Dau has a fascinating story to offer, one of great tragedy, but also one of resilience and determination in overcoming some of the worst obstacles that can befall an individual,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honors Programs director. "At the same time, as Mr. Dau tells us, the conflict in Sudan, most notably Darfur, remains one of the most difficult in the world today. This is an issue that will grow in importance in our own politics. Please join us as Mr. Dau offers his insight into this most tragic problem.”

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

UT Martin SAACS to help scouts earn chemistry badge

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For more information, contact the UT Martin SAACS adviser, Dr. S.K. Airee, at 881-7454, or the Department of Chemistry office, at 881-7450.
Young writers invited to UTM for conference

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of English is sponsoring the second Young Writers Conference, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Oct. 26, in Boling University Center.

This one-day conference, designed for students in grades 9-12, offers a series of writing workshops taught by UT Martin faculty and visiting author Gloria Ballard. Students can attend hands-on workshops in writing poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as well as songwriting and blogging. Other events include a luncheon, a reading by Ballard and an open microphone reading for students who wish to share their own work. Throughout the day students will have the opportunity to create pieces of writing, to connect with other young writers from the region, and to learn from outstanding writers and teachers of writing.

The conference registration fee is $5 for students and $10 for teachers, which includes all workshops, readings and a luncheon. The conference is open to outstanding students recommended by their teachers on the basis of academic achievement and artistic promise. Teachers are encouraged, but are not required to attend along with their students. It is recommended that teachers follow their school policies in arranging for parent/guardian permissions for students who will be attending the conference.

Registration is limited to 100 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms must be received by Oct. 15.

For a brochure and registration forms, visit www.utm.edu/ywc or contact Leslie LaChance, assistant professor of English, via e-mail, lachance@utm.edu, or by phone at 731-881-7296.

UTM hosts memorization workshop

Dr. Lynn Rice-See, professor of piano at Middle Tennessee State University, will present a workshop on memorization for musicians from 9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 20, in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Dr. Rice-See will present strategies and techniques to help every musician feel more secure performing from memory in recitals, competitions and other venues. The workshop will conclude with a short master class. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Martin Area Music Teachers Association and the Department of Music at UT Martin. There is no admission charge, and the event is open to all teachers, performers and students.

For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music, at 731-881-7411 or email elainehb@utm.edu.
Obion Countians go ‘home’ to UT Martin

Furry, fuzzy friend

Allie Lamb, 20-month-old daughter of Jeremy and Angie Lamb of Union City, was among a crowd of children who enjoyed the petting zoo during Homecoming 2007 Quad City this past week at the University of Tennessee at Martin. She was helped by Hollie Dempsey, a UT Martin freshman agriculture major from Millington. Quad City featured a variety of activities for children and adults, including musical entertainment, games, concessions and reunions.
Hall-of-Famers

Michael Hart (fourth from left) was one of seven UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame inductees recognized at the Letterwinner’s breakfast Saturday. Hart, who currently serves as an assistant boys' basketball coach at Union City High School, holds UT Martin’s single-season record for most field goals made. Hart played professionally for 10 years in Europe. Others inducted were (from left) George MacIntyre, former football coach; Dennis Suiter, one of the earliest referees of women’s college basketball for UT Martin and throughout the Southeast; Dana Witten, football; Hart; Jody Fuller, baseball; and Chris Pierce, men’s golf. Also inducted was the late Jimmy Willing, men’s tennis.

Giving back

The first life-size bronze statues were unveiled on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus Saturday during Homecoming 2007. The statues were made possible by a leadership gift from Dr. Paul Blaylock of Portland, Ore., originally from South Fulton and a 1968 graduate of UT Martin, and through private gifts that honored Dr. Phil Watkins, longtime vice chancellor for student affairs. The statues symbolize the mentoring between students and faculty. On hand to mark the occasion were (from left) UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes, Dr. Watkins and his wife, Pat Watkins, Dr. Blaylock and his wife, Gaynelle Nolf, and Student Government Association president Erin Chambers.
It's a toss-up

Bethany Palmer (left), a UT Martin senior family and consumer sciences major from Union City, and Meagen Smith, a senior child and family studies major from Union City, enjoyed the perfect weather and helped provide entertainment in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences tent during Homecoming 2007 Quad City at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The heat is on

Ryan Mouser (left), a 2006 University of Tennessee at Martin alumnus originally from Hornbeak, and Kyle Greer, a freshman computer science major from South Fulton, flipped burgers in the Sigma Chi tent during Homecoming 2007 Quad City at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The annual Quad City attracted current students, alums and their families for food, fun and entertainment.
Hirosaki professor at UT Martin as part of long-standing exchange

Tokuji Noro, an associate professor at Hirosaki University in Japan, is at the University of Tennessee at Martin participating in an ongoing visiting professor exchange program.

UT Martin and Hirosaki University have maintained a sister university relationship for more than 20 years.

Noro received a bachelor's in education with a concentration in teaching English as a foreign language from Hirosaki University. While pursuing undergraduate studies, he received a scholarship from the Ministry of Education in Japan to spend nine months abroad.

In 1981 and 1982, he attended the Intensive English Program at UT Martin and also took undergraduate courses in education and linguistics. After receiving his degree in 1984, Noro taught English in high schools in Aomori Prefecture for 18 years. While teaching, he attended graduate school and completed a master's in education in 2000.

In 2002, he became associate professor at the Center for Educational Research and Practice in the Faculty of Education at Hirosaki University, a position he still holds. At Hirosaki, he teaches English teaching methodologies, applied linguistics and English phonetics at the undergraduate level and second language acquisition and language assessment at the graduate level. His other responsibilities include coordinating a classroom-based research program in which volunteer teacher participants learn to conduct research that aids them with material and curriculum development and teaching techniques and helps other teachers improve their teaching effectiveness.

Noro was at UT Martin in 2005 as part of a grant-in-aid conducting research on listening comprehension anxiety. He has written and compiled a series of articles on his research that has been published in academic journals in Japan. Last April, he received a four-year extension of the grant to continue his research and that, in part, is what brings him to UT Martin as the 23rd visiting professor from Hirosaki.

While at UT Martin, Noro will make presentations to classes in the English Department and be involved with several of the English Writing Center's events and activities. In addition, he is serving as a conversation partner and cultural resource in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages' Japanese courses.

He is also scheduled as one of the speakers in a series of fall presentations on Japanese culture offered by the Center for Global Studies and International Education.

Hula girls

Brooke Parker (left), a UT Martin junior nursing major from Union City, and Maddie Carrington, a junior elementary education major from Woodland Mills, assisted with the Chi Omega tent during Homecoming 2007 Quad City at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
Local SAACS chapter to sponsor scout clinic

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Personal enrichment is course topic

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering personal enrichment courses in combating emotional eating, pottery, Spanish basics, calligraphy and digital photography in October.

“Letting Go of Emotional Eating,” an interactive and experiential workshop, is planned from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22. Dr. Michelle Santiago, UT Martin Counseling Center staff psychologist, will be the instructor, and the fee will be $30.

“Calligraphy” will be offered from 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 30-Nov. 20. Ramage will instruct the course, and the fee will be $55. Participants will begin with the basics and learn two alphabets well enough to finish a "project" of their choosing. Participants will need to bring calligraphy pens, paper, ruler and ideas.

“Digital Photography,” for those with intermediate and advanced skills, is planned from 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 9-30. Dr. Tom Gallien will instruct the course, and the fee will be $75. This course is primarily designed as a follow-up course for the "Introduction to Digital Photography" course. However, it is open to anyone who is already familiar with digital photography and is comfortable with and understands the operation of a digital SLR. Participants will hone their camera skills by learning the more advanced capabilities of their equipment and creative use of filters, tripods, multiple lenses, flash photography, etc.

Wildlife photography, landscape photography, flower and fine art photography, as well as general digital photography will be discussed. This course will be limited to participants who use a D-SLR with interchangeable lens capability. Participants will need to bring a tripod, camera and questions to class along with their camera's instruction manual, if possible. Participants may also wish to bring a notebook for notetaking. Printed handouts to supplement the presentations will be provided.

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**Local student takes part in art exhibit**

Kelly Church, of Martin, recently took part in a student exhibit at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The exhibition featured his cumulative works as a senior graphic design student. Church is pictured in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building with some of his projects.

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**Key Club scholarship awarded awarded to local student**

The Martin Kiwanis Club recently awarded their annual Key Club scholarship to UT Martin Freshman Lauren Breland, pictured with 2006-2007 Kiwanis President Misty Menees. Miss Breland is a 2007 Westview graduate, where she was very active in the Key Club. The Martin Kiwanis Club awards the $1000 scholarship each year to one Westview senior who is an outstanding Key Club member and who will be attending UT Martin.
SAACS awards grant

The University of Tennessee at Martin American Chemical Society Student Affiliates chapter has been awarded an Innovative Activities Grant for the 2007-08 academic year for carrying out the project, “Green Chemistry 101 for Civic Clubs and Senior Citizens.” The IAG program seeks to provide funding for new and creative chapter projects. Civic club program chairs in Northwest Tennessee can request “chemagic” shows and programs on “Going Green” by contacting, via e-mail or telephone, SAACS@utm.edu, or 881-7450/7454. Pictured left to right are Dr. S.K. Airee, UT Martin professor of chemistry, Christy R. Lowe of McKenzie and Robert H. Mitchell of Ripley, project directors.

Business Etiquette is ECCE Professional Development Program

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering a professional development program on business etiquette for the 21st century.

“Attitude, Manners and Protocol” will be offered from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., October 24. Mary Alice Burkhart will be the presenter. The cost is $60, which includes lunch. Burkhart will explore attitude that encompasses topics such as body language, personal grooming, business wardrobe and communication. She will discuss the ins and outs of manners including gift giving and receiving, using titles and meal manners. Burkhart will also tackle issues of protocol, such as written and electronic correspondence, including thank-you notes and telephone etiquette, as well as formal and practical business entertaining. Other general topics include personal space, cultural sensitivity and handling conflict.

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English film series ‘Freedom Writers’ on October 30

The University of Tennessee at Martin English Society and Student Activities Council will present “Freedom Writers” at 7:00 p.m., October 30, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

This film is based on the book “Freedom Writers Diary,” a non-fiction journal by an at-risk southern California high school English class. Starring Hillary Swank and Patrick Dempsey, the plot centers around their inspiring teacher, Erin Gruwell, and her efforts to use writing books to move her students to success.

This event is free and open to the public.

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

Memorization workshop for musicians is October 20

Dr. Lynn Rice-See, professor of piano at Middle Tennessee State University, will present a workshop on memorization for musicians from 9:00 a.m.-noon, October 20, in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Dr. Rice-See will present strategies and techniques to help every musician feel more secure performing from memory in recitals, competitions and other venues. The workshop will conclude with a short master class.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Martin Area Music Teachers Association and the Department of Music at UT Martin. There is no admission charge, and the event is open to all teachers, performers and students.

For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harris, professor of music, at 731-881-7411 or e-mail elaine@utm.edu.
Young writers invited to conference

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of English is sponsoring the second Young Writers Conference, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Oct. 26, in Boling University Center.

This one-day conference, designed for students in grades 9-12, offers a series of writing workshops taught by UT Martin faculty and visiting author Gloria Ballard. Students can attend hands-on workshops in writing poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as well as songwriting and blogging.

Other events include a luncheon, a reading by Ballard and an open mic reading for students who wish to share their own work.

Throughout the day students will have the opportunity to create pieces, and to learn from outstanding writers and teachers of writing.

There is a conference registration fee for students and teachers, which includes all workshops, readings and a luncheon. The conference is open to outstanding students recommended by their teachers on the basis of academic achievement and artistic promise. Teachers are encouraged, but are not required to attend along with their students. It is recommended that teachers follow their school policies in arranging for parent/guardian permissions for students who will be attending the conference.

Registration is limited to 100 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms must be received by Oct. 15.

For a brochure and registration forms, visit www.utm.edu/ywc or contact Leslie LaChance via email, lachance@utm.edu, or by phone at 731-881-7296.

SAACS to help scouts earn merit badge

The Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor a clinic, Oct. 27, to help Boy Scouts earn the chemistry merit badge. The activity is part of the National Chemistry Week celebration. Registration deadline is Oct. 22.

SAACS members will have all the materials ready for the Boy Scouts to perform the experiments needed to meet the merit badge requirements. The clinic gets under way at 8:30 a.m. in the Joseph E. Johnson Engineering and Physical Sciences Building on the UT Martin campus. The clinic will conclude about 12:30 p.m.

Scoutmasters and/or parents may register their Boy Scouts by calling 731-881-7454. Registration also is available by fax at 731-881-7443; email at saacs@utm.edu; or by mail to UT Martin SAACS, Department of Chemistry, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238.

Scouts will be charged $5 for light refreshments, the merit badge manual and materials on their arrival.

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UTM listed among America’s 100 Best College Buys

The University of Tennessee at Martin is listed among America’s 100 Best College Buys, a listing compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc., in Rome, Georgia.

"The University of Tennessee at Martin is among a very select group of colleges and universities across the country-both large and small, private and public-that offer students an academically superior educational environment yet charge the lowest possible cost," said Lewis Lindsey Jr., IRE president. "UT Martin provides an exceptional opportunity to the residents of Tennessee and to students from outside the state who wish to attend a college that is both academically challenging and affordable."
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.

For application and additional information contact WestStar at (731) 881-7298 or write WestStar, Room 321, Hall Moody Administration Building, University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN 38238-5011. The deadline for application is November 16. Anyone may 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 2008 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 10.

WestStar enters its 19th year under the leadership of David Belote, assistant vice chancellor of student affairs, UT Martin.

Last year's graduating class brought the total number of alumni to 495.

WestStar alumni from Gibson County include the following: Jim Blankenship, Kelly Bryant, Cheri Childress, Mary Ellen Cochran, Virginia Davidson, Bob Duncan, Kay Gibson, Charles Guy, Allyson Horner, Brenda Horner, Dotty Jones, Greer Lashlee, Tommy Littton, Pat Riley, Kathy Ross, Linda Schradr, Sherry Scruggs, Alex Smith, Kathleen Smith, Barry Smith, Norm Spence, Emily Sullivan, Sharyn Thompson, Ken Thorne, Joy Wallsmith and Marilyn Williamson.

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This year’s Phi Kappa Phi Lecturer, Dr. Stephanie Kolitsch, associate professor of mathematics, will speak to the group on “Mathematics and Magic.” Dr. Ernest Moser, president of Phi Kappa Phi and College of Business and Public Affairs dean, will preside at the meeting.

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

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OP-ED COLUMNIST

The Green-Collar Solution

By THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

Van Jones is a rare bird. He’s a black social activist in Oakland, Calif., and as green an environmentalist as they come. He really gets passionate, and funny, when he talks about what it's like to be black and green:

“Try this experiment. Go knock on someone’s door in West Oakland, Watts or Newark and say: ‘We gotta really big problem!’ They say: ‘We do? We do?’ ‘Yeah, we gotta really big problem!’ ‘We do? We do?’ ‘Yeah, we gotta save the polar bears! You may not make it out of this neighborhood alive, but we gotta save the polar bears!’ ”

Mr. Jones then just shakes his head. You try that approach on people without jobs who live in neighborhoods where they’ve got a lot better chance of getting killed by a passing shooter than a melting glacier, you’re going to get nowhere — and without bringing America’s underclass into the green movement, it’s going to get nowhere, too.

“We need a different on-ramp” for people from disadvantaged communities, says Mr. Jones. “The leaders of the climate establishment came in through one door and now they want to squeeze everyone through that same door. It’s not going to work. If we want to have a broad-based environmental movement, we need more entry points.”

Mr. Jones, who heads the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights in Oakland, which helps kids avoid jail and secure jobs, has an idea how to change that — a “green-collar” jobs program that focuses on underprivileged youth. I would not underestimate him. Mr. Jones, age 39 and a Yale Law School grad, exudes enough energy to light a few buildings on his own.

One thing spurring him in this project, he explained, was the way that the big oil companies bought ads in black-owned newspapers in California in 2006 showing an African-American woman filling her gas tank with a horrified look at the pump price. The ads were used to help bring out black votes to defeat Proposition 87. That ballot initiative proposed a tax on oil companies drilling in California, the money from which would have gone to develop alternative energy projects. The oil companies tried to scare African-Americans into thinking that the tax on the companies would be passed on at the pump.

“The polluters were able to stampede poor people into their camp,” said Mr. Jones. “I never want to see an N.A.A.C.P. leader on the wrong side of an environment issue again.”

Using his little center in Oakland, Mr. Jones has been on a crusade to help underprivileged African-Americans and other disadvantaged communities understand why they would be the biggest beneficiaries of a greener America. It’s about jobs. The more government requires buildings to be more energy efficient, the
more work there will be retrofitting buildings all across America with solar panels, insulation and other weatherizing materials. Those are manual-labor jobs that can’t be outsourced.

"You can’t take a building you want to weatherize, put it on a ship to China and then have them do it and send it back," said Mr. Jones. "So we are going to have to put people to work in this country — weatherizing millions of buildings, putting up solar panels, constructing wind farms. Those green-collar jobs can provide a pathway out of poverty for someone who has not gone to college."

Let’s tell our disaffected youth: “You can make more money if you put down that handgun and pick up a caulk gun.”

Remember, adds Mr. Jones, “a big chunk of the African-American community is economically stranded. The blue-collar, stepping-stone, manufacturing jobs are leaving. And they’re not being replaced by anything. So you have this whole generation of young blacks who are basically in economic free fall.” Green-collar retrofitting jobs are a great way to catch them.

To this end, Mr. Jones’s group and the electrical union in Oakland created the Oakland Apollo Alliance. This year that coalition helped to raise $250,000 from the city government to create a union-supported training program that will teach young people in Oakland how to put up solar panels and weatherize buildings.

It is the beginning of a “Green for All” campaign (greenforall.org) that Mr. Jones — backed by other environmental activists like Majora Carter from Sustainable South Bronx — is launching to get Congress to allocate $125 million to train 30,000 young people a year in green trades.

“If we can get these youth in on the ground floor of the solar industry now, where they can be installers today, they’ll become managers in five years and owners in 10. And then they become inventors,” said Mr. Jones. “The green economy has the power to deliver new sources of work, wealth and health to low-income people — while honoring the Earth. If you can do that, you just wiped out a whole bunch of problems. We can make what is good for poor black kids good for the polar bears and good for the country.”
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Tennessean: Purse snatchers beware at UT
Daily Beacon: Increasing enrollment set to hit 32,000
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UT Martin to host Sudanese leader

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A member of the Dinka people, Dau was born in Sudan and became a refugee in 1987, when his village was attacked by government troops during the civil war involving the Muslim-controlled government in northern Sudan and the non-Muslims of southern Sudan. His family scattered, Dau endured numerous hardships before reaching the relative safety of Ethiopia.

After four years in an Ethiopian refugee camp, civil war again broke out, and he was forced to flee to another camp in Kenya. Here, he became a leader among the Sudanese "Lost Boys," with responsibility for more than 1,000 others. In 2001, along with three other Lost Boys, he was sponsored by a church group to come to the United States and settled in Syracuse, N.Y.

Living the American dream, Dau worked long hours to raise money to locate other family members and bring them to the United States. He has earned an associate's degree at Onondago Community College and is currently pursuing a degree at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

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He has founded several organizations to assist the people of Sudan, including the American Care for Sudan Foundation, which recently opened a medical clinic in southern Sudan.

"John Bul Dau has a fascinating story to offer, one of great tragedy, but also one of resilience and determination in overcoming some of the worst obstacles that can befall an individual," said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honors Programs director. "At the same time, as Mr. Dau tells us, the conflict in Sudan, most notably Darfur, remains one of the most difficult in the world today. This is an issue that will grow in importance in our own politics. Please join us as Mr. Dau offers his insight into this most tragic problem."

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

LOCAL STUDENT ATTENDS UT MARTIN SENIOR DAY

- Anna Thompson, a senior at Milan High School, attended the recent University of Tennessee at Martin Senior Preview Day. More than 150 seniors were in attendance and received information about a variety of topics, including scholarships and financial aid, college and housing costs and various university academic programs. With Thompson is her mother, Lisa Thompson.
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UT Martin presents 'Little Shop of Horrors'

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A down-and-out skid row florist assistant becomes a sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. The book and lyrics were written by Howard Ashman with music by Alan Menken.

UT Martin cast members include: Jonathan Johnson of Hornbeak, Jay Campbell of Martin and Matthew Maitland of Bradford. Also participating in the play are Kassi Abney of Martin, Anna Frederick of Bruceeton and Andrew Patterson of Jackson. Musicians for the production include Michael Yandell of Martin.

The box office will open at noon Oct. 29. To purchase tickets, call the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 881-7080.

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The box office will open at noon on Oct. 29. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7090.

Basics of eBay
offered at UTM
in adult class

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

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

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Governor Proclaims Chemistry Week

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STRATEGIC TALKS — Strategic planner and best-selling author Thomas P.M. Barnett met with University of Tennessee at Martin Honors Seminar students prior to his recent public presentation on campus. Among those on hand for the meeting were (from left) Dr. Daniel McDonough, Honors Programs director; Barnett; Tharon Snuggs of Troy; Jessey Moncier of Crockett County, and Kyle Eubanks of Brownsville. Barnett’s visit was co-sponsored by Honors Programs and the Center for Global Studies and International Education.
GIFT FUNDS SERIES — Newell Graham (right), owner of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Union City, was instrumental in securing a $50,000 gift from the Coca-Cola Bottlers Association to establish a Seminar Series on Diagnosis and Early Intervention of Learning Difficulties at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The seminar series is designed to assist education majors, child care center providers and area teachers in development of an understanding of the skills and techniques necessary for early diagnosis of children with learning difficulties. Joining Graham to mark the donation recently were (from left) Dr. Mary Lee Hall, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences dean, and UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes.

-The Paris Post-Intelligencer, Paris, Tenn., Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Parisians in UTM musical

Two Paris residents are among the cast of an area theater production that seems all too appropriate as Halloween draws near.

Jade Johnson and Mary Beth French are among the cast of the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Vanguard Theater production of “Little Shop of Horrors.”

The musical has its first performance at the Fulton Performing Arts Theater at the university’s Fine Arts Building at 8 p.m. Nov. 1.

Johnson portrays one of three street urchins in the play, while French is part of the choral ensemble.

Although its first performance is set the day after Halloween, the plot of “Little Shop of Horrors” is tailor-made for the holiday, with a plot taken from horror movie icon Roger Corman’s 1960 film of the same name.

Screenwriter Charles B. Griffith died earlier this month at the age of 77.

The black comedy revolves around Skid Row flower shop employee Seymour Krelborn, who nurtures an exotic plant with a craving for human blood.

Johnson and French

The film, which is notable as one of the first on-screen appearances of actor Jack Nicholson, was adapted for the Broadway stage in the early 1980s by lyricist Howard Ashman and composer Alan Menken.

The pair would later collaborate for several well-known Disney animated films, including “Aladdin,” “Beauty and the Beast,” and “The Little Mermaid” before Ashman’s death in 1991.

Other performances of the UTM production will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 2-3, and at 3 p.m. Nov. 4.

The box office will open at noon Monday.

For more information, contact UTM’s department of visual and theater arts at 1-731-881-7090.
Leader among Sudanese ‘Lost Boys’ to speak at UT Martin October 29

John Bul Dau, featured in the award-winning film and memoir, “God Grew Tired of Us,” will speak at 7:30 p.m., October 29, in the Elam Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He will speak on his experiences growing up in war-torn Sudan, as a leader of the “Lost Boys” and on the current situation in the Sudan, with some emphasis upon the Darfur region. The event is free and open to the public.

A member of the Dinka people, Dau was born in Sudan and became a refugee in 1987, when his village was attacked by government troops during the civil war involving the Muslim-controlled government in northern Sudan and the non-Muslims of southern Sudan. His family scattered, Dau endured numerous hardships before reaching the relative safety of Ethiopia. After four years in an Ethiopian refugee camp, civil war again broke out, and he was forced to flee to another camp in Kenya. Here, he became a leader among the Sudanese “Lost Boys,” with responsibility for more than 1,000 others. In 2001, along with three other Lost Boys, he was sponsored by a church group to come to the United States and settled in Syracuse, New York. Living the American dream, Dau worked long hours to raise money to locate other family members and bring them to the United States.

He has earned an associate’s degree at Onondago Community College and currently is pursuing a degree at Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. His experiences are the subject of his memoir, “God Grew Tired of Us,” and the film of the same title, which won the Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival. Dau continues to work tirelessly in support of the people of Sudan and to end the violence in Darfur. He has founded several organizations to assist the people of Sudan, including the American Care for Sudan Foundation, which recently opened a medical clinic in southern Sudan.

“John Bul Dau has a fascinating story to offer, one of great tragedy, but also one of resilience and determination in overcoming some of the worst obstacles that can befall an individual,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honors Programs director. “At the same time, as Mr. Dau tells us, the conflict in Sudan, most notably Darfur, remains one of the most difficult in the world today. This is an issue that will grow in importance in our own politics. Please join us as Mr. Dau offers his insight into this most tragic problem.”

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

UTM Dessert Evenings offer music

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music is hosting Dessert Evenings at 7:30 p.m., October 25, 26 and 27, in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building on the UT Martin campus.

The event is an evening of light food and desserts with entertainment by solo vocal students and both the University Singers and the New Pacer Singers.

All proceeds from the performances go to benefit the 2008 Tour of the West, when the University Singers and the New Pacer Singers will travel to California, Arizona and Nevada to perform concerts in several venues, including the Crystal Cathedral.

Tickets are $18 and can be reserved or purchased from Sherry Adams in the Department of Music at 731-881-7402, or by email at sadams@utm.edu.
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Chemistry safety workshop, Science Bowl soon

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

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

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

This workshop is sponsored with support from an Innovative Projects Grant from the ACS. Literature and other materials will be provided free for participants. Mileage will be partially reimbursed and a certificate of participation will be presented to each attendee.

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

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

Information about the Science Bowl is available online at http://www.utm.edu/staff/skairee/scibowl. For registration or information, e-mail skairee@utm.edu or call 731-881-7450/7454.

Weakley County students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

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University of Tennessee at Martin seeing changes due to technology

Technology has changed at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The Office of Information Technology Services is an early user of the Microsoft Vista operating system and Microsoft Office 2007 software. The software brings many benefits in the area of security and efficiency, and there are new fun and informative desktop gadgets and search features to make finding items more efficient.

The Information Technology Services systems administration unit personnel have tested and configured 246 computers with Vista and Office 2007 in the labs for general student access. They also configured the appropriate servers and used the new software to do migrations before Vista could be installed in the labs.

The process for building a Vista image was significantly different from building an XP image. The process began by testing current lab software for Vista compatibility. Some programs had released Vista-compatible versions, others had not. The lab images grew from approximately eight GB for XP to more than 20 GB for Vista, because, in part, to the larger operating system. They did work on folder redirection and profiles. Student profiles were pushed out by group policy to only lab computers. With XP, profiles were pushed to each student user. This change allows students and faculty to log in to computers outside of the lab and receive the correct local profile, which was not the case with XP.

The ITS technical services field support unit installed 210 new Dell Optiplex 745 Small Form Factor computers in classrooms and labs and 81 new Gateway E-15SC Tablet computers for faculty. All of the new machines are running Vista and Office 2007. Also, they spent the first two days of class in the academic buildings ready to assist faculty and students and ease the transition.

The 24-hour Helpdesk provided answers to questions and tracked common problems for quick communication and resolution. The Instructional Technology Center provided training for the new tablets and on the classroom technology.

“Change always causes some stress and anxiety,” said Shannon Burgin, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief information officer. “Information Technology Services worked very hard to provide excellent service to the campus and to limit the anxiety and stress of this change.”

Some of the steps in preparation that eased the transition to the new software included:

- Testing and more testing. In the spring, a simulated student lab environment was created and used to test network access, printing, security, software installations and other aspects that would affect students and faculty. Administrative systems were tested. All systems will not be compatible with Vista until later in the year or early 2008.
- Training. ITS, staff received training and did a significant amount of research on the Web and through the Microsoft site. Faculty received training through the Instructional Technology Center and other Web resources.
  - Participation. Every area of ITS was involved in some form of the conversion.
  - Identification of differences and problems collected through the 24-hour Helpdesk.

“Continued changes in technology provide an infrastructure and tools to support excellence in teaching and learning,” said Burgin. “UT Martin students are given the opportunity to work with state-of-the-art technology prior to moving into the work place when they graduate.”

“Technology change never stops. The next major UT Martin Information Technology Services project on the horizon is the conversion of the Sungard HE Banner student information system to a new hardware and operating system platform that was provided through a Title III Grant and in cooperation with the Student Success Center and the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts.”

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PowerPoint offered by ECCE

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"Microsoft PowerPoint" is scheduled from 9 a.m.-noon, Nov. 6. Shannon Burgin, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and UT Martin chief information officer, will be the instructor, and the fee will be $55. The workshop will be in the Presentation Room of Crisp Hall on the UT Martin campus. Participants will learn how to create effective and professional presentations through text, graphics, templates, animation, transitions, editing and much more.

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Sports columnist Deford to speak at UT Martin

Nationally-renowned sports columnist Frank Deford will speak at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Elam Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

With decades of experience as author, columnist and television and radio personality, Deford has become, in the words of GQ magazine, "the world's greatest sports writer." A native of Baltimore and a graduate of Princeton University, where he has taught in the American Studies Program, Deford has authored 16 books, two of his books, "Everybody's All-American" and "Alex: The Life of a Child," his memoir of his daughter who died of cystic fibrosis, have been made into movies, while a third, "Casey On The Loose," is being turned into a Broadway musical. His current book, "The Entitled," is a novel about celebrity, sex and baseball.

Deford has achieved eminence as both sportswriter and sportscaster, first as a writer and editor for Sports Illustrated and, more recently, as a correspondent on HBO's "Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel," and as a commentator on Morning Edition on National Public Radio.

His work as a journalist has been rewarded with almost every major honor that can be bestowed upon a journalist. He has been elected to the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Sportscasters and Sportswriters; he has been elected six times as Sportswriter of the Year by his peers; he was twice voted Magazine Writer of the Year by the Washington Journalism Review; he has received both an Emmy Award and a George Foster Peabody Award for his broadcasting work; and he received a CableAce Award for his HBO Sports documentary, "Arthur Ashe: Citizen of the World" (1994).

His life and work were dramatized in ESPN's film biography, "You Work Better Than You Play." His honest and forthright style has led Sporting News to call Frank Deford "the most influential sports voice among members of the print media."

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

"Frank Deford has been a prominent voice in the sports world for generations of fans and observers of the games," said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honors Programs director.

"While many of us read his work in Sports Illustrated, where his articles still can be found, a new generation may know him better through his television and radio work. Regardless of which medium one chooses, Deford has always looked at the sporting world with a loving, but critical eye. Appreciating and celebrating the positive aspects of sports, he has never hesitated to comment on the seamiest sides which have occasionally threatened the integrity of the games. Join us in exploring Deford's unique perspective on the good and the bad in the modern sporting world."

The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, contact McDonough at dnmnc@utm.edu or (731) 881-7436.

Italy travel-study set for March

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As Rick Steves states in his tour book, "Naples is a barrel of cultural monkeys and Italy in the extreme ... Serene Sorrento ... is the gateway to the much loved Amalfi Coast. From the jet-setting island of Capri to the stunning scenery of the Amalfi Coast, from ancient Pompeii to even more ancient Paestum, this is Italy's coast with the most."

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Learn about business finance

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Small business owners and those hoping to open their own business may want to consider this financial seminar.

The Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center is offering a program on effectively financing a new or existing business, according to a press release from Ron Acree, director of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center at Jackson State Community College.

The seminar is at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Humboldt Hospital Conference Center at 3525 Chere Carol Rd. Non-profit businesses are not eligible for the seminar, according to the release.

To register or receive more information, contact Acree at (731) 424-5389 or at racree@mail.tabdc.org.

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Business consultant to be available

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

He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 1-5 p.m. Nov. 6.

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

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Sigma Alpha members garner awards

The Beta Theta chapter of Sigma Alpha, a professional agricultural sorority that promotes scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship among its members, was named second runner-up for the Founder’s Cup Award at the recent national convention.

The award recognizes the most outstanding chapters of Sigma Alpha, based on exceptional performance in the four pillars of the sorority: scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship.

Beta Theta also was one of nine Emerald Chapters, recognition for chapters that properly file all paperwork with the national office by the stated deadlines. These awards were based on reports from last year’s activities under the guidance of Sara Beth Griffin, Brighton, president.

Beta Theta members claimed several additional recognitions. Heather McLean, of Newbern, was named an Emerald Scholar, an honor given to individual members with a 3.75 or higher grade-point average. Allie Shrump, 2007 graduate, Goodletsville, received first runner-up honors for National Outstanding Leader.

Pamela Bartholomew, 2006 graduate, Decaturville, was elected to a two-year director’s position with national board, and Erin Smith, of Munford, current president, appeared on a live broadcast of the Agri Talk radio program with the outgoing national alumni president and the incoming national board president.

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Since that time, Sigma Alpha has become a national organization consisting of more than 80 chapters, comprised of undergraduate and alumnae members.

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LOCAL STUDENT ATTENDS UT MARTIN SENIOR DAY
- Katelyn Black, a senior at Westview High School, attended the recent University of Tennessee at Martin Senior Preview Day. More than 150 seniors were in attendance and received information about a variety of topics, including scholarships and financial aid, college and housing costs and various university academic programs. With Black is her mother, Dianne Black.

GIFT FUNDS SEMINAR SERIES — Newell Graham, right, owner of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Union City, was instrumental in securing a $50,000 gift from the Coca-Cola Bottlers Association to establish a Seminar Series on Diagnosis and Early Intervention of Learning Difficulties at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The seminar series is designed to assist education majors, child care center providers and area teachers in development of an understanding of the skills and techniques necessary for early diagnosis of children with learning difficulties. With Graham is Dr. Mary Lee Hall, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences dean, and Chancellor Tom Rakes.

Business consultant to be at Reed Center Nov. 6

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will be available in November at the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center in Martin. He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 1-5 p.m., Nov. 6.

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

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A native of Baltimore and a graduate of Princeton University, where he has taught in the American Studies Program, Deford has authored 16 books. Two of his books, "Everybody's All-American" and "Alex: The Life of a Child," his memoir of his daughter who died of cystic fibrosis, have been made into movies, while a third, "Casey On The Loose," is being turned into a Broadway musical. His current book, "The Entitled," is a novel about celebrity, sex and baseball.

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

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

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

Art faculty represented include Lane Last, Diane Shaw, Jason Stout, Carol Eckert, Grace Eckert, David McBeth and Pamela Fiedler.

The opening will be held in conjunction with the annual Music Faculty Showcase that will begin immediately after at 7:30 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre.
Preview Day for seniors, family at UTM includes football tickets

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Online course provider planning Photoshop class

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

Author and Photoshop expert Sherry London created the new online course, “Introduction to Adobe Photoshop CS3.”

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

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

Students can take “Introduction to Adobe Photoshop CS3” from the convenience of their own home or office and at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course — part of a growing catalog of more than 300 instructor-facilitated online courses — visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php.

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

Foreign Film Series offers Spanish movie

“El Laberinto del Fauno (Pan’s Labyrinth),” the third movie in the 2007 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

“Pan’s Labyrinth” is a Spanish language film written and directed by the acclaimed Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro.

Set in post-Civil War Spain, it begins with a fairy tale of a young woman whose father is the king of the underworld. Curious to know of the life of the surface-dwellers, she ventures home from her home whereupon she forgets all about her previous life and eventually lives and dies among the mortals. The plot then fast-forwards to 1944 with Spain firmly under the control of the dictator, Francisco Franco, and a girl named Ofelia who is an avid fan of fairy tales. Coming across a strange bug, she eventually led to and given three tasks by a mysterious faun to see if she is the reincarnation of a dead princess. Meanwhile, her stepfather, the fascist Captain Vidal, is searching for anti-fascists in the region and believes her to be among them.

The film is heavily influenced by fairy tales and considered a spiritual sequel to “The Devil’s Backbone,” employing makeup, puppetry and special effects to create fantasy creatures. It won three Academy Awards for cinematography, art direction and makeup, was nominated for three more and won several Golden Globes. It stars Sergi López and Maribel Verdú and will be introduced by Dr. Randal Garza, assistant professor of Spanish in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages.

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

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Participants will visit Palermo to see the Palatine Chapel, Selinunte to see the Dorian Temples and the Acropolis, Syracuse to see the archaeological center, Taormina and on to the Valley of Temples and Mount Etna. They will take the ferry across the Straits of Messina, drive along the Western coast of Italy, tour the cities of Positano, Amalfi, Revallo, Salerno and Sorrento, take a boat to the Isle of Capri, tour the ancient cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, view Vesuvius and tour Naples.

As Rick Steves states in his tour book, "Naples is a barrel of cultural monkeys and Italy in the extreme... Serene Sorrento... is the gateway to the much loved Amalfi Coast. From the jet-setting island of Capri to the stunning scenery of the Amalfi Coast, from ancient Pompeii to even more ancient Paestum... this is Italy's coast with the most."

For complete information and cost for the Sicily and Southern Italy tour, contact Sandra Baker, director of the UT/Martin Tennessee Intensive English Program and International Admissions, at 731-881-7352, Stan Sieber, professor of history, at 731-881-7467 or the Center for Global Studies and International Education, at 731-881-1023.

Retiring faculty and staff

Retiring University of Tennessee at Martin faculty and administrative staff recently were honored at a dinner. With the honorees is Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin Chancellor, third from left. Those recognized for their service include, from left, Joe Croom, assistant vice chancellor/director of the Office of Business Affairs; Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor emeritus; Sandra Downing, associate professor of library science; Cile Grasfeder, professor of health and human performance; Steve Rogers, director, Paul Meek Library; and Dr. William Solomons, professor of chemistry.
Final Preview Day set for November 10 at UT Martin

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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 will be from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. in the Elam Center. Students will receive a complimentary ticket to the UT Martin Skyhawk football game, which begins at noon.

The day will include a welcome and general information session, the university's academic fair, academic department visits and campus tours.

For more information about Preview Day activities and events, call the UT Martin admissions office at 1-800-829-UTM1 or 731-881-7020. Students may register for Preview Days online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/admissions/previewdays.php.

Gift funds seminar series

Newell Graham, right, owner of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Union City, was instrumental in securing a $50,000 gift from the Coca-Cola Bottlers Association to establish a Seminar Series on Diagnosis and Early Intervention of Learning Difficulties at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The seminar series is designed to assist education majors, child care center providers and area teachers in development of an understanding of the skills and techniques necessary for early diagnosis of children with learning difficulties. With Graham is Dr. Mary Lee Hall, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences dean, and Chancellor Tom Rakes.

Deadline for 2008 Governor's Schools nears

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

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 more information, visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/caas/tgsas/. Brochures are available and may be requested by telephone at 731-881-7260 or by mail at TGSAS, University of Tennessee at Martin, 256 Brehm Hall, Martin, TN 38238.

Governor's School for the Humanities examines the role of language, history, philosophy, politics and the arts in defining the relevance of humanities in our modern age. Visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/govschool/ for an application or for more information.

Applications also are available in high school guidance offices.

UTM preview day set

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

Registration will be from 8 to 8:30 a.m. in the Elam Center.

For more information about preview day call the admissions office at 1-800-829-UTM1.
Foreign film series offers El Laberinto Del Fauno, November 9

“El Laberinto del Fauno (Pan’s Labyrinth),” the third movie in the 2007 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled at 7 p.m., November 9, in Watkins Auditorium of Bolling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. “Pan’s Labyrinth” is a Spanish language film written and directed by the acclaimed Mexican filmmaker, Guillermo del Toro. Set in post-Civil War Spain, it begins with a fairy tale of a young woman whose father is the King of the underworld. Curious to know of the life of the surface-dwellers, she ventures from her home whereupon she forgets all about her previous life and eventually lives and dies among the mortals. The plot then fast-forwards to 1944 with Spain firmly under the control of the dictator, Francisco Franco, and a girl named Ofelia who is an avid fan of fairy tales. Coming across a strange bug, she is eventually led to and given three tasks by a mysterious faun to see if she is the reincarnation of a dead princess. Meanwhile, her stepfather, the fascist Captain Vidal, is searching for anti-fascists in the region and believes her to be among them.

The film is heavily influenced by fairy tales and considered a spiritual sequel to “The Devil’s Backbone,” employing makeup, puppetry and special effects to create fantasy creatures. It won three Academy Awards for cinematography, art direction and makeup, was nominated for three more, and won several Golden Globes. It stars Sergi Lopez and Maribel Verdú, and will be introduced by Dr. Randal Garza, assistant professor of Spanish, Department of Modern Foreign Languages.

Each foreign film is in its original foreign language and contains English subtitles. All foreign film series movies are free and open to the public. The film series is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council. For more information, contact the Department of Modern Foreign Languages at 731-881-7420.

CENSational Days held at UT Martin

CENSational Days were hosted recently at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The events are an opportunity to expose Weakley County eighth grade students to a range of careers covered by the six departments of the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, including engineering, chemistry, biology, mathematics and statistics, geology, geography, physics and astronomy, and pre-professional health sciences. Pictured is James Thompka, of Wood Dale, Illinois, giving a demonstration to students.

UT Martin ECCE offers online employee training courses

The University of Tennessee at Martin has a new program that makes it easy for businesses to provide high-quality training for their employees - no matter how many employees they have or where they are located.

Through lessons provided by ECCE partner, ed2go, online instruction and interaction with fellow students, employees gain knowledge they immediately can apply on the job. Each student will have the flexibility to study at his or her own pace combined with enough structure and support to complete the course. And, they’ll be able to access the classroom 24/7 from anywhere with an Internet connection.

New sessions of each course are offered every month and last six weeks, with two new lessons being released weekly (for a total of 12). The courses are entirely Web-based with comprehensive lessons, quizzes and assignments.

An instructor guides each course, pacing learners, answering questions, giving feedback and facilitating discussions.

UT Martin and ed2go host the entire operation. That means participating businesses don’t have to spend time purchasing, integrating, administering or supporting the technology. They can reap the rewards of this online training tool without any behind-the-scenes work.

These courses are thoroughly market tested with more than a million learners completing at least one of them.

Interested businesses can begin offering these courses right away. To learn more, visit the online instructor center at http://www.ed2go.com/utmartin-pro/ Select “Education To Go.”

For more information, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.
‘Little Shop of Horrors’ is Vanguard production

The University of Tennessee at Martin Vanguard Theatre will present its opening performance of “Little Shop of Horrors” at 8 p.m., November 1, on the main stage in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. Additional performances will be at 8 p.m., November 2-3, and 3 p.m., November 4.

“Little Shop of Horrors” is one of the longest-running off-Broadway shows of all time, making this affectionate spoof of 1950’s sci-fi movies a household name. A down-and-out skid row floral assistant becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Can fame, fortune and the love of a good woman possibly be worth feeding the growing appetite of an alien creature bent on global domination? This charming, tuneful, hilarious, tongue-planted-firmly-in-cheek musical, never fails to deliver the entertaining answer. The book and lyrics were written by Howard Ashman with music by Alan Menken.

UT Martin cast members include: Jonathan Johnson, of Hornbeck; Anne Albrecht, of Memphis; Jay Campbell, of Martin; Matthew Maitland, of Bradford; Matt Cannon, of Dickson; Jade Johnson, of Paris; Allison Jones, of South Fulton; and Karen Saldana, of Nashville. Also participating in the play are Kassi Abney, of Martin; Anna Frederick, of Bruceeton; Mary Beth French, of Paris; Ian Gray, of Memphis; Rachel Joost, of Union City; Andrew Patterson, of Jackson; Lamar Stenson, of Halls; and Dominique Wilson, of Memphis. Musicians for the production include Andrew Moore, of South Fulton; and Michael Yandell, of Martin.

The box office will open at noon on October 29. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7090.

UT Martin early user of Vista

Technology has changed at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Office of Information Technology Services is an early user of the Microsoft Vista operating system and Microsoft Office 2007 software. The software brings many benefits in the area of security and effectiveness, and there are new fun and informative desktop gadgets and search features to make finding items more efficient.

The Information Technology Services systems administration unit personnel have tested and configured 246 computers with Vista and Office 2007 in the labs for general student access. They also configured the appropriate services and servers to work with the new systems. Many functions in this area had changed because of the enhanced security. Student accounts, directories and software had to be migrated before Vista could be installed in the labs. The process began by testing current lab software for Vista compatibility. Some programs had released a Vista-compatible version, others had not. The lab images grew from approximately eight GB for XP to more than 20 GB for Vista, because, in part, to the larger operating system. They did work on folder redirection and profiles. Student profiles were pushed out by group policy to only lab computers. With XP, profiles were pushed to each student user. This change allows students and faculty to log in to computers outside of the lab and receive the correct local profile, which was not the case with XP.

The ITS technical services field support unit installed 210 new Dell Optiplex 745 Small Form Factor computers in classrooms and labs and 81 new Gateway E-155C Tablet computers for faculty. All of the new machines are running Vista and Office 2007. Also, they spent the first two days of class in the academic buildings ready to assist faculty and students and ease the transition.

The 24-hour Helpdesk provided answers to questions and tracked common problems for quick communication and resolution. The Instructional Technology Center provided training for faculty on the new tablets and on the classroom technology.

“Change always causes some stress and anxiety,” said Shannon Burgin, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief information officer. “Information Technology Services worked very hard to provide excellent service to the campus and to limit the anxiety and stress of this change.

Some of the steps in preparation that eased the transition to the new software included:

• Testing and more testing. In the spring, a simulated student lab environment was created and used to test network access, printing, security, software installations and other aspects that would affect students and faculty.
• Administrative systems were tested. All systems will not be compatible with Vista until later in the year or early 2008.
• Training - ITS staff received training and did a significant amount of research on the Vista environment. Faculty received training through the Instructional Technology Center and other Web resources.

• Participation - every area of ITS was involved in some form of the conversion.
• Identification of differences and problems collected through the 24-hour Helpdesk.

“Continued changes in technology provide an infrastructure and tools to support excellence in teaching and learning,” said Burgin. “UT Martin students are given the opportunity to work with state-of-the-art technology prior to moving into the work place when they graduate.

“Technology change never stops. The next major UT Martin Information Technology Services project on the horizon is the conversion of the SunGardHE Banner student information system to a new hardware and operating system platform that was provided through a Title III Grant and in cooperation with the Student Success Center and the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts.
University breathes life into Northwest Tennessee, graduates

The importance of the University of Tennessee at Martin to the lives of its graduates and the prosperity of West Tennessee was reinforced by the three honorees recognized at the annual coming alumni awards dinner, October 12.

Lt. Gen. John G. Castellaw, deputy commandant, Programs and Resources, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., and Van Jones, environmental leader, civil rights attorney and public speaker, Oakland, Calif., each received an Outstanding Alumni Award and Dee Fields Pritchett, managing broker for Fuller Partners Real Estate, Martin, was presented the Chancellor’s Award for University Service.

Pritchett said she accepted the award for “all the hundreds of people who do many things for UT Martin - much more than I do.” The 1973 alumna and longtime supporter added, “I feel our university is a breath of life for northwest Tennessee. For the almost 30 years that I have worked in real estate, I’ve been extolling the virtues of UT Martin. It’s been my pleasure to meet so many fine educators and administrators, students and their families. I always tell them we need people who want to contribute and want to stay. Continuity is so important to a university of this size, and UT Martin is so important to our area.”

Noting Bill Clinton’s book, “Giving,” Pritchett said the former president states that “people are either givers or they’re takers.” She added, “UT Martin, I believe, has many alumni and friends who are not only loyal to our university and northwest Tennessee, but are also givers. As UT Martin breathes life into northwest Tennessee, we give back, and we’ll be rewarded. I feel very honored to do my small part - no thanks necessary. I am very lucky. My best and my thanks to you all, and go Skyhawks.”

Castellaw, a 1972 agriculture graduate who has traveled all over the world in the military, told those attending the awards banquet, “There are many reasons that I am happy to be here tonight. One of them is that not often do I have the opportunity to talk to home folks.” He recounted several memories of professors and his time at UT Martin. “Just like today, there were great people who were in the supportive establishment here and great teachers.”

Stating that he has kept in touch with the university over the years through friends and family, he added, “I’ve seen the spirit, that I think has been manifested in graduates of UT Martin, be carried on.” Castellaw said he has worn a UT Martin T-shirt when working out in places such as Baghdad and has met other graduates in his travels. “We always shared fond memories (of the university).” He added, “As I stand here tonight, I am humbled and honored to get this particular award. It means a great deal to me.”

“This is truly a homecoming for me,” said Jones, who began his association with the university as a participant in the Governor’s School for the Humanities as a high school junior. He returned to UT Martin as a college freshman and graduated in 1990. He credited Dr. Jerald Ogg, now interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, with being a strong mentor while he was a student. “Outside of my mom and dad, he was probably the biggest influence on me.” Jones said Ogg always told him to “make choices that give you more choices” and not to “underestimate UT Martin.” Jones added, “I learned how to learn here.” He also expressed gratitude that Ogg and others urged him to go to law school. “They didn’t give up on me. They wouldn’t accept a mediocre score if they thought you could do better.”

Jones, who is president of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights in Oakland, a foundation he said he literally “started in a closet,” now has 24 employees and is making a difference. “If we reach out to each other and help each other, there’s nothing we can’t do. The reason I know this . . . my mother was right. She told me there was nothing I couldn’t do. And the reason I know it, UT Martin was right and Jerald Ogg was right. ‘There was no place I couldn’t get to from UT Martin.’

UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes welcomed guests to the awards banquet and was joined in making remarks by Dr. Debbie Ingram, University of Tennessee National Alumni Association president. Also attending was Lofton Stuart, UTNAA executive director.

Dr. Debbie Ingram, University of Tennessee National Alumni Association president; Dr. Thomas Rakes, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor; and Lofton Stuart, right, UTNAA executive director; are pictured with Lt. Gen. John G. Castellaw, deputy commandant, Programs and Resources, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., during the annual UT Martin Alumni Awards Banquet, hosted October 12. Castellaw, formerly of Crockett County, received the Outstanding Alumni Award.
Student receives scholarship to attend UT Martin

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

Sarah Thompson, daughter of David and Sandra Thompson of Selmer, is a junior. She received the H.J. Maxedon Scholarship.

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