Business seminar scheduled
A business seminar designed for small business owners and employees is scheduled for 10 a.m.-noon, Thursday at the University of Tennessee at Martin REED Center.

The “Government Contracting-How to Do Business with the Government” seminar will help business owners understand the basics of selling to the government and private industry. Participants will also gain the technical resources necessary to establish support networks for securing and performing both government and private contracts.

The seminar is being hosted by the Tennessee Small Business Development Center.

Instructors Saundra Jackson, with the Small Business Association, and Russell Toone, with the University of Tennessee Procurement Technical Assistance Center, will focus on how businesses can prepare for federal government contracting and how to successfully market and build relations with buyers and contracting officers.

The workshop is free and open to the public.

The UTM REED Center is located at 406 South Lindell St. in Martin. For more information about the seminar contact Landy Fuqua at (731) 587-7333 or register online at www.utm.edu/reed.

Customer service program set
The University of Tennessee at Martin REED Center has partnered with the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce to host a seminar Wednesday on the importance of customer service.

The lecture, “Customer Service: It’s All About the Guest in Your Business,” is scheduled for noon-2 p.m. in the Harvey Vick Community Room at the South Fulton Municipal Complex.

Landy Fuqua with the Tennessee Small Business Development Center will instruct the seminar. She will focus on improving customer experiences and viewing each customer as a priority for success.

Employers are encouraged to bring additional employees to the session to learn the do’s and don’ts of customer service.

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E-mail evaluations and photograph critiques will be used throughout the course. Instruction will take place in the classroom or in the field, depending on weather and the week’s subject matter. At least one off-campus trip to a local site will be scheduled. Dr. Tom Gallien will teach the class.

All participants are required to bring a tripod, a notepad and their camera’s instruction manual.

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Public invited to UT Martin drawing class
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UT Martin has maintained a Jackson Center since 1992.

In addition to offices, the new center features classrooms, a distance-learning facility, a computer facility and a library.

The center will allow UT Martin to offer an extensive list of undergraduate and non-credit classes.

Degree offerings at the center will include a Bachelor of Science in Social Work, the Bachelor of University Studies and a Master of Science in Education.

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Regen passes CPA exam

Brooke Regen, Assistant to Chief Operations Officer with First Citizens National Bank, recently passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Examination, according to the Tennessee State Board of Accountancy.

The Uniform CPA Examination is one of the nation’s most comprehensive examinations. The exam is delivered in a computer-based format eight months of the year at test centers throughout the United States.

Sections covered in the computer-based test include auditing and attestation, financial accounting and reporting, regulation and business environment.

To be eligible to sit for the exam, candidates must have completed a minimum of 150 semester hours, which include a baccalaureate or higher degree from an academic institution recognized by the Tennessee State Board of Accountancy, with a minimum of 24 semester hours in accounting and 24 semester hours in general business subjects.

Upon passing the exam, Regen was inducted as a member of the Tennessee Society of CPAs (TSCPA) and its West Tennessee Chapter. The TSCPA is the state professional organization of CPAs with more than 8,000 members in all areas of public practice, government, education, business and industry.

The West Tennessee Chapter is one of eight chapters across the state.

Regen earned her bachelor of science in business administration degree, with a focus in accounting, from the University of Tennessee at Martin and has been with First Citizens National Bank since 2010.

She is the daughter of Michael and Missy Harris. She and her husband, Andrew, reside in Dyersburg.

Guest Speaker

Ruby Black, with the UT Martin department of nursing, spoke to the Martin Kiwanis Club Sept. 28 about the Status of healthcare in Weakley County. The club appreciated Black coming to speak. Black (left) is pictured with with Martin Kiwanis president Tammy Hazlewood.
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Carroll County

Chamber of Commerce Makes It Easy to Get Business Advice

The Chamber of Commerce and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) are happy to provide free confidential one-on-one consultations to entrepreneurs and existing business owners.

Take advantage of the opportunity to get one-on-one business consulting from Erik Markin, University of Tennessee at Martin Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Markin will be at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce in Huntingdon, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 11. He will be available to help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with advice on a business plan, financing options, marketing, customer service, cash flow and other issues.

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Dresden High School FCCLA members attend Fall Leadership meeting

Dresden High School FCCLA attended the State Fall Leadership meeting at the University of Tennessee at Martin recently. State officers, Candice Tatum, Lillian Franklin Lee, and Kelsey Batts presented their National Program concerns to the members who attended. Each school was asked to present a Public Service Announcement and submit a nametag to represent their school.

Dresden High School won the PSA announcement contest by being voted the best one. The club received one free camp registration to Camp Clements in October.
University to host world-renowned percussion duo

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music is hosting world-renowned percussion duo Maraca2. The performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., October 10, in room 112 of the Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

Maraca2, formed in 2004 by undergraduate students at the Birmingham Conservatoire, has been recognized as "the United Kingdom's most internationally established percussion duo," according to the official Maraca2 website. The duo's music ranges from marimba arrangements of popular classics to influences of modern jazz, funk and pop.

Audience members should "expect a spectacular array of adrenaline-fueled performances, artistic wizardry and a virtuosic percussive display suitable for any audience," according to the official website.

The percussion duo has performed around the world, including South America, the Caribbean and the United States.

Three receive top honors in Soybean Festival Art Exhibition

The University of Tennessee at Martin Visual Arts Society, in cooperation with the Arts Co-op Gallery, recently sponsored the Soybean Festival Art Exhibition. Awards were presented to winners at the Arts Co-op Gallery located on Lindell St. in Martin.

Jean Johnson of Martin was awarded first place and $100 for her painting, "The French Quarter." Roy Cates of Martin took second place and $75 for his photograph, "Smoke Photography/Dancing Queen." Vicki Owens placed third and received $50 for her painting, "Quiet Night."

The Soybean Festival Art Exhibition is a regular part of soybean festivities with cash awards sponsored by the Visual Arts Society, a student honor society that helps to promote the visual arts on the UT Martin campus and throughout the community.

BOOK SALE AT PAUL MEEK LIBRARY

MARTIN: The Friends of Paul Meek Library group at the University of Tennessee at Martin will hold its annual book sale during UT Martin's homecoming weekend from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., October 6-7, and 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on October 8, in the library's foyer. In addition to books priced from 50 cents-$2.00, DVDs, video and audio books will be for sale. Proceeds from the sale go to support additional resources for the Paul Meek Library.
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Quilting Class to meet on Mondays

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies will sponsor a quilting class open to interested community members. The class will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays, Oct. 10, 17 and 24 on the UT Martin campus. The registration fee is $75.

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As the house-mother for AGR, Conley said she would like to see the chapter expand its role in the community.

“Alpha Gamma Rho has always been a giving fraternity and as house mother I would like to see them continue to grow this even more,” “Mom Conley” said.

“Mom Conley” has been very active in the community, including leadership roles in the Martin Pilot Club and Alpha Delta Kappa Professional Teacher Sorority.

“We, as the undergraduate chapter, are very excited about the upcoming opportunities we have with Mom Conley. She has come to the house with enthusiasm and excitement and we look forward to many successes together,” Andy Zarecor, AGR noble ruler, said.

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She has been an active member of the center’s Higher Education Committee and is a member emeritus of the UT Martin Development Committee. Scott attended UT Junior College before graduating with a degree in home economics from UT Knoxville. She later returned to UT Martin and obtained a master’s degree in education in 1971.

Sewell, also of Selmer, served as a UT agricultural extension agent for 50 years and received the UT Extension Service Distinguished Award in 1989. She established the Fairene Sewell Nutrition Fund at UT Knoxville in 1991 and the Fairene Sewell Scholarship Endowment for students at the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer in 2001.

She has served on the McNairy County Center’s Higher Education Committee since its inception and is an emeritus member and former chair of the UT Martin Development Committee. Sewell attended UT Junior College before graduating with a degree in home economics from UT Knoxville. For more homecoming information, visit utmforever.com.
Upcoming events on the UT Martin campus

Tickets are now on sale for the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music's annual dessert evening concert. The performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Oct. 6-8, at the Martin First United Methodist Church.

Tickets are $18 for adults and $12 for UT Martin students and children 12 years old and younger.

UT Martin students will perform both choral and solo pieces while patrons enjoy a variety of tempting desserts. Each ticket sale includes three dessert courses.

All proceeds support the choral and vocal programs at UT Martin.

For more information or to reserve a ticket, contact Sherry Adams at 881-7402 or by email at sadams@utm.edu.

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Maraca2, formed in 2004 by undergraduate students at the Birmingham Conservatoire, has been recognized as "the United Kingdom's most internationally established percussion duo," according to the official Maraca2 website.

The duo's music ranges from marimba arrangements of popular classics to influences of modern jazz, funk and pop.

The percussion duo has performed around the world, including South America, the Caribbean and the United States.

Maraca2 is back in the U.S. by popular demand and UT Martin is pleased to be a stop on this second American tour.

This performance is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill at 881-7418 or go online to the official website at www.maraca2.com.

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UT Martin Homecoming schedule of events

The University of Tennessee at Martin will celebrate its annual homecoming, Oct. 3-9, with a "Viva Las Martin" theme. Annual events, including the rope pull and pyramid building competitions, pep rally, awards dinners and alumni reunions, return with Las Vegas flair.

Quad City, with its live music, petting farm, college tents and Skyhawk Walk, will be open to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, in the quad. The Skyhawks will face Austin Peay State University at 2 p.m. Saturday in Graham Stadium.

The following is a schedule of events for homecoming week:

Today - Faculty and Staff Day
• 4 p.m., Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
• 7 p.m., Public Relations Student Society of America's Womanless Beauty Review, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center

Friday - Blue and Orange Day
• 3:15 p.m., Rope Pull Championships, Pacer Pond
• 6 p.m., Alumni Awards Dinner, Dunagan Alumni Center
• 6 p.m., Skyhawks vs. Eastern Illinois (volleyball), Skyhawk Fieldhouse
• 7:30 p.m., Dessert Evening, First United Methodist Church (admission)
• 8 a.m., Lip Sync (rain date), Skyhawk Fieldhouse

Saturday
• 7:30 a.m., Letterwinner's Breakfast and Hall of Fame Inductions, Student Life Center (admission)
• 10 a.m., Quad City opens, featuring the Webb Dalton Band

Sunday
• 10 a.m., "Walk in the Quad"

For more homecoming information, visit www.utmforever.com.
Course offered for those interested in Japanese culture

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies will offer a course in intercultural communications with the Japanese. This course is for anyone interested in developing a greater understanding of Japanese lifestyles, ceremonies and rules of etiquette.

Classes will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays Oct. 13-Nov. 17 at the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer. The registration fee is $45.

Dr. Thomas E. Cauley will instruct the course, focusing on the relationship among culture, communication and curriculum. Students will be provided with the tools to develop a framework for understanding a culture much different than theirs.

Participants will also gain the ability to engage in meaningful relationships with the Japanese in their homes, in business and abroad.

To register for the course, contact ECOS at 881-7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php.

PSEPP to walk out violence

Personal Safety Empowerment Partnership Project (PSEPP) of UT Martin will kick off October as domestic violence month. The group invites the community to come to the University Center at 8:30 a.m. Saturday to Walk Out Domestic Violence in honor of all survivors and victims. All are welcome to attend. The release of purple balloons will be done prior to the walk.

Ecotoxicology author to speak at seminar

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society recently received an International Year of Chemistry celebration grant to fund four speakers supporting the theme: “A Focus on Hazards of Radiation and Unsafe Drug Disposal.”

The first of these speakers, Dr. B. G. Loganathan, professor of environmental/analytical chemistry at Murray State University, will present at 7 p.m. tonight, in room 225 of the Boling University Center.

Loganathan’s lecture, “Man-made Organic Chemical Contaminants in the Environment with Deleterious Effects on Health,” will focus on the environmental pollution issues caused by man-made persistent organic chemicals (POCs). POCs are found in air, water, soil and organisms, including wildlife and humans around the world. Loganathan is the author of more than 60 peer-reviewed journal articles, has made numerous presentations at national and international forums and co-edited a book titled “Global Contamination Trends of Persistent Organic Chemicals.” The presentation is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. S.K. Airee, SMACS faculty advisor, at 731-881-7454 or by email at skairee@utm.edu.

UTM students to sell tilapia

Fresh tilapia raised by students from the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources will be harvested and sold to the public from 2-6 p.m. Oct. 13, at the Aquaculture Teaching and Research Facility on the UT Martin campus.

The facility is located on Derryberry Lane, between Gardner Hyndsvor Road and University Street. Whole tilapia fish will be sold for $3 per pound.

Students raised the fish as they researched cost-effective ways to produce tilapia. Funds raised from the sale will go to offset production costs.

For more information contact Dr. Bradley Ray, assistant professor of fisheries, at 881-7255 or email Loganan@utm.edu.

BOOK SALE AT PAUL MEEEK LIBRARY

The Friends of Paul Meek Library group at the University of Tennessee at Martin will hold its annual book sale during UT Martin's homecoming weekend from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Oct. 6-7, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Oct. 8, in the library's foyer. In addition to books priced from 50 cents-$2, DVDs, videos and audio books will be for sale. Proceeds from the sale go to support additional resources for the Paul Meek Library. Call (731) 881-7070.
UT Martin celebrates homecoming today

University of Tennessee Martin homecoming is going on this week with events that include a Blue and Orange Day celebration today, according to a news release.

The celebration will include a rope pull championship at Pacer Pond, an alumni awards dinner in the Dunagan Alumni Center and a volleyball showdown between the Skyhawks and Eastern Illinois at the Skyhawk Fieldhouse, the release said.

Today's events also will include an 8:30 p.m. pep rally at the Elam Center.

The celebration will continue with a variety of events on Saturday and Sunday. For more homecoming information, visit www.utmforever.com.

Sports columnist to speak at UT Martin

Geoff Calkins, sports columnist for The Commercial Appeal in Memphis, will speak Tuesday as part of the University of Tennessee Martin Honors Program's annual Academic Speaker Series.

Calkins is scheduled to present his lecture, "From Harvard to Happiness: Looking for the Good Stuff in the Sometimes Seamy World of Sports," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Watkins Auditorium at Boling University Center on UT Martin's campus.

After graduating from Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Calkins earned a master's degree from Columbia University's School of Journalism. In addition to his work for The Commercial Appeal, he makes daily radio appearances on "The Gary Parrish Show with Geoff Calkins" and hosts a weekly television show, "Sports Files with Geoff Calkins," on WKNO (Memphis PBS).

The lecture is co-sponsored by Honors Programs and Intercollegiate Athletics. For more information about the Academic Speaker Series, contact Dr. Lionel Crews at (731) 881-7436.

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New UT Martin Jackson Center set to open

The University of Tennessee Martin Jackson Center will open its new location at 3 p.m. Tuesday at 3031 U.S. 45 Bypass. The official opening will include remarks from UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes, UT President Joe DiPietro, a ribbon-cutting and tours of the facility. The public is invited.

UT Martin has maintained a Jackson center since 1992. The new center features offices, classrooms, a distance-learning facility, a computer facility and a library.

The center will allow UT Martin to offer an extensive list of undergraduate and non-credit classes. Degree offerings at the center will include a bachelor of science in social work, the bachelor of university studies and a master of science in education.
HALL OF FAMER — Union City native Mickey Hamilton (second from left) joined an exclusive club this weekend at the University of Tennessee at Martin — the school's Sports Hall of Fame. The former kicker, who still holds several records at the school, was honored at a breakfast Saturday morning and during the game Saturday against Austin Peay State University. He was joined at the induction breakfast by (from left) his wife, Sally, and his daughter and son-in-law, Lauren and Justin Tipton. Also joining in the festivities, but not pictured, were his daughter, Margaret Hamilton, and his son, Matt Hamilton. Mickey is the son of the late Dale and Milton Hamilton Jr.

NEW UTM CLASS — The University of Tennessee at Martin Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2011 was inducted Saturday morning during the annual letter winners breakfast and Hall of Fame inductions. Members of the Class of 2011 include (from left) Nichole Lockridge (women's basketball 1997-99); Valerie Adcock Boothe (rifle 1992-96); Mickey Hamilton (football 1973-76); and Mike Hayes (baseball 1984-87).
Small biz seminar set

Learn the ins and outs of starting your own business, the various sources of financing offered by the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the criteria required to obtain a small business loan at a seminar Oct. 25.

Offered by the UT Martin Tennessee Small Business Development Center and the REED Center, there is no fee for the seminar that will be offered Oct. 25 from 10 a.m.-noon at the REED Center, located at 406 South Lindell St. in Martin. Seating is limited. Instructor will be Saundra Jackson, (SBA) senior area manager.

Register online at www.utm.edu/reed or by calling 587-7333.

UT Martin among America’s 100 Best College Buys

The University of Tennessee at Martin is listed for the sixth consecutive year among America’s 100 Best College Buys, a listing compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc.

"High quality and low cost are a rare combination in any product, yet for the sixth consecutive year, we are proud to recognize the University of Tennessee at Martin as being among those very few educational institutions that consistently provide both," said Lewis Lindsey Jr., IRE president.

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, said providing students high value and quality for their educational investment remains a priority.

"These are challenging economic times for individuals and families and we strive to give students exceptional value for their education dollars," he said. "We are honored to be recognized in this way and will continue to serve the region by providing the highest academic quality to those who choose UT Martin."

The listing in America’s 100 Best College Buys is UT Martin’s third major recognition for the current academic year. Earlier, UT Martin continued its top-tier ranking for southern master’s institutions in the 2012 edition of America’s Best Colleges, compiled by U.S. News & World Report. Also, The Princeton Review named UT Martin among “The Best Southeastern Colleges” for 2012, the ninth consecutive year for the university to earn this designation.
WestStar names board of trustees members

Seven new members have been named to the WestStar Board of Trustees. Serving three-year terms through 2014 are Kathy Moore, Cowan, Bobby Dyer, Joe Emery, Tom Gee, Jo Matherne, Garry Welch and Jim Wyatt. They join 15 other trustees in shaping the future of WestStar at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Cowan is a 2010 WestStar graduate from Shelby County. She is a senior community development specialist with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis-Memphis Branch.

Dyer is a 2009 WestStar graduate from Dyer County. He is the executive vice president of Security Bank, Dyersburg.

Emery is a 2009 WestStar graduate from Dyer County. He is the executive vice president of Security Bank, Dyersburg.

Gee is a 2003 WestStar graduate from Henry County. He is the CEO of Henry County Medical Center, Paris.

Matherne is a 2002 WestStar graduate from Hardin County. She is the mayor of the City of Brownsville.

Welch is a 2007 WestStar graduate from Hardin County. He is the Savannah city manager.

Wyatt is a 2008 WestStar graduate from Tipton County. He is the community bank president for First State Bank, Atoka.

Now in its 23rd year, WestStar serves the 21 counties of West Tennessee and is the state's oldest and largest regional leadership program.

The WestStar Leadership Program is committed to training new leaders with the skills and strategies needed to promote community success and maximize the potential of West Tennessee.

For more information, contact Virginia Grimes, coordinator, at 881-7298 or go online to www.utm.edu/departments/weststar.

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UTM faculty concert

The University of Tennessee Martin Department of Music has a staff of professors who practice what they teach. The department's annual Faculty Showcase Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center. The program will include instrumental and vocal works ranging from the Baroque period to the modern era. A special silent auction will be held to benefit Friends of Music, a fund primarily supporting student music activities.

Performers include Amy Yeung and Roberto Mancusi, vocalists; Elaine Harris, Delana Easley and Johnathan Vest, pianists; Kurt Gorman, trumpet; Julie Hill, percussion; Amy Simmons, clarinet; Matthew Stratton, tuba; Doug Owens, oboe; Joseph Frye, trombone; and Jessica Thomas, horn. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 881-7411.
Breast cancer breakthroughs

These days it is not uncommon to find someone who has been impacted by cancer. That is the case for a young Martin native who has vowed to be a part of the solution in the fight against breast cancer.

University of Tennessee at Martin graduate, Dr. Joel Parker, research assistant professor in the Department of Genetics at the University of North Carolina (UNC), Chapel Hill and Director of the Bioinformatics Core at the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, earned his Ph.D. in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics. He has co-authored more than 70 scientific manuscripts in the fields of genetics, toxicology, and clinical research.

Parker's recent work has focused on the development of a breast cancer test and results from this study were published in the Journal of Clinical Oncology and Clinical Cancer Research. The work involved identifying a set of 50 genes that are necessary for accurate cancer classification.

In December 2010, they licensed the intellectual property surrounding the test at NanoString Technologies, Inc., a privately held life sciences company in Seattle, Wash.

NanoString Technologies was given an exclusive license to commercialize and distribute the test worldwide for clinical use.

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rate classification of breast cancer subtypes. Current testing makes use of only two genes.

In contrast, the 50 gene test provides a more refined view of an individual's tumor subtype.

Parker's work demonstrates that results of the 50 gene test are predictive of metastasis, survival, and sensitivity or resistance to certain chemotherapy regimens.

Thus, the test result informs clinicians by providing an accurate assessment of patient prognosis, and helps tailor treatment options to an individual's tumor.

Researchers are using the test in clinical trials to find "the definitive cure and/or prevention mechanism" for each type of breast cancer.

Parker and colleagues from UNC, University of Utah, and Washington University co-authored a patent which is pending on this breast cancer assay.

In December 2010, they licensed the intellectual property surrounding the test at NanoString Technologies, Inc., a privately held life sciences company in Seattle, Wash.

In addition, ARUP lab at the University of Utah has licensed the patent to produce a non-distributed form of the test primarily for research use.

Parker, wife Jaclyn and their two sons, Cannon and Isaac, live in Apex, NC.

He is the son-in-law of Jim and Dee Cannon of Martin.

THE REBEL YELL

By Kelsey Mattox and Kendra Gilmore

It has been a short week at MHS! Thanks to Fall Break, students were out of school Friday October 7th and Monday October 10th. Before leaving for Fall Break, students took Mid-Term exams. ACT Prep classes begin October 11. Sessions are after school from 3:05-4:45, Monday through Thursday. Mrs. Yates and the Student Council thank all who participated in Homecoming Week. The students raised over $700 from Spirit Links. The seniors won the Spirit bragging rights. This money goes towards Student Council and American Cancer Society. Here are some upcoming dates for the school year:

* PSAT: Wednesday October 12
* Report Cards: Thursday October 13
* Pep Rally: Friday October 14
* McKenzie vs Huntingdon

Football Game: Friday October 14 at Huntington
* BETA Induction: Sunday October 16 in the MHS Theatre
* Picture Make-Up Day: Monday October 17
* UTM College Fair (for seniors): Wednesday October 19
* Youth Leadership Carroll County: Wednesday October 26
* Football Senior Night vs. West Carroll: Friday October 28
* Marching Band State Competition: Saturday October 29

Reminder to seniors attending the UTM College Fair, you need to turn in your permission slips and $10 to Mrs. Ridley. The cheerleaders will be selling Pink Out t-shirts for the football game against West Carroll. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this event. You can see Mrs. Rachel Johns, any cheerleader, or any McKenzie school office for an order form. We hope everyone has an enjoyable week and thanks for reading The Rebel Yell!
Rebel Pitching Great Mike Hayes Inducted into UTM Sports HOF

MARTIN—Having played his high school baseball in McKenzie, Mike Hayes was familiar with teammates David Morris from Dresden and Martin Newby from Martin when he came to UT Martin as a freshman in 1984.

What Hayes didn't know about his buddies was that they had a nickname for him that still sticks today, almost 27 years later.

The two pitchers tagged Hayes “Freebird” after the three-man tag team wrestling trio of Michael “P.S.” Hayes, Terry “Bam Bam” Gordy and Buddy “Jack” Roberts.

Hayes lived with the nickname and was as intimidating on the mound as the three wrestlers were in the ring.

Now that time has passed, maybe the three pitchers should have been collectively called the “Fabulous Freebirds”.

The trio combined for a 7-3 overall record in Hayes' freshman year.

In his collegiate debut, Hayes pitched a complete game, a 2-0 shutout over Wright State in Panama City, Florida.

Regarding the game, Hayes recalled, “My coaches and teammates told me that Wright State was a good Division II team. What they didn’t tell me was that Wright State was ranked among the top 20 teams in the nation.”

Hayes never looked back from that first win.

The right-handed pitcher went 3-0 in his first collegiate season. He was named the Gulf South Conference Pitcher of the Week early in the season and earned MVP in the 1984 Panama City Classic.

He is still UT Martin’s all-time pitching leader in victories (19) and ranked first in career complete games (17).

In addition, Hayes ranks second in career games started (38); third in career strikeouts (167); and fourth in career innings pitched (218).

The prolific hurler appeared in 42 games and started 38. He threw 17 complete games and sported a 4.93 career Earned Run Average.

Hayes and the former Pacers finished with a 21-12 record in 1984.

The former McKenzie High School product was one of four former UT Martin student athletes inducted into the university's athletics hall of fame on October 8 during the Letter Winners Breakfast and Hall of Fame Induction ceremony.

The 28th Hall of Fame Induction Class also includes Valerie Adcock Boothe ( rifl e, 1992-96); Mickey Hamilton (football, 1973-76) and Nichole Lockridge (women's basketball, 1997-99).

(Article / photos courtesy Joe Lofaro, UTM Sports Information Director)
HCHS band's field show earns kudos

By MELANIE HOWARD
P-I Staff Writer

The Henry County High School Marching Patriots have been working hard this year, and it's showing.

They've won a variety of honors for their field show, including being named reserve grand champion — second place out of 19 bands — at the Crusader Invitational, a marching band competition held Sept. 24 in Jackson.

Their show, named Urban Pulse, includes music following the theme of city life. Musical selections performed in the show include songs such as "Traffic Jam" and "Hot Nights and Bright Lights."

HCHS band director Michael Nelson said the awards won at the Crusader Invitational had really opened a lot of people's eyes to the talent and promise of the young musicians in the band.

"It was a big win with us beating McNairy (County) and Trenton Peabody," Nelson said. "That hasn't happened in a long time."

Nelson explained that band members had been through a lot, basically having five directors in the past five years.

"I think at first they just viewed me as the next one in the line," Nelson said. "We've had to overcome some trust issues, but through the season and the successes we've had, they're starting to buy in."

"Without them putting in the hard work, none of this would be possible," Nelson said of the students' achievements.

Nelson was hired as the band's director in the spring of this year when interim director Bill Fisher's contract for the position was not renewed by the Henry County Board of Education.

Also on Sept. 24, the group earned a superior rating overall at the West Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association's Marching Festival.

Nelson explained this festival was different from other competitions because they did not compete against other groups. Instead, the band as a whole, as well as individual components of the band, were graded on how well they presented their show.

In addition to the superior rating the band earned as a whole, the field commanders and percussion section also earned superior marks. The color guard earned an excellent rating.

This year's band includes 56 wind instrument players, 22 percussionists, 12 color guard members and two field commanders for a total of 92 members. Blaine Bomar serves as the head field commander while Ashley Upton is also a field commander.

Other competitions the band has participated in, listed with date of competition and places won, include:

- Humboldt Marching Invitational, Saturday — In this most recent competition, the band won second-place overall out of a total of nine bands.

Individual awards were earned by Jared Presson and Savanna Hayes for best soloists overall. Bomar and Upton were awarded best field commanders overall.

The percussion section, field commanders, color guard and band as a whole all won first in their class.

- Symphony of Sound, Oct. 1 — Second in both class and division. First for color guard in division. Second for field commanders and percussion in division.

Also won best brass section designation for their division as well as best soloist designation for a trumpet solo by Presson.

- Gibson County Invitational, Oct. 1 — First-place band in class, second-place color guard in class, and third place in class for both percussion and field commanders.

At this competition, the band parents also won the designation for the most spirited boosters.

- Skyhawk Marching Band Invitational, Sept. 17 — HCHS won second in their class as well as second in their division which included a total of nine bands.

- Preview of Champions, Sept. 10 — In the first competition of their season, the HCHS band earned second in their class as well as second overall out of 13 bands.

The Messenger, Union City, Tennessee, Wednesday, October 12, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED — Jo Kathryn Maddox (left), chairman of the scholarship committee of the Beta Delta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa teacher's sorority, recently presented a scholarship to Lee Ussery, a language arts teacher at Union City Middle School. Also on hand was Marsha Houston, president of the sorority. The sorority gives an annual scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
Student chapter claims awards

The American Chemical Society (ACS) recently honored the University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) with both the Commendable Chapter Award and the Green Chemistry Award for its 2010-11 activities.

The 2010-11 winners of the Commendable Chapter Award will be recognized in the November/December issue of the Chemistry magazine. Chapter representatives will also be presented with a plaque at the ACS Student Chapter Award Ceremony, held as part of the 245th ACS National Meeting in San Diego.

The ACS Committee on Education and the ACS Green Chemistry Institute selected only 46 chapters from more than 1,000 nationwide to receive the Green Chemistry Award for the 2010-11 academic year. The UT Martin SMACS chapter has received this award 10 times since the award’s inception in 2001.

UT Martin chapter projects last year included conducting chemistry demonstrations at local elementary schools, sponsoring an Earth Day outreach program for the local community and helping area Boy Scout troops earn their chemistry merit badges.

For more information, contact Dr. S.K. Airee at (731) 881-7474 or by email at skairee@utm.edu.

Engineering program earns reaccreditation

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s general engineering program was recently reaccredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) Inc. Reaccreditation followed a lengthy process beginning with a detailed self-study report prepared by Ed Wheeler, UT Martin professor and interim chair of engineering, a visit from an ABET team in fall 2010 to examine the program and a final vote at the 2011 summer ABET meeting.

The program, housed in the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, was originally accredited in 1999 and has educated more than 300 successful engineers since then.

In its final report, the visiting team praised UT Martin’s program for its “excellent student-faculty rapport,” emphasis on “hands-on” laboratory learning experience and assistance in student intern and career placement.

Dr. Richard Helgeson, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences dean, said that these characteristics “help our program to stand out and give our graduates a competitive edge in the engineering marketplace.”

Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs, is also pleased with the review.

“This is a rigorous process, but it is gratifying to have ABET confirm what we already knew,” Ogg said. “Students who want to learn engineering from faculty members who have both world-class educational credentials and practical, professional experience need look no further than UT Martin.”

The program offers students a choice of concentrations in civil, electrical, industrial and mechanical engineering.

Collectively, the engineering faculty has 134 years of teaching experience and 76 years of practice as engineers.

All U.S. and international engineering programs that have ABET accreditation go through periodic reaccreditation visits to ensure that the programs maintain excellence in all aspects of their educational processes.

Abduction program tonight

A program on missing and abducted children and youth will be held at 7 tonight in the Duncan Ballroom of UT Martin’s Boling University Center.

The university’s Student Government Association is sponsoring the program in recognition of Holly Bobo’s 21st birthday. She was abducted in April from her family’s Decatur County home and remains missing.

Richard Schoeberl, former supervisory special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will present the program. He will speak about the large number of people who go missing each year and will also discuss how individuals can better protect themselves from abduction.

The program is free and open to the campus community and the public.

UTM 6th in website rankings

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s official website was ranked sixth out of 47 Tennessee colleges and universities in the 2011 4 International Colleges and Universities website popularity ranking.

The algorithm-derived standing is based on college website popularity among Tennessee four-year colleges and universities.

4 International Colleges and Universities (4icu.org) extracts website traffic data from three popular search engines, Google Page Rank, Yahoo Inbound Links and Alexa Traffic Rank, to generate a school’s final score and rank.

The 4icu.org directory includes international higher education organizations that are officially licensed, accredited or recognized by national or regional bodies, grant four-year undergraduate degrees and/or postgraduate degrees, provide traditional face-to-face learning facilities, programs and courses and have a working official website.
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UTM Hall enshrines quartet of standouts

UTM Sports Information
The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Department of Intercollegiate Athletics enshrined four inductees as the school’s 28th Hall of Fame class on Saturday morning.

Members of the 2011 Hall of Fame induction class include Valerie Adcock Boothe, women’s rifle (1992-96); Mickey Hamilton, football (1973-76); Mike Hayes, baseball (1984-87) and Nichole Lockridge, women’s basketball (1997-98).

The Class of 2011 was also recognized during the Homecoming game between UT Martin and Austin Peay.

Mike Hayes
Hayes made 42 appearances and 38 starts in his four-year career. He compiled a 19-9 record. He is UT Martin’s all-time leader in victories with 19 and he holds the school record for most complete games (17). He ranks third in career strikeouts with 167 and fourth in career innings pitched with 218.

Hayes is tied for first in single-season victories with nine in 1986 and is tied for second in single-season season complete games with seven in 1986.

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Mickey Hamilton
Hamilton was one of the most clutch kickers in UT Martin football history for coaches Bob Carroll and George Maclntyre. He led the team in scoring all four seasons and was named to the All-Gulf South Conference team as a senior in 1976 after leading the league in scoring with 71 points. He made two 53-yard field goals in 1976 (against Tennessee State and Delta State) which both are still tied for longest field goals in UT Martin history.

Valerie Adcock Boothe
Boothe led her team to top 16 national finishes each season. She was a three-time team captain and just missed All-American status. She was hired by Ole Miss to start a women’s rifle program in 1996.

Nichole Lockridge
Lockridge helped UT Martin reach the Ohio Valley Conference championship game in 1998 and 1999. She helped the team win the OVC regular season title in 1999 and led the Skyhawks to their first-ever appearance Women’s National Invitational Tournament (WNIT).
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Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, said that providing students high value and quality for their educational investment remains a priority. “These are challenging economic times for individuals and families, and we strive to give students exceptional value for their education dollars,” he said. “We are honored to be recognized in this way and will continue to serve the region by providing the highest academic quality to those who choose UT Martin.”


Named Skyhawk homecoming queen

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UTM opens new Jackson Center

Facility brings more options for education

By Tajuana Cheshier

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The UT Martin Jackson Center celebrated the opening of its new north Jackson building Tuesday with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour.

UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes said the school began its presence in Jackson on the former Lambuth University campus, where it stayed for 20 years. It moved to the Tennessee Technology Center and later to Jackson.

Classes will begin at the new UT Martin Jackson Center building Monday.

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State Community College.

"This new location gives us the flexibility to offer different degree programs," Rakes said.

The UT Martin Jackson Center is 6,000 square feet with five classrooms — one equipped with video conferencing equipment. It also has a biology lab and a library.

Students will be able to complete degrees in university studies, which is an online program; social work; and master’s of education.

Non-degree programs will focus on healthcare.

"In order to help build the economy, we have to help people obtain a degree they can use," Rakes said.

During the ribbon cutting, Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist praised UT Martin Jackson Center's new site, which is off the U.S. 45 Bypass north of Oil Well Road.

"They're in a great location with lots of visibility," Gist said.

He said the UT Martin Jackson Center helps continue the growth of higher education opportunities in Jackson.

"We want our people to stay here," Gist said. "If they're educated here, then we believe they'll stay here."

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Program on missing kids tonight at UTM

A program on missing and abducted children and youth will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Duncan Ballroom of the University of Tennessee Martin's Boling University Center.

The university's Student Government Association is sponsoring the program in recognition of Holly Bobo's 21st birthday, according to a news release. Bobo was abducted in April from her family's Decatur County home and remains missing.

Richard Schoebel, former supervisory special agent for the FBI, will present the program. Schoebel will speak about the large number of people who go missing each year. He will also discuss how individuals can better protect themselves from abduction.

The program is free and open to the campus community and the public.

French horn recital scheduled for Oct. 25

Desireé Purvis, a senior music education major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will perform her senior French horn recital at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

Purvis, of Memphis, will perform works including Concerto Op. 8 and Nocturno by Franz Strauss and Intermezzo by Reinhold Gliere. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jessica Thoman, assistant professor of horn and music history, at 881-7407.
UT Martin crowns 'Viva Las Martin' homecoming court

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UTM SIGMA ALPHA SENIOR – Rachel Carter, a senior animal science major, from Dyersburg, was part of the 2011 University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming court. The court was recognized during halftime of the UT Martin-Austin Peay football game Saturday. Carter represented Sigma Alpha and was escorted by her father, Roy Carter. She is the daughter of Roy and Merry Carter.

University music faculty display talent

Martin – Dr. Roberto Mancusi, University of Tennessee at Martin assistant professor of music, will perform five operatic works as part of his faculty voice recital at 3 p.m. Oct. 23 in Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center. Mancusi, a bass, will be assisted by Joshua Gatlin, tenor, and Amy Yeung, soprano, associate professor of music, and accompanied by Delana Easley, pianist.

The recital is titled "From Heaven to Hell: Gods, Devils and Lawyers in Classical Music," and will include compositions by Handel, Wagner, Moore and Gounod.

Mancusi has performed numerous opera roles and solo recitals across the United States and recently made his international debut in London in September.

In addition to operas, he has also appeared as the bass soloist in such works as Symphony No. 9 (Beethoven), Elijah (Mendelssohn) and Messiah (Handel).

He earned a bachelor of music from Simpson College, as well as master of music and doctor of musical arts degrees from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music.

Mancusi is also the author of a textbook, "Voice for Non-Majors," released in 2008 by Prentice Hall Publishing and currently in use around the world.

The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Mancusi at 881-7405.
Rachel Triplett, a senior chemistry major from Union City, was part of the 2011 University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming court. The court was recognized during halftime of the UT Martin-Austin Peay football game Saturday at Hardy M. Graham Stadium. Triplett represented Alpha Omicron Pi and was escorted by her father, Dr. Jeff Triplett. She is the daughter of Jeff and Terri Triplett.

Kayla Baker, a senior health and human performance major from Lexington, was part of the 2011 UTM homecoming court. The court was recognized during halftime of the UT Martin-Austin Peay football game Saturday at Hardy M. Graham Stadium. Baker represented Gamma Kappa Pi and was escorted by her stepfather, Kevin Parks. She is the daughter of Sherry Parks and John Baker.

Mikai Banks, a senior biology major from Munford, was part of the 2011 UTM homecoming court. The court was recognized during halftime of the UT Martin-Austin Peay football game Saturday at Hardy M. Graham Stadium. Banks represented Delta Sigma Theta and was escorted by Charley Deal, assistant vice chancellor of alumni relations. She is the daughter of Pamela Lee and Michael Banks.

Lyndsey Wolfe, a senior nursing major from Dover, was part of the 2011 University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming court. Wolfe represented Alpha Delta Pi and was escorted by her father, Chris Glasgow. She is the daughter of Chris and Lisa Glasgow.
Almost 20 years without a home of its own in Madison County ended Tuesday as the University of Tennessee at Martin opened a new Jackson Center at 3031 Highway 45 Bypass.

Elected officials and Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce representatives were among those who joined UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and University of Tennessee President Joe DiPietro for a 3 p.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony at the entrance to the new facility.

UT Martin previously had locations at Lambuth University, the West Tennessee Research and Education Center-Jackson, Tennessee Technology Center-Jackson and Jackson State Community College.

The new facility is being leased from the builders with expansion options as enrollment grows.

"For almost two decades, ... we've been serving in Jackson, and this is the first time we've been in our own facility," said Rakes. Non-traditional age students will be the largest market for the center, Rakes said, but he predicted traditional-age college students and others would also take advantage of expanded educational offerings.

He also pledged to "quadruple our efforts involving non-credit instruction of all kinds," including healthcare related programs.

"I could not be more pleased to have this location and the individuals involved with this," Rakes added.

"The Jackson-Madison County area is our biggest demographic, and we needed our own footprint here to serve — do the focused types of activities that we think help the future for the economy for this part of the state and certainly meet the mission of UT Martin."

Degree offerings at the center will include a bachelor of science in social work, the bachelor of university studies and a master of science in education with a new emphasis in online teaching.

The center includes 6,000 square feet, five classrooms, a distance-learning facility, a computer classroom, a library and a biology lab.

Bethany Worley, center director, said that current UT Martin classes in Jackson will move to the new center Monday.

The center will also continue to serve as the point of contact for the university's Dual Enrollment Program, which enrolls almost 500 students from throughout Tennessee.

Dual enrollment allows high school students to take approved courses that carry both high school and college credit.

Dual enrollment courses include agriculture, art, English, history, math and more.

DiPietro is no stranger to the area, previously serving as chancellor for the UT Institute of Agriculture, which brought him often to West Tennessee.

"UT Martin is a prized member of our UT family and has been a prized West Tennessee institution, serving this region for more than a 100 years," DiPietro said. In noting the importance of Jackson-Madison County to the University of Tennessee, he said that nearly 3,200 UT graduates live in the area adding, "About 700 students from Madison County are enrolled on a UT campus right now."

"The bottom line is, we're here in Jackson. We've been here, and we plan to grow here. Great things will begin here and be attributed to this center," DiPietro said.

Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist reminded the crowd of the new location's high visibility as approximately 35,000 vehicles pass by each day.

"We are so pleased that you all are here," he said.

"By virtue of you being here, you're going to continue to help us educate our students, not only young people, but those that are pursuing degrees that have been out in the workforce."

"UT Martin's been a stalwart in West Tennessee for many, many years," said Jimmy Harris, Madison County mayor, adding, "We are glad to have you. We congratulate you. I think you will do very well here in this location."

For information about the UT Martin Jackson Center, call (731) 425-9277, 1-888-UTM-GRAD or email ecos@utm.edu.
UT Martin honor society plans meeting

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. 25 in Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center. This year's Phi Kappa Phi lecturer, Dr. Becky Cox, assistant professor of education, will deliver an address titled, "Think, Understand, Succeed." Mary Lee Hall, dean of the College of Education, Health and Behavioral Sciences and Phi Kappa Phi president, 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.

For more information, contact Mary Carpenter at 881-7070 or maryc@utm.edu.

Writers' conference slated for Nov. 4

High school students interested in the art of writing are invited to create original works, connect with other young writers and learn from experienced teachers of writing at the annual Young Writers Conference. The conference, hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin, will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

Students can attend hands-on workshops taught by UT Martin faculty and visiting writer Betty Palmer Nelson. Workshops are offered in writing poetry, fiction, nonfiction, songwriting and collaborative writing.

Special sessions this year include book binding techniques and writing application letters. An open mic session will allow students to read pieces written at the conference or other original works.

The schedule of events is as follows:
- 8:30-9 a.m. - Check in and registration, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
- 9-10:30 a.m. - Concurrent workshop sessions: Writing Effective Letters of Application; The Bindery; Word Weaving: A Poetry Workshop; Creative Nonfiction: An Emerging Genre; Where Do Ideas Come From?
- 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. - Concurrent workshop sessions: Creating Authentic Voices and Characters in Fiction; Courting the Muse: A Songwriter's Workshop; Writing Down the Bones: A Basic Writing Workshop for Every Skill Level; We Wrote it Together: A Collaborative Writing Exploration; Thinking, Feeling and Writing About a Place
- 12:30-1:45 - Lunch and keynote reading by Betty Palmer Nelson, Duncan Ballroom, university center
- 2-3 p.m. - Open mic student reading, Watkins Auditorium, university center

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 with their students.

The conference fee is $8 for students and $15 for teachers and includes all readings, workshops and the luncheon.

Registration is limited to the first 100 participants. Forms and registration checks payable to UT Martin must be received by Oct. 28.

For more information, contact Dr. Leslie LaChance, associate professor of English, at 881-7296 or by email at lachance@utm.edu.

UTM hosts student art exhibits

Three seniors from the University of Tennessee at Martin will exhibit their work in an art show sponsored by the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts beginning Oct. 25 and continuing through Nov. 11. The exhibition will be on the first floor of the Paul Meek Library and will begin with an opening reception from 5-7 p.m., Oct. 25.

Sarah Hart from Springfield; Brooke Wagster, from Jackson; and Ashlee Garrett-Davis, also from Jackson, are all pursuing bachelor of fine arts degrees with an emphasis in art education. All three will be student teaching in the spring.

The exhibition is free and open to the public during regular library hours.

For more information, contact the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 881-7400.
MARTIN — A major component of the future of UT Martin and the University of Tennessee system will be strategic planning, UT President Joe DiPietro said during his address to campus, regional and state officials at UT Martin’s Boling University Center on Tuesday.

"It’s probably the most important thing we’ll do this first year that I’m in office," DiPietro said.

Strategic planning, he explained, is an organized approach to taking advantage of key opportunities and trajectories that will benefit and advance UT system schools and the system as a whole. Planning groups are preparing to deliver proposals to the UT board of trustees in June.

"So what it will do is, it will map out where we’re going. It will tell us how we’re going to get there, but it will talk about resources that are needed to employ the plan as well...and it will keep an eye on outcomes that will measure and make sure we are advancing the plan. The process will be very engaged."

Each UT system school has a specifically developed strategic plan that works to build on and enhance the strengths of each campus and institute. A broader integrated plan works to strengthen all UT schools collectively. UT Martin’s strategic plan involves expanding dual enrollment credit offerings, increasing campus outreach activities and establishing goals to maximize resources, among others.

DiPietro also emphasized the importance of keeping strategic plans flexible.

"It needs to... be something that we use to make decisions but realize that we need to have it be dynamic enough that we can make changes in directions as they’re needed, as opposed to being boxed in the next five years," he said. "Other problems may come along that we just have to be flexible and adaptive."

Directing his message toward state officials in attendance, DiPietro commended the Complete College Tennessee Act, which was passed by Tennessee legislators in 2010 and implemented in 2011.

"We very, very much support the Complete College Act, because its primary goals are all around completion, from the standpoint of how you all want funding for undergraduate programs and producing more graduates per unit and time."

In closing, DiPietro made a point to acknowledge UT Martin’s vital role in the UT college system. UT Martin’s ability to broadly reach out to the western part of the state with education centers in Ripley, Parsons, Selmer and Jackson, he said, and the WestStar leadership development program, which has trained more than 600 West Tennesseans, are credible strengths.

"The ability of Martin to regionally serve people and be connected to the University of Tennessee is powerful," DiPietro said. "There is no doubt that UT Martin is the ‘crown jewel’ of West Tennessee."
Kristy and Andy Brewer and their son, Kenadie, of Dyersburg attend UT Martin's 2011 Homecoming and Quad City on Oct. 8.

UT Martin alumni David Agee of Dyersburg, left, and Steve Vantrease of Martin attend UT Martin's 2011 Homecoming and Quad City on Oct. 8. Agee, a 1974 graduate, is a Dyer County commissioner and retired schoolteacher. Vantrease, a 1978 graduate, is director of the UT Martin Boling University Center and is a member of the Weakley County School Board.

From left: UT Martin students Kimbra Ratliff of Trenton, Elizabeth Pickard of Humboldt and Adrian Wilson of Ripley attend UT Martin's 2011 Homecoming and Quad City on Oct. 8. All are members of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

Emmanuel McClerking, left, and Travis Henry, both of Lexington, attend UT Martin's 2011 Homecoming and Quad City on Oct. 8.
The University of Tennessee Martin celebrated its 2011 Homecoming Oct. 3-9 with a 'Viva Las Martin' theme. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends gathered Oct. 8 for the annual Quad City that featured live music, college and organization tents, the football team's Skyhawk Walk and more in the university's quadrangle. From left: UT Martin students Katie Flynn, a Jackson Christian School graduate; Hannah Steadman, a Madison Academic Magnet High School graduate; Andee Poteet, a South Side High School graduate; Jessica Franks, a North Side High School graduate; Haley Long, a South Side graduate; Abby Williams, a South Side graduate; and Karley Smith, a JCS graduate, all of Jackson, enjoy Quad City. All are members of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority.


From left: Andy Zarecor of Yorkville, Raymond Murby of Selmer and Dalton McCurley of Milan attend UT Martin's 2011 Homecoming and Quad City on Oct. 8. All are members of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.
Katherine Scott of Selmer receives the Chancellor's Award for University Service from UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes. Selmer residents Scott and Fairene Sewell, who were unable to attend 2011 Homecoming, were award co-recipients and were honored Oct. 7 during the university's annual Alumni Awards Dinner held at the Dunagan Alumni Center. Scott served one year as a UT extension agent and later established one of the first scholarship endowments for students at the UT Martin McNairy County Center in Selmer. She has been a member of the center's Higher Education Committee and is a member emeritus of the UT Martin Development Committee. Sewell established the Fairene Sewell Nutrition Fund at UT Knoxville in 1991 and the Fairene Sewell Scholarship Endowment in 2001 for students at the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer. She has served on the McNairy County Center's Higher Education Committee since its inception and is an emeritus member and former chair of the UT Martin Development Committee. Both attended UT Junior College, the predecessor to UT Martin.

From left: UT Martin students Dean Mcclimans of Bells, Jake Davidson of Trenton, TJ Clark of Alamo and Matthew Bodkins of Alamo attend UT Martin's 2011 Homecoming and Quad City on Oct. 8. All are members of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

UT Martin students Tessa Rickman of Clarksburg, Jana Vestal of McKenzie and Rachel Stepp of Bruceaton attend UT Martin's 2011 Homecoming and Quad City on Oct. 8. All three students participate in the university's Leaders-in-Residence Program, which teaches leadership-development skills and includes participation in a community service activity.
Rotaract Can Drive, Sculpture Contest collects 7,000 cans

The University of Tennessee at Martin Rotaract club held its annual canned food drive and sculpture contest on Saturday, Oct. 8, during UT Martin’s homecoming Quad City event.

Twenty-three student organizations and various individual donors collected over 7,000 canned food items and constructed can sculptures displayed in the Quad. The canned food donations were given to We Care Ministries in Martin.

“Amidst the hustle and bustle of Homecoming week on the campus of UTM, alumni, students, friends, and families gathered at the heart of campus, the power of people sharing a common goal became evident,” a spokesperson said. In the Non-Greek category, the Leaders in Residence class was awarded first place. Sigma Alpha placed second and Phi Eta Sigma came in third. In the Greek category, Alpha Delta Pi took first place, Alpha Omicron Pi followed with second and Chi Omega placed third. Chi Omega was the winner of the Most Cans Overall award with 1,382 cans. The American Chemical Society won the Most Creative Overall award.

Rotaract’s service efforts were to provide food for families throughout West Tennessee during the winter.

Rotaract is a service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. The UT Martin Rotaract chapter is sponsored by the Martin Rotary Club.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE – The UT Martin Leaders in Residence class was awarded first place in the Non-Greek category in the UT Martin Rotaract club canned food drive and sculpture contest, held Oct. 8 during UT Martin’s homecoming weekend. Rotaract members and sculpture contest winners were (from left) David Belote, Tessa Rickman, Ginny Roper, Jana Vestal, Whitney Moody, Matthew McBride, Jess Dill, Molly McClure and Gina McClure.

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STUDENTS JOIN ALUMNI – UT Martin students Ashley Grimes of Martin (left) and Shelby Stanton of Covington (right) joined Carl Grimes of Martin, Ashley’s grandfather and a 1956 UT Martin graduate, during UT Martin’s 2011 Homecoming and Quad City on Oct. 8. The homecoming theme was “Viva Las Martin” as students, alumni and friends celebrated the event with Las Vegas flair.

Photo courtesy of University Relations
UTM hosts 'Viva Las Martin'

UTM HOSTING SISTERS - Tammy Howell of Erin (from left), Dr. Ann Gathers of Martin and Trish Vassar, originally from Martin but now living in St. Louis, attended UT Martin's 2011 Homecoming and Quad City on Oct. 8. All are UT Martin alumni and members of Zeta Tau Alpha women's fraternity. The homecoming theme was "Viva Las Martin" as students, alumni and friends celebrated the event with Las Vegas flair.

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ALUMNI REUNITE - UT Martin alumni David Agee of Dyersburg (left) and Steve Vantrease of Martin attended UT Martin's 2011 Homecoming and Quad City on Oct. 8. The homecoming theme was "Viva Las Martin" as students, alumni and friends celebrated the event with Las Vegas flair. Agee, a 1974 graduate, is a Dyer County commissioner and retired schoolteacher. Vantrease, a 1978 graduate, is director of the UT Martin Boling University Center and is a member of the Weakley County School Board.

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Dr. Wiley to present nuclear safety seminar

Dr. Albert Wiley, medical and technical director of radiation emergency medicine programs at Oak Ridge Associated Universities, will present on nuclear safety and the dangers of radiation at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

He will speak in Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center, as part of the university's Academic Speaker Series.

Wiley is responsible for overseeing the medical care, continuing medical education courses and research conducted by the Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site (REAC/TS).

"His expertise in the field of nuclear safety will give an inside view of what plans are in place to deal with potential disasters," Wiley's presentation is co-sponsored by Honors Programs and the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) as one of their International Year of Chemistry speakers.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Lionel Crews at 881-7436.

He is also head of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center at Oak Ridge.

REAC/TS includes physicians, nurses and health physicists who are on call 24/7 and capable of rapid deployment in the event of radiation emergencies worldwide.

Wiley travels extensively to provide instruction on diagnosing and treating injuries resulting from ionizing radiation.

Wiley earned a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from North Carolina State University, a medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and a doctorate in radiological sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He is board certified in radiation oncology, nuclear medicine, medical physics and radiation protection.

In addition to more than 40 years of medical experience in radiation oncology and nuclear medicine, Wiley has also served nationally and internationally as a consultant and United States medical representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

He has consulted at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and is currently a diplomate of the American Board of Radiology and the American Board of Nuclear Medicine, among others.

"Honors Programs is very excited to have such a distinguished scientist as Dr. Wiley visit our campus\n
QuickBooks class offered

Through the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) QuickBooks intermediate training course, students will learn how to take their QuickBooks to a deeper level by customizing it more to specific preferences and needs.

The class is set for Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. with a lunch break.

The fee is $75 paid at time of registration. Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express are accepted.

The instructor is Elizabeth R. Tribble, a certified public accountant and QuickBooks certified pro-advisor.

Reserve a spot by calling the REED Center at 587-7333.
Science Bowl is Nov. 12

Area high schools are invited to send teams to the High School Science Bowl at the University of Tennessee at Martin and can register for the Nov. 12 event by email or phone. The registration is free and the deadline is Oct. 31.

The science bowl is sponsored by the UT Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society.

The rules are similar to the former television 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.

The rules for the science bowl, along with the program and results of the last bowl, can be found at http://www.utm.edu/staff/skairee/scibowl/.

For registration or information, email skairee@utm.edu or call 881-7450/7454.

REED Center offers small biz loan seminar

The Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Tennessee Small Business Development Centers (TSBDC) will offer a loan seminar to area small business owners from 10 a.m.-noon Oct. 25 at the University of Tennessee at Martin REED Center.

Saundra Jackson with the SBA will instruct the course. Jackson will focus on topics such as 7(a) and 504 loans, surety bonds and other government financing options for small businesses.

The seminar is an opportunity for community members to learn about financing opportunities available to help start or expand small business operations.

AIREE DEDICATION - Dr. S.K. Airee, professor of chemistry and physics at the University of Tennessee at Martin, and his wife, Shashi, were honored with a bench and lamp post dedication on Oct. 8 as part of the UT Martin homecoming festivities. The Airees’ commitment to education led to the creation of the S.K. and Shashi Airee Endowment, a scholarship awarded to a chemistry student each year. Dr. Airee is joined by his wife and three children, Richa of Huntsville, Ala.; Hans of Durham, N.C.; and Anita of Knoxville, who created the endowment.

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It is free and open to the public.

The TSBDC/UT Martin REED Center is located at 406 S. Lindell St. in Martin.

For more information, contact Landy Fuqua at 587-7333 or register online at www.utm.edu/reed
UTM student winner of iPad from Regions Finance Corp.

Regions Financial Corporation (NYSE: RF) last week announced that Brooke West, student at the University of Tennessee Martin, was awarded an Apple iPad as a result of entering a drawing at the Regions At School booth during the City of Martin Picnic on Aug. 19.

Regions At School events bring the resources and products of Regions Bank to the community through onsite events at high school, college, and university campuses.

"Regions At School is a convenient and timely way to introduce local banking services to students on campus," said Amy Moore, West Tennessee Regions At Work/School representative, "and we are thrilled that Brooke will be able to put her new iPad to use at school."

Regions Bank also conducts workshops and seminars across West Tennessee campuses on various topics such as personal budgeting, identity protection, as wells as responsible lending and credit practices.

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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 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.

Prizes will include trophies for champion and runner-up schools and gold, silver and bronze medals for team members. Each school will receive a copy of the Merck Index on behalf of the Kentucky Lake Section of ACS and Merck & Company.

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The lecture is free and open to the public.

UT Martin students to sell campus raised tilapia

Fresh tilapia, raised by students from the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources, will be harvested and sold to the public from 2-6 p.m., Thursday, October 13, at the Aquaculture Teaching and Research Facility on the UT Martin campus.

The facility is located on Derryberry Lane, between Gardner Hyndevor Road and University Street. Whole tilapia fish will be sold for $3.00 per pound.

Students raised the fish as they researched cost-effective ways to produce tilapia. Funds raised from the sale will go to offset production costs.

For more information, contact Dr. Bradley Ray, assistant professor of fisheries, at 731-881-7255 or email bray@utm.edu.

Kiwanis Club Speaker

Ruby Black, with the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Nursing, spoke to the Martin Kiwanis Club Wednesday, September 28th about the Status of Healthcare in Weakley County. Pictured are Ruby Black (right) and Tammy Hazlewood, Kiwanis Club President.
UT Martin earns sixth listing among America’s 100 Best College Buys

The University of Tennessee at Martin is listed for the sixth consecutive year among America’s 100 Best College Buys, a listing compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc.

“High quality and low cost are a rare combination in any product, yet for the sixth consecutive year, we are proud to recognize the University of Tennessee at Martin as being among those very few educational institutions that consistently provide both,” said Lewis Lindsey Jr., IRE president.

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, said that providing students high value and quality for their educational investment remains a priority. “These are challenging economic times for individuals and families, and we strive to give students exceptional value for their education dollars,” he said. “We are honored to be recognized in this way and will continue to serve the region by providing the highest academic quality to those who choose UT Martin.”

The listing in America’s 100 Best College Buys is UT Martin’s third major recognition for the current academic year. Earlier, UT Martin continued its top-tier ranking among “The Best Southeastern Colleges” for 2012, the ninth consecutive year for the university to earn this designation.

Seminar offered

Learn the ins and outs of starting your own business, the various sources of financing offered by the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the criteria required to obtain a small business loan at a seminar on October 25.

Offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Small Business Development Center and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center, there is no fee for the seminar that will be offered from 10 a.m.-noon at the REED Center, located at 406 S. Lindell St. in Martin. Seating is limited. Instructor will be Saundra Jackson, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) senior area manager.

Register online at www.utm.edu/reed or by calling the REED Center at 731-587-7333.

University to host annual Young Writers Conference November 4

High school students interested in the art of writing are invited to create original works, connect with other young writers and learn from experienced teachers of writing at the annual Young Writers Conference. The conference, hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin, will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., November 4, in the Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

Students can attend hands-on workshops taught by UT Martin faculty and visiting writer Betty Palmer Nelson. Workshops are offered in writing poetry, fiction, non-fiction, songwriting and collaborative writing. Special sessions this year include book binding techniques and writing application letters. An open-mic session will allow students to read pieces written at the conference or other original works.

The schedule of events is as follows:
- 8:30-9 a.m.: Check in and registration, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
- 9-10:30 a.m.: Concurrent workshop sessions: Writing Effective Letters of Application; The Bindery: Word Weaving; A Poetry Workshop; Creative Nonfiction: An Emerging Genre; Where Do Ideas Come From?
- 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Concurrent workshop sessions: Creating Authentic Voices and Characters in Fiction; Courting the Muse: A Songwriter’s Workshop; Writing Down the Bones: A Basic Writing Workshop for Every Skill Level; We Wrote it Together: A Collaborative Writing Exploration; Thinking, Feeling and Writing About a Place
- 12:30-1:45 p.m.: Lunch and keynote reading by Betty Palmer Nelson, Duncan Ballroom, University Center
- 2-3 p.m.: Open mic student reading, Watkins Auditorium, University Center

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 with their students.

The conference fee is $8 for students and $15 for teachers and includes all readings, workshops and the luncheon. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants. Forms and registration checks payable to UT Martin must be received by October 28.

For more information, contact Dr. Leslie LaChance, associate professor of English, at 731-881-7296 or by email at lachance@utm.edu.
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UT Martin alumni David Agee of Dyersburg (left) and Steve Vantrease of Martin attended UT Martin's 2011 Homecoming and Quad City on Oct. 8. The homecoming theme was "Viva Las Martin" as students, alumni and friends celebrated the event with Las Vegas flair. Agee, a 1974 graduate, is a Dyer County commissioner and retired schoolteacher. Vantrease, a 1978 graduate, is director of the UT Martin Boling University Center and is a member of the Weakley County School Board.

Rachel Carter, a senior animal science major, from Dyersburg, was part of the 2011 University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming court. The court was recognized during halftime of the UT Martin-Austin Peay football game, Oct. 8, at Hardy M. Graham Stadium. Carter represented Sigma Alpha and was escorted by her father, Roy Carter. She is the daughter of Roy and Merry Carter.
A major component of the future of UT Martin and UT System will be strategic planning. University of Tennessee President Joe DiPietro, noted during his address to campus, regional and state officials at UT Martin's Boling University Center on Oct. 11.

"It's probably the most important thing we'll do this first year that I'm in office," DiPietro said.

Strategic planning, he explained, is an organized approach to taking advantage of key opportunities and trajectories that will benefit and advance UT system schools and the system as a whole.

Planning groups are currently preparing to deliver proposals to the UT Board of Trustees in June.

"So what it will do, is it will map out where we're going, be a road map for the next six to ten years," DiPietro said. "It will tell us how we're going to get there, but it will talk about resources that are needed to employ the plan as well ... and it will keep an eye on outcomes that will measure and make sure we are advancing the plan. The process will be very engaged."

Each UT system school has a specifically developed strategic plan that works to build on and enhance the strengths of each campus and institute. A broader integrated plan works to strengthen all UT schools collectively.

UT Martin's strategic plan involves expanding dual enrollment credit offerings, increasing campus outreach activities and establishing goals to maximize resources, among others.

DiPietro also emphasized the importance of keeping strategic plans flexible.

"It needs to ... be something that we use to make decisions but realize that we need to have it be dynamic enough that we can make changes in directions as they're needed, as opposed to being boxed in the next five years," he said. "Other problems may come along that we just have to be flexible and adaptive."

Directing his message toward state officials in attendance, DiPietro commended the Complete College Tennessee Act, which was passed by Tennessee legislators in 2010 and implemented in 2011.

"We very, very much support the Complete College Act, because its primary goals are all around completion, from the standpoint of how you all want funding for undergraduate programs and producing more graduates per unit and time."

In closing, DiPietro made a point to acknowledge UT Martin's vital role in the UT college system. UT Martin's ability to broadly reach out to the western part of the state with education centers in Ripley, Parsons, Selmer and Jackson, he said, and the WestStar leadership development program, which has trained more than 600 West Tennesseans, are credible strengths.

"The ability of Martin to regionally serve people and be connected to the University of Tennessee is powerful," DiPietro said. "There is no doubt that UT Martin is the 'crown jewel' of West Tennessee."

UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes welcomed DiPietro to campus and other attendees of the event, including State House representatives Bill Sanderson and Steve McDaniel.

DiPietro's address was the first of two UT Martin appearances on Tuesday. He later traveled to Jackson to speak at the grand opening of the UT Martin Jackson Center.
Oct. 25

The Small Business Administration and Tennessee Small Business Development Centers offer a loan seminar to area small business owners from 10 a.m. to noon at the University of Tennessee at Martin Reed Center. Free and open to the public it will focus on topics like 7(a) and 504 loans, surety bonds and other government financing options for small businesses. 731-587-7333, email lfuqua@utm.edu, www.utm.edu/reed.

Oct. 26

The Tennessee Small Business Development Center offers a QuickBooks intermediate training course from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (break for lunch) at the University of Tennessee at Martin Reed Center. Fee is $75, paid at time of registration. 731-587-7333, email lfuqua@utm.edu, www.utm.edu/reed.

The Messenger, Union City, Tennessee, Monday, October 24, 2011

Free business advice offered

Business consultant Erik Markin will help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with business advice from 1-5 p.m. Thursday at the Obion County Industrial Training Center in downtown Union City.

Markin is a consultant with the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center/Tennessee Small Business Development Center.

He joined the center after spending five years in the financial industry and owning and operating two small businesses. He will give advice about business planning, financing options, marketing, customer service, cash flow and other issues.

The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments can be made by contacting the Obion County Chamber of Commerce at 885-0211 or contact Markin at 731-587-7333.

The Messenger, Union City, Tennessee, Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Vanguard Theater returns with ‘Comedy of Errors’

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Shakespeare’s comedy tells the story of Antipholus and Dromio of Syracuse, who are unexpectedly reunited with Antipholus and Dromio of Ephesus, 18 years after being separated from their respective siblings in a terrible storm. Confusion prevails as everyone, including the twins, gets mixed up.

Playing the master twins are Reuben Kendell, a senior biology major from Troy, and Jonathan Fisher, a freshman communications major from Dyer. Playing the servant twins are Casey Williams, a freshman theatre major from Cunningham, and Coleen Hunt, a junior theatre major from Pinson.

Tickets are available in advance or at the door. Adult tickets are $10 each or $5 each for UT Martin students and children.

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UT Martin society to honor top students

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society chapter will meet Tuesday to recognize the top 3 percent of the university’s first- and second-year students.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium, at the Boling University Center. This year’s Phi Kappa Phi lecturer, Dr. Becky Cox, assistant professor of education, will deliver an address titled “Think, Understand, Succeed.” Mary Lee Hall, dean of the College of Education, Heath and Behavioral Sciences and Phi Kappa Phi president, will preside at the meeting.
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CAST MEMBERS – Members of the Vanguard cast of “The Comedy of Errors” are (from left) master twins Jonathan Fisher of Dyer and Reuben Kendall of Troy and Lizzie Wouters of Knoxville, who plays Adriana, wife of Antipholus of Ephesus.

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SKYHAWKS BEARING STORIES – A pair of UT Martin women’s basketball players read to Maggie Byars’ second-grade class at Martin Primary School. Class members include (front, from left) Weston Rowlett, Lillie Warwick, Colton Okowinski, Harrison Simpson, Anna Jo Smith, Rebecca Powers, Parker Livingston, (middle, from left) Brayden Sherwood, Fisher Moss, Audrey Sliger, Allison Paschall, Eduardo Camacho, Peyton Lester, YaYa Holmes, Elijah Benjamin, Lainey Baker, Reece Wood, Heidi Chapman, Bradason Lawson and Joseph Eaves. UTM Basketball players who read were (back, from left) Aubrey Reedy and Heather Butler. Photo submitted
Castleman is a ‘rising star’

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The Rising Star award is given annually by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to a business that best exemplifies not only business success, but an outstanding working relationship with the local SBDC and the use of the services it provides.

In giving the award, the local SBDC is also recognizing the entrepreneurial spirit of the business owners and their contribution to the local business and economic environment.

Castleman knew from a very young age that he wanted to own his own business. Like many entrepreneurs, Castleman recognized a need in his father’s business and pursued a solution to help expand his business.

In 2003, Bryan Castleman purchased an e-commerce and Internet-marketing training software package and started his first online shoe store, eventually naming his business Castleman & Companies. After the fall semester of 2004 Castleman withdrew from college to run his online business and manage his father’s shoe store in downtown Martin.

Today Castleman & Companies has grown the shoe and boot online business from one to eight websites generating sales and income for both his business and family. Castleman’s websites generate orders while his dad’s company, the Shoe Shack, processes the orders. In 2005, Castleman purchased a building in downtown Martin that houses the retail shoe store with office spaces upstairs for his online business and customer service department.

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Carrie Coleman of Dresden recently completed a Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Louisiana Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, La.

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While working on her Ph.D., she wrote and received a grant for the American Heart Association for her research. During graduation at Louisiana, she also received the Chancellor's Award for the microbiology department.

Coleman is presently serving in a post-doctorate position at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She is the daughter of Randy and Sandra Coleman of Dresden and the granddaughter of the late Richard and Betty Blackmon Rushing of Jackson and Bobbie Jones Coleman and the late George Coleman of Martin. She is also the sister of Tim Coleman of Dresden.

Get business advice on November 3

Erik Markin, University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center/Tennessee Small Business Development Center consultant, will help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with business advice from 9:00 a.m.-noon, November 3, at the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce in Dresden.

Appointments can be made by contacting the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce in Dresden at 731-364-3189 or by contacting Markin at 731-587-7333. For additional services offered by TSBDC, go to www.tsbdc.org.
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Cost of college soars

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MURRAY, Ky. — Parents, prepare to pay even more when comes to college for your kids.

A new report came out Wednesday showing tuition at the average public university jumped 8 percent this year, more than double the rate of inflation. It's a phenomenon that's been ongoing for years.

That's one reason President Obama also came out with a plan to reduce the burden of student loan payments.

The question is, why is the cost of college going up so fast?

Local university administrators blame huge cuts in state funding. They say that's forcing them to pass that extra cost on to students. Economically it may be a simple math equation but it's a real problem for families already on a tight budget.

The leaves are falling on Murray State's campus but the cost of going to school there is rising.

The climbing cost of college forces freshman Danielle Cummings to do something she hates.

"I am going to have to sit out a semester because I can't afford it and my parents don't want me to put in loans or any of that because they don't want to be in debt," said the Clarksville, Tennessee native.

Although she works part-time and bikes to school to save on gas, she simply doesn't have enough money and will put the brakes on her education.

"I have to change my plans, my whole life around, put it on pause for a little bit," Cummings said.

Louisville freshman Tyler Krupp refuses to press pause but worries what his student loan bills will be after he graduates.

"It's worth the education but I think in the long run, it's going to come back and bite me," Krupp said.

Catherine Sivils, Murray State's assistant vice president of communications, said raising tuition is a must because each year, funding from the state steadily declines.

"They have to compensate somewhere and many have to look at tuition and pricing," Sivils said.

This year, tuition went up 5 percent at Murray State, costing students like Danielle more than $6,500 a year. She said when she returns to school after sitting out for a semester, it'll likely cost even more.

We took a look at the real numbers. In the 2009-2010 academic year, Murray State University had a nearly $138 million dollar budget. The next year, that operating budget increased by 4.1 percent. While aid from the state remained essentially the same, tuition increased nearly 5 percent.

At the University of Tennessee at Martin, tuition rose nearly 10 percent this year.

At Southeast Missouri State University, it increased 1.6 percent.

At Southern Illinois University Carbondale, tuition went up 5.5 percent.

On average, tuition went up 8.3 percent nationally.

What would you do to tackle the problem of tuition increases? Sound off below.
Cymbal sale scheduled at UTM

Amro Music Store will sponsor a local Zildjian Cymbal testing and discount sale from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 5 in Room 112 of the Boling University Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Guest artist Keith Aleo, Zildjian Cymbal representative, will demonstrate various types of Zildjian cymbals for attendees. Potential buyers are also welcome to test the merchandise.

The demonstration is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill, Department of Music, at (731) 881-7418 or visit www.zildjian.com to view potential merchandise.

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Wiley’s presentation is co-sponsored by Honors Programs and the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) as one of their International Year of Chemistry speakers.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Lionel Crews at (731) 881-7436.

WestStar Leadership Program recruiting class members for 2012

By KEVIN BOWDEN
Staff Reporter

Weakley County’s WestStar Leadership Program is actively recruiting for its 2012 class and is hoping to sign up a few Obion Countians to participate in the program.

A group of Obion County WestStar graduates met in Union City Tuesday afternoon to discuss potential candidates for the leadership program. Also at the meeting was WestStar executive director Charlie Deal, program coordinator Virginia Grimes and accounting assistant Jackie Johnson.

There have been 24 Obion County residents who have graduated from the regional leadership program WestStar.

The deadline to apply for the 2012 session is Nov. 16 and application forms are available online by going to www.utm.edu/weststar.

There is a $700 tuition fee to participate in WestStar.

The first session is set for Jan. 5-6 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Each month through May WestStar members will participate in two-day sessions that focus on such issues as economic development, health and welfare, public policy issues, education, energy and the environment, building partnerships, agriculture and community involvement.

The WestStar program focuses on issues from a regional approach and sessions are held at locations across West Tennessee. The program includes a trip to Nashville.

For more information, contact Mrs. Grimes at (731) 881-7298.

The leadership program has branched out in recent years to include several major events across West Tennessee. Through the work of the organization’s alumni, there is an annual WestStar reunion and a RisingStar Leadership Summit is scheduled for Nov. 17-18 at UT Martin’s Boling University Center.

(See Page 8, Col. 3)
**PINK OUT** — Faculty, staff and students at UT Martin wore pink T-shirts Tuesday afternoon in honor of October's being Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The university sold the shirts to raise awareness about breast cancer. Weakley County Relay for Life has issued a request that Friday serve as a county-wide “Pink Out Day” in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Photo by Sara Rochels

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**Floral arrangement course offered in time for the holidays**

Christmas wreaths and holiday centerpieces will be quick and easy for those who complete a floral arrangement course offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies. The one-night course is scheduled for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 15 on the UT Martin campus.

The course will focus on the creation of Christmas wreaths and participants will leave with a completed project to use at home or give as a gift. Lauren Armbruster will instruct the class, exploring basic concepts and techniques of floral arrangement while helping students develop personal flair and creativity. Armbruster will also cover flower placement, as well as the needed materials and how to use them.

Registration is $45 plus a fee for supplies, payable to the instructor on the night of the class. The supply fee is $30-$40, which includes a Christmas wreath, silk flowers, berries or filler, glue, wire, lights (optional $3), ribbon (optional $5) and any other materials needed. To register for the course, contact ECOS at 888-7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php >.
Monday is registration deadline for science bowl

Area high schools are invited to send teams to the High School Science Bowl at the University of Tennessee Martin and can register for the Nov. 12 event by e-mail or phone. The registration is free, and the deadline is Monday.

The science bowl is sponsored by the UT Martin Student Members 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 television 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. Each participating school will receive a copy of The Merck Index, which is an internationally recognized handbook of chemical, pharmaceutical and biomedical information on behalf of the Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society and Merck & Company. The rules for the science bowl along with the program and results of the last bowl can be found at utm.edu/staff/skairereiscibowl/

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Percussion ensemble to perform at UTM

The world has never heard “Streaming,” a percussion piece by Michael Burritt, but the University of Tennessee at Martin percussion ensemble is about to change that.

The ensemble’s fall concert, featuring guest artist Keith Aleo, will begin at 3 p.m. Nov. 6 in Room 112 of Boling University Center on the UT Martin campus.

Aleo, a Zildjian Cymbal representative from Boston University, will be the featured soloist in the Burritt piece. Matthew Stratton, assistant professor of tuba and euphonium, will be featured in a concerto for tuba and percussion ensemble.

The ensemble will also perform a bombastic work in the style of Led Zeppelin drummer John Bonham, which will feature Daniel Houston, senior percussion major, on the drum set.

Attendees will also hear a variety of other selections. The concert is free and open to the public. Seating is limited.
Scientists discuss fossils, other discoveries in state

Academy meets on Union's campus

By Jordan Buie

The Tennessee Academy of Science held its 121st meeting at Union University on Friday. The two-day annual event began as attendees convened to discuss recent discoveries in science and the importance of scientific development within the state.

Registration began at 7:30 a.m. Friday and lasted until noon, with a poster presentation, chairs' meeting, poster judging, morning sessions and business meeting being held at that time. The meetings and sessions were followed by a lunch served in the Carl Grant Events Center, and after the lunch, Michael Gibson, professor of geology at the University of Tennessee Martin and plenary speaker, spoke to researchers and graduate students about prehistoric Tennessee.

"Close your eyes and picture Tennessee," Gibson told the audience who gathered for the TAS event. "I am sure each of you are picturing different things, but one thing is for certain, you are seeing land, not an ocean."

Gibson's talk, titled "A Tale of Two Oceans," consisted of slide shows depicting various fossils found in deep quarries where many layers of rock are visible. Gibson said the fossils were of plant and sea life found in Tennessee. His studies verify similar results as do those of Roger Moore, of the University of Florida, featured in a Jackson Sun article earlier this week, although Moore said Gibson's results refer to a different time period.

Most of Gibson's studies concern the Cretaceous Period, a time in world history commonly known for dinosaurs. Gibson has led groups of students to study fossil digs across the state that prove the area was once covered by a saltwater ocean, with finds such as sea shells and fossils of organisms only found in the ocean.

"Although recorded history only knows Tennessee as dry land, for most of its history, the entire region has been covered in water," Gibson said. "About four oceans existed in the area, as the landscape changed and the emergence of the Appalachian mountain range came into existence, pushing water our way."

He said the fossils found in the area, proving Tennessee was under water, give evidence to the largest rise in sea level of all time.

One of the largest fossil preservations in the country, and internationally renowned, according to Gibson, is found along 250 acres of land running along Coon Creek, which is owned by the Pink Palace Museum in Memphis.

Gibson said fossils have been found in the area that back up his theories, including various dinosaur remains, and that it has proven to be one of the best preserved fossil troves in the world.

Today Gibson will lead a field trip to the Coon Creek site, leaving from Union at 7:45 a.m. as part of the TAS weekend event.

"A number of members of the academy have expressed that they are excited to see our campus after hearing about it after the tornado," said Wayne Wofford, Union professor of biology. "I think this is a real opportunity for Union, and especially for our science faculty, to showcase our campus to the scientific community in Tennessee."

The Tennessee Academy of Science was founded in 1912 and has provided direction for Tennesseans on a number of science issues. The academy organizes symposia, manages ongoing programs in many fields and communicates with the national scientific community.

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