Gaps in grads’ salaries

First-year earnings study: UTM, JSCC grads fare well

By Tajanua Cheshier

The earnings of graduates from Tennessee public colleges and universities varies according to career field and school of completion, according to a study from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and College Measures.

College Measures is a nonpartisan organization that provides data and analysis on higher education. College Measures is a joint venture of the American Institutes for Research and the Matrix Knowledge Group. The study was funded by the Lumina Foundation.

Mark Schneider, author of the report, said the goal of the study is to equip students and parents with important information.

"It’s all about knowing before you go," said Schneider, who is vice president of American Institutes for Research in Washington, D.C. "Don’t borrow a lot of money if you are not going to earn enough to pay it off.

The study highlights the growth of certificate programs and the varied earning potential for associate’s and bachelor’s degree programs.

Graduates from the University of Tennessee Martin and Jackson State Community College were included in the study.

Recent graduates from UT Martin with a degree in nursing were near the top of the rankings with average first-year earnings of $59,592.

"There are several reasons for the success enjoyed by these graduates," said Bud Grimes, a university spokesman. "UT Martin ranks first on licensure pass rates for public university first-time test takers.

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reported in 2011 for nursing by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. That pass rate is 100 percent. The nursing program is rigorous, and it’s fully accredited. For the 2012 fall semester, UT Martin has 548 students enrolled in nursing courses. So nursing is easily among the top two or three enrollment majors at the university.

UT Martin engineering graduates were just below nursing graduates, earning $52,976.

Graduates earning less than $30,000 majored in psychology, religion and history.

The study also shows a variation in first-year earnings of graduates from the 13 community colleges in Tennessee.

There is a $10,000 difference in the average first-year earnings of graduates from Jackson State Community College and Pellissippi State Community College.

The study indicates that among the community college graduates, Jackson State students are faring the best in the labor market.

"Now that this data is out there, schools will have the opportunity to build from it and make improvements," said Schneider. "This is a big step forward that Tennessee is taking, and they should be commended for it.

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Some applications that will be demonstrated have a download fee, so all participants should bring a note pad and pencil for notes or have money in their Apple accounts to purchase the apps. All participants will need to bring their Apple ID and password created when the iPad was first purchased.

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Holt has a strong background in economic development and is very familiar with the local area. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin, majoring in communications with an emphasis in public relations. She served as the Director of the Martin Economic Development Corporation for the City of Martin for three years and also served as the director for the UTM Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center for six years.

The Ken-Tenn Regional Alliance covers six counties in northwest Tennessee and southwest Kentucky.

Holt grew up in Fulton and currently lives in Martin with her husband, Steve, and their four children.

"With my economic development background it seemed like a natural fit for me to assume this position," Mrs. Holt said.

She said she sees her appointment as a great opportunity for her to work with two states that are poised for economic development.

"I am passionate about working each and every day to make this region a better place for generations to come," Mrs. Holt said. "Ultimately, I hope to assist these communities with job creation and job retention.

With three major ports along the Mississippi, the construction of 540, the Everett-Stewart Regional Airport in Obion County and the University of Tennessee at Martin in close proximity to all six counties, this region is ready for jobs and industry. I will be supporting the local economic developers in their pursuit of industry and new businesses."

Mrs. Holt began her position on Sept. 17. The position was previously held by Rod Thompson.

The Ken-Tenn Regional Alliance encompasses Fulton, Hickman and Carroll counties in Kentucky and Obion, Lauderdale and Weakley counties in Tennessee.

Fulton County Judge Executive David Gallagher is the KTRA chairman and Hickman County Judge Executive Greg Pruett represents Hickman County on the board. Published in The WCP 10.2.12.

Children's book author visits Martin, Jackson

Residents will have the opportunity to meet children's book writer Lynne Cherry, author and illustrator of "The Great Kapok Tree" and "A River Ran Wild," today and Wednesday in West Tennessee.

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UTM Jackson Center offers workshop on retirement planning

A "Passport to Retirement Workshop" will be offered from 6 to 9 p.m. today and Oct. 9 at the University of Tennessee Martin's Jackson Center. The workshop is open to all ages but is designed specifically for those ages 45 to 70.

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The course also will address the effects of inflation and the potential costs of long-term care expenses.

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The Friends of Paul Meek Library group will hold its annual book sale during University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming weekend from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 4-5, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Oct. 6, in the library’s foyer.

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A new UT Martin mobile application will allow users to access a variety of campus services, ranging from the social to the academic. Components of the new app include a complete campus telephone directory, athletics schedule and news updates, local maps and the Paul Meek Library catalog.

UT Martin students and faculty will also be able to access their Blackboard learning content, allowing them to view or post grades, participate in online course discussion boards and download course assignments on-the-go.

The academic and social calendars not only provide a list of upcoming events, but also alert users to activities near their current locations.

“We hope the new UT Martin app will allow users to maintain a close connection to our campus,” said Craig Ingram, interim director of ITC and Web Services. “Whether you want to keep up with news and events, check Skyhawk athletic schedules and scores or use the directory to locate a contact on campus, we feel this is a great beginning to a platform that we plan to continue to build on and enhance.”

Ingram is one of several key developers of the UT Martin app, including Weston Gentry, assistant webmaster, ITC and Web Services; Corey Jones, senior computer systems specialist, Information Technology Services; Trudy Henderson, administrative specialist, Office of Intercollegiate Athletics; and Shari Brink, former publications coordinator, Office of University Relations.

For more information on the application and its available features, visit www.utm.edu/mobile/.
Children's author visits
Lynne Cherry's books focus on environmental issues

"Lynne and I have been friends for seven years, and our paths just cross at different conferences and different times," Cox said. "Dean (Mary Lee) Hall, who is also the dean of the College of Education at UT Martin, was talking about wanting to do an event to benefit this area."

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Cherry talked to teachers and students at Martin Elementary School and Rose Hill Fine Arts Middle School about how she began writing and illustrating.

Cherry began writing at the age of 8; she would go into the woods near her house and sit, surrounded by nature, writing about the things that she saw.

"I would just go out into the woods and have these amazing adventures and come home and write about them and illustrate them," Cherry said.

"Back when I was growing up, there wasn't such a word as environment, but I lived in it," Cherry said. "There was a woods behind my house where I spent all my time playing in the creek and building tree houses, but mostly just sitting and watching the animals and getting to know them as individuals."

Cherry found that the woods behind her house were being bulldozed, and she began to see the mistakes that adults could make in the world.

"As an adult, I started hearing about the destruction of the tropical rainforest and learning about how it had such biodiversity, and I thought, 'I have to write a book to let kids know about this that can make them feel and love the rainforest the way I loved my forest and maybe save it,'" Cherry said.


The University of Tennessee Martin, UT Martin Jackson Center and the Jessa Coe Stanford Foundation sponsored the event at the bank's Oil Well Road location.

Cherry is the author and illustrator of many children's books featuring an environmentally conscious theme, as well as the founder and director of a nonprofit organization, Young Voices for the Planet, which features children and young people who are acting to improve the world's environment.

UT Martin associate professor of educational studies Becky Cox was there Wednesday facilitating the event, and Cherry's books were being sold through the UT Martin bookstore.
"The Great Kapok Tree" has sold millions of copies and has been used in classrooms as a part of the syllabus for many years teaching children about the environment and how to read at the same time.

Another of Cherry's books that has been incorporated into many classrooms is "A River Ran Wild," which is the story of how the Nashua River in Massachusetts went from being a clean water source to heavy pollution and the campaign to clean up the river.

"I always focus on the successes and hopeful stories, I don't focus on the bad stuff," Cherry said.

April Qualls, a teacher at Camden Junior High, was at the signing with her daughter, who has written two small books of her own, and illustrated them.

"You can take a picture book and turn it into the best lesson ever if you know the author and you can give some of that background information to your students," Qualls said.

Qualls uses "A River Ran Wild" in her seventh-grade science class as an illustration of pollution and the environment.

Alvaro Lopez, a student at UT Martin, was at the signing for an education class he is taking.

"It is interesting to me, and a point I made with Cherry is the differences as far as the receptacles for people to recycle and the options as a citizen that we have to recycle and there are just so few here compared to other parts that I have lived in," Lopez said.

"She gave me a couple of tips for how to be proactive in that sense and possibly get something done here so we at least have an option to recycle more easily."

Lopez read "A River Ran Wild" and said he thought it was a great idea.

"It simplifies a very complex situation to the target demographic," Lopez said. "I think it really opens their eyes, and in my opinion it is important for them to have a very clear view of the dangers of a bad ecological system, because once you get older, you get a lot more smoke screens and misinformation."
UT Martin celebrates 150 years of Morrill Act

The University of Tennessee at Martin will celebrate 150 years of the Morrill Act with a display honoring agricultural progress and research outside the Paul Meek Library today and Friday.

The outdoor display will include agricultural equipment in 50-year increments, demonstrating how far agricultural methods and research have come in the past 150 years, according to a news release. The display will end with a look at the future of land-grant research, featuring the Living Light House display inside the Paul Meek Library.

Jerry Gresham, interim dean of the UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, said the exhibit will show "where we’ve been in the last 150 years and where we could go in the next 150 years." He stressed the influence of agricultural research on daily life and emphasized that "new research is not always directly related to the farm."

The Morrill Act, signed into law in 1862 by President Abraham Lincoln, provided each state with 30,000 acres of federal land for each congressional delegate. The land was to be sold and the proceeds used to create affordable colleges that would teach applied sciences, such as agriculture, engineering and home economics, in addition to the classical arts.

These institutions, also known as "land grant institutions," made widespread instruction on mass food and fiber production possible, the release said. The proper education of farmers allowed future generations to move away from the farm and aspire to nonagricultural careers. The University of Tennessee system was founded by land grants from the Morrill Act.

UT Martin Jackson Center hosts fall fest

The University of Tennessee at Martin Jackson Center will hold a Fall Fest and Preview See BRIEFLY, Page B2

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from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday at the Jackson Center, located at 3031 U.S. 45 Bypass in Jackson.

The event will allow individuals to learn about programs in Jackson and at the university’s main campus in Martin. Participants also will be able to meet with faculty and admissions and financial aid representatives, according to a news release.

UT Martin scholarships valued at $500 each will be awarded to three people in attendance, and other door prizes and complimentary food will be available.

For more information about the Jackson Center, call (731) 425-9277 or visit www.utm.edu/jackson.

Pat Summitt returns to UT-Martin where she played ball to unveil statues

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Summitt, whose 1,098 career wins are the most in NCAA men’s or women’s basketball history, retired from coaching in April after a 38-year tenure at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville that included eight national championships. She remains part of the staff as head coach emeritus.
Statues unveiled of Summitt, her UT Martin coach and AD

By David Thomas
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MARTIN — Speaking less than three minutes, Pat Summitt called her time at the University of Tennessee Martin the best thing that ever happened to her.

A hall of fame basketball coach and winner of eight NCAA basketball titles at the University of Tennessee, Summitt returned to her roots for the unveiling of statues of herself, former UT Martin women's basketball coach Nadine Gearin and former women's athletics director Bettye Giles on Saturday.

“Great day,” Summitt said. “You’re here today because you love this university. You love Nadine (Gearin) and Bettye (Giles) and that’s what it’s about.”

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Summitt, who resigned from her position at UT after 38 years because of early-onset dementia, left Cheatham County in 1970 for Martin and four years later began her coaching career at UT Knoxville.

And UT Martin has not forgotten the contributions she, Gearin and Giles made to the school.

“We’re quite proud to have this event at homecoming today,” UT Martin chancellor Tom Rakes said. “You better recognize your own because other people are not going to.”

Summitt’s accomplishments arrived at the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center, where the ceremony was held, before Saturday’s dedication.

Besides her eight NCAA titles, she directed the Lady Vols to 16 Southeastern Conference regular season and tournament championships. The SEC named her coach of the year eight times, once more than the NCAA awarded her the national honor.

In 1983, she was named to the UT Martin hall of fame, and she was inducted into the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame in 1999.

The winner of 1,086 games — the most in NCAA history in men’s or women’s basketball — Summitt also received the highest award presented to a civilian, the 2012 Presidential Medal of Freedom.

A member of the 1976 women’s Olympic basketball team, Summitt played for Gearin, now deceased, and Giles.

Giles was the director of women’s athletics at UT Martin from 1969 to 1994.

“Nadine (Gearin) had a constant grin,” Giles said. “And I can see that grin shining down on us today.”

UT President Joe DiPietro took part in the festivities and mentioned the hardships women endured before the field was leveled in intercollegiate athletics.

“This is the 40th anniversary of Title IX and before, when girls wanted to play, they had to get what they could get,” DiPietro said. “There was no budget, but that is not the case today.”

New to the UT system, DiPietro remembered the first time he saw Summitt coaching a game and displaying her infamous stare.

“I told my wife, I wish I had that when we were raising our kids,” DiPietro said, before thanking Summitt, Giles and Gearin. “We need to thank these pioneers who made this possible.”

Martin’s Julia Brundige never considered the possibilities when she played basketball with Summitt while being coached by Giles at UT Martin.

“We looked at (basketball) as something to do,” Brundige said. “We played for the love of the sport. It was a different day, but we wanted to do something bigger and better for UT Martin.”

A 1976 graduate, Brundige said Summitt has never changed.

“A class act,” Brundige said. “Forever the same person.”

Just like Gearin and Giles.

“When people ask me why I drive a big car and dress antiquated, I tell them, ‘you’re going to miss me when I’m gone,’” Giles said, smiling at the crowd. “But Nadine, Pat and Bettye are going to be right here, and y’all come by and visit us.”

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Bettye Giles and Pat Summitt pose with the statue of Summitt after it was unveiled at the Elam Center at UT Martin on Saturday. TREVOR RUSZKOWSKI/UTM
Summitt, Giles make UTM homecoming

Statues unveiled in front of Elam Center

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MARTIN — Saturday was homecoming weekend at UT Martin. Among those returning to their alma mater in West Tennessee were Pat Summitt and Betty Giles.

When two alumnae as significant as the former Tennessee Lady Vols’ basketball coach (Summitt) and the former UTM women’s athletics director (Giles) return to campus, people notice.

Giles and Summitt were the guests of honor Saturday morning on campus. In front of several hundred people, UTM recognized their accomplishments by unveiling statues of the two along with another of the late former UTM basketball coach Nadine Gearin.

The statues sit in front of the Elam Center, home of the Skyhawk men’s and women’s basketball teams. Summitt is portrayed kneeling with her hand on a basketball, facing Gearin’s statue, while Giles is portrayed facing Summitt with a megaphone at her side.

Along with each statue is a brief inscription with a quote from an admirer.

Each woman played an integral role in developing athletic programs for women, specifically at UT Martin.

Giles started coaching and organizing women’s athletic teams at the school in the 1980s. Summitt’s playing career started in 1970 and consisted of bare bones road trips and makeshift uniforms, representative of a time when funding and appreciation for women’s athletics were low.

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That background contrasts sharply with today. Summitt, who won eight national titles at Tennessee, is a national icon in women’s basketball. Arrived Saturday riding a golf cart with her mother. Everyone watched as the coaching icon made her appearance.

“Right in front of us!” gushed a female UT Martin student to her friend as Summitt passed by.

While Giles and Summitt sat in front of the audience Saturday, the ceremony ended ticked off some accomplishments of Skyhawk women’s athletic teams.

Audience members cheered at mentions of recent conference and national success in sports ranging from basketball to softball to rodeo.

After the statues were unveiled, Giles and Summitt took a couple minutes to speak to her fans.

Summitt cracked everyone up recalling that she attended UTM simply because her father told her to go there and get away from Cheatham County in Middle Tennessee. Giles also drew laughs with a couple of one-liners.

Largely, Summitt focused on how much the UT Martin community means to her. She joked it up a few minutes later, posing with a couple members of the crowd next to the statue.

Members of Chi Omega sorority and many of their parents were in attendance to support Summitt.

The coach posed with her sorority sisters for a group photo. The Chi Omega girls shouted a cheer for their sorority.

Giles already has her name on the softball field, but the statue represents her status as a fixture in UTM sports.

The ceremony over, Summitt left the scene with fans in orange and blue still watching her. Hers will forever be a famous name in sports.

Saturday, the Skyhawks were glad to welcome them both back home.

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Statues of Pat Summitt, left, Betty Giles, right, and the late Nadine Gearin were unveiled Saturday at UT Martin. PHOTO COURTESY OF UTMARTIN
UTM RETIREE HONORED — John Bell (left) of Union City was honored for his recent retirement and 31 years of service for UT Martin’s Paul Meek Library. Bell retired as head of the library’s reference department and associate professor of library science. Dr. Tom Rakes, university chancellor, joined Bell at the annual UT Martin Retired Faculty and Administrative Staff Dinner held in the Boling University Center.

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The UT Martin Jackson Center currently enrolls more than 100 credit and non-credit students, Worley said. Next year, she said, she is hoping to see that number double. Registration for the spring semester starts Nov. 12.
Pioneers in women’s athletics recognized with statues at UTM

A homecoming dedication quickly developed a pop-rally atmosphere as the University of Tennessee at Martin honored three women instrumental in the history of women’s athletics Saturday.

Lady Vols Coach Emeritus Pat Summit, former UT Martin Women’s Athletics Director Bettye Giles and the late Nadine Gearin, Summit’s UT Martin basketball coach, were honored with the unveiling of “Coaches,” a statue display at the entrance to the university’s Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

A large homecoming crowd, many clad in orange, gathered on this clear autumn morning to honor three women who helped to redefine college women’s athletics. UT President Joe DiPietro, UT President Emeritus Joe Johnson, UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and members of Chi Omega, Summit’s college sorority, joined in the celebration. Hazel Head, Summit’s mother, and other family members also attended.

University officials began discussions several years ago to decide how to honor Title IX, the federal civil rights law enacted in 1972 and best known for breaking down barriers for female participation in athletics. The statues idea was presented to the administration and approved based on a private-funding model.

On July 10, 2010, the university commissioned Lagar Foundry of Eads to sculpt the three bronze figures in loose likenesses of Summit, Giles and Gearin. More than $130,000 has been raised to date to cover the expense of the statues. Remaining funds will be placed in the Giles-Gearin Scholarship Endowment that benefits UT Martin women’s athletics. Richard and Melba Jackson, of Columbia, S.C., and Bill Blankenship, of Sandestin, Fla., provided leadership gifts to the project. The Jacksons are Summit’s close friends and supporters, while Bill and his late wife, Roberta, first met Giles during their days as UT Martin students and maintained a lifelong friendship with the couple’s former tennis coach.

Summit, a Cheatham County native, earned 1,098 career coaching wins, more than any Division I basketball head coach, men’s or women’s. As a coach, she also achieved eight NCAA Division I women’s basketball championships and 16 SEC regular-season and SEC Tournament championships. Most recently, she was a 2012 Presidential Medal of Freedom honoree, the country’s highest civilian award. She was named coach emeritus of the UT Lady Vols basketball program in April 2012 after being diagnosed the previous year with early onset dementia.

Gearin, a Weakley County native, led efforts to develop UT Martin’s women’s basketball program.

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She coached the Lady Pacers from 1969-74, taking her 1971 team to the first national basketball tournament of the Division for Girls’ and Women’s Sports. One of her brightest basketball players was Pat Head, who first rose to national fame in 1973 by qualifying for the USA World University Games team.

Giles, of Clarksville, was director of UT Martin women’s athletics from 1969-94. She served as the university’s cheerleading sponsor from 1952-73 and started the women’s tennis program in 1952, a team she coached for eight years. Summit, Gearin and Giles are all UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame members.

Tom Rakes welcomed the crowd and reviewed recent successes in the UT Martin women’s athletics program, connecting the honorees’ lifetime contributions to that success. “These statues represent an ongoing relationship between faculty and students, a tradition for this campus, our students and our faculty,” he said.

“Women’s athletics is very, very important across our whole University of Tennessee System,” added Joe DiPietro, noting the scholarship and academic opportunities provided through women’s athletics. “This year marks the 40th anniversary of Title IX, and today’s students and female athletes are the beneficiaries of the hard work and frustration of many people who struggled for gender equity.”
DiPietro drew laughter and applause when he told the audience about he and his wife, Deb, becoming Lady Vols fans when they moved to Tennessee six years ago. He said that he had watched Coach Summitt on television. “But the first time I ever saw ‘the stare’ live, I turned to Deb and said, ‘Man, I wished I had that when we were raising kids.’

Charley Deal, UT Martin assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations and event enecer, then read inscriptions that appear on each statue and called project donors and supporters forward as each figure was unveiled. Summitt and Giles offered brief comments and appreciation after the unveilings.

“What a great day,” Summitt said, drawing applause from the crowd. She added, “I think it was truly one of the best things that ever happened to me to go to UT Martin, because the people here were so real and just so committed.”

Giles followed Summitt and offered appreciation all around. “I think the university for supporting this venture and allowing it,” she said. “And I certainly thank you folks for making it happen, and that’s what you did.” She also acknowledged Nadine Gearin, remembering “Nadine had a constant grin,” and Giles said she could sense that grin happening on this special day.

As she closed her comments, Giles referenced the statues and quipped, “...Nadine Gearin and Pat Summitt and Bettye Giles are going to be right here. Come and visit us.” Her invitation assures that future generations of fans entering the Elam Center can acknowledge three women who helped pave the way for today’s female college athletes.
iPad workshop Oct. 18

An intermediate iPad workshop will be held from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 18, at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Tenn. Jessica Crews Garcia will conduct the workshop.

The workshop will introduce participants to new apps for organizing, reading, communicating and writing, as well as use of the iCloud features, searching for new apps, and transferring photos between devices.

Some applications that will be demonstrated have a download fee, so all participants should bring a notepad and pencil for notes or have money in their Apple accounts to purchase the apps. All participants will need to bring their Apple ID and password created when the iPad was first purchased.

The registration fee to attend this workshop is $65.

This workshop is sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies and will be held on the UT Martin campus. An exact location for the workshop will be given upon registration.

To register, contact ECOS at 731-881-7082, or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php.
UTM leading ladies immortalized

Summitt, Giles and Gearin statues unveiled

By Kenneth Coker
Sports Editor

Undoubtedly, the contributions to the UT Martin women's athletics scene of Pat Summit, Bettye Giles and the late Nadine Gearin are cemented and well-documented in the papers that tell the school's history.

Now, the trio will forever be literally cemented for visitors to see at the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

On Saturday morning, life-sized statues of the trio were unveiled to an audience of onlookers as Summit and Giles attended the ceremony for the occasion along with a handful of University of Tennessee and UT Martin dignitaries.

“Coming to UT Martin was the best thing to ever happen to me,” said Summit, who stepped down as the University of Tennessee's women's head coach during the spring. “I didn’t know that my father, Richard Head, said you have no choice.

“I thought UTM was a long ways away. He said, ‘You need to get out of here.’ It was truly one of the best things to ever happen to me because the people here were so real and committed.”

Summitt, college basketball's winningest coach (1,098-208), led the Lady Volunteers to eight NCAA National Championships and 16 Southeastern Conference crowns during her 38-year tenure as head coach. The coaching legend retired after the 2011-12 campaign as she continues her battle with early-onset dementia, Alzheimer's type.

Summitt showed little sign of being hindered by the disease on Saturday as she visited with friends after the statues were unveiled.

During her playing career at UTM, Summit starred under the tutelage of Gearin. Summit — then known as Pat Head — became the first UTM women's player to score over 1,000 points with 1,405 tallies during her tenure in Martin.

Gearin — regarded as a pioneer in the advancement of the UT Martin women's athletics programs — coached the Lady Pacers' squads from 1969-78, serving as the squad's mentor when Title IX was enacted.

Gearin, who also skippered UTM's women's volleyball and badminton teams, finished her hoops coaching career with a 104-86 record. She was inducted into the UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame in 1988.

“In my association with Nadine Gearin, often times in an athletic meeting they would ask someone to speak for UT Martin,” Giles said. “Nadine never would. She'd always say, ‘You do it.’

“I know today that I can see not a smile. Nadine had a constant grin and I can see that grind shining down on us today. I know so many of you can, as well.”

Giles served as the UT Martin women's athletics director from 1972-1995.

While at UTM, she started the women's tennis program and served as the coach of that squad for eight seasons.

Giles eloquently closed the segment with the following comments.

“Many times when people my age communicate with people of student age I get asked, ‘Why do you have that big ear that looks like a tank?’ Or ‘Why do you dress like so-and-so?’” Giles said. “I always come back with ‘You're gonna miss me when I'm gone. And you know what they say to me when I say that?’ ‘Where are you going?’

“I'm telling ya'll now, Nadine Gearin, Bettye Giles and Pat Summit are going to be right here. Come and visit us.”
Summitt stare includes smile when statue is revealed

University of Tennessee head coach emeritus Pat Summitt (third, from left) reacts to the bronze statue of her that was unveiled on Saturday morning at UT Martin. Statues of Summitt, former UT Martin athletic director Bettye Giles (shown applauding at far right) and the late Nadine Gearin – former UTM women’s basketball coach – were unveiled near the entrance of the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center. Taking part in the ceremony were (from left) Dr. Joe DiPietro, University of Tennessee president; Richard Jackson, of Columbia, S.C. “Statues” donor; Summitt; Melba Jackson, wife of Richard Jackson; Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor; and Giles. For a full story on the statue’s reveal, see page 14 of this week’s Dresden Enterprise. (Photo by Kenneth Coker.)

UTM Chemistry Professor Presents Significant Research

Dr. Genessa M. Smith, UT Martin assistant professor of chemistry will discuss her research that could have significant implications in finding a cure for melanoma.

Titled “Natural Product Synthesis: ‘The Challenge of Accessing Mother Nature’s Molecules From Scratch,’” Smith’s presentation will focus on a natural product lauroside B that was first extracted from sweet bay laurel in 2004. In 2011, researchers demonstrated that it has potent biological activity against malignant skin cancer cells, making it an attractive target for laboratory synthesis. Her research proposes a synthetic route to access another natural product that is a precursor for the synthesis of lauroside B.

The seminar is sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) and is open to public.

Dr. Genessa M. Smith

At 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, in room 317 of the Johnson Engineering and Physical Sciences Building, Dr. Genessa M. Smith, UT Martin assistant professor of chemistry will discuss her research that could have significant implications in finding a cure for melanoma.
SMACS wins Outstanding Rating

The UT Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society Chapter recently won an Outstanding Rating and the Green Chemistry chapter award and leads the nation for the number of outstanding ratings and Green Chapter designations. Forty-six chapters received the outstanding ratings this year, and 56 were designated Green Chapters. There are more than 1,000 chapters nationwide. During 2011-12 year the UTM chapter also received two grants to execute the International Year (2011) of Chemistry activities and an Innovative Activities Grant for networking with local high schools for a visit to Oak Ridge.

Pictured with UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes are, seated (left to right): Layla R. Gargus, Treasurer; Lee A. Elliott, Vice President; Rakes; Gilbert J. Forays, President; Chelsea N. Peeler, Secretary; Standing (left to right): S.K. Airee, Faculty Advisor; Christy L. Lee, Executive Committee Member; Krishna V. Patel, Executive Committee Member; Stephanie R. Gourley, Executive Committee Member; and Corey L. Jones, 2011 President.

Pharmacy Technician program to be offered at local colleges

A pharmacy technician course will be offered by UT Martin and Dyersburg State Community College on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 23 – Dec. 13 on the campus of Dyersburg State.

This comprehensive 50-hour course will prepare students to enter the pharmacy field and to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board’s PTCB exam.

Technicians work in hospitals, home infusion pharmacies, community pharmacies and other health care settings, while working under the supervision of a registered pharmacist.

Course content includes medical terminology specific to the pharmacy, reading and interpreting prescriptions, and defining drugs by generic and brand names. Students will learn dosage calculations, IV flow rates, drug compounding, dose conversions, dispensing of prescriptions, inventory control, and billing and reimbursement.

The registration fee is $999 per person, and textbooks and supplies are included.

Dyersburg State is located at 1510 Lake Road in Dyersburg, and an exact location and class times will be given upon registration.

To register, contact ECOS at 731-881-7082, or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ece/econ_non_degree/home.php.
UT Martin assistant professor receives Fulbright Scholarship

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars recently announced that University of Tennessee at Martin assistant professor of mathematics Dr. Karoline Pershell has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship.

She will travel to India in the spring 2013 semester to teach mathematics at the college level and collect data regarding methods of mathematics education, so as to understand, interpret and then integrate the successful practices of the host institution into her own teaching methods.

This data will focus on the preparedness of the mathematics students to transition to higher-order thinking and the retention of women in mathematical disciplines.

"As the largest democracy, and with some of the highest mathematics and science scores internationally, India holds a fantastic opportunity for me to grow as a math educator. In addition to the mutual learning of classroom techniques and standards between my host institution and myself, I also am in a unique position as a woman mathematician in a country where the representation of women in math is disproportionately low," Dr. Pershell said.

In addition to teaching in India, Dr. Pershell will conduct research toward understanding why more women in India do not pursue careers in mathematics.

"The major objective of this fellowship is to identify the overlooked resources that are positively contributing to social change in the United States by identifying what these women believe are the reasons for the success of their American counterparts," she said.

Numerous reports and articles describe a noticeable gap in the United States when it comes to equally educating its populace. To understand the nuances of the problem, Persshell will gather both quantitative and qualitative data on the population of female mathematicians in India. By constructing a comprehensive picture of the current status of female mathematicians in India, she will examine the similarities of their experiences.

Through this research, Pershell will then assess if the U.S. model of the pipeline for women in math is a feasible model for other countries.

"To understand how successful female mathematicians have succeeded, she will collect stories and perspectives of women mathematicians who have stayed in the academic route. The purpose of this project is to investigate the experiences they have had in their own country compared to their perceptions of mathematics in the United States. The objective is to identify the overlooked resources that are positively contributing to social change in the United States by identifying what these women believe are the reasons for the success of their American counterparts."

By identifying the career roadblocks that are shared across cultures, Dr. Pershell will unpack the social context of impediments to women in mathematics to be overcome here in the United States.

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars, the scholar division of the Institute of International Education, is well known for its expertise and extensive experience in conducting international exchange programs for scholars and university administrators.

For the past 60 years, CIES has administered the Fulbright Scholar Program, the United States flagship academic exchange effort, on behalf of the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since 1996, CIES has been a division of the Institute of International Education (IE), a premier nonprofit educational and cultural exchange organization established in 1919.

For more information about the CIES, visit their website at http://www.cies.org/fulbright.

WestStar deadline nears

WestStar, which serves the 21 counties of West Tennessee and is the state's oldest and largest regional leadership development program, is looking for applicants for its 2013 class.

The application/reference forms are due by Friday, November 2.

Application forms are available at http://app.perfectforms.com/player.htm?f=SKLggAEk.

Nomination forms are available at http://app.perfectforms.com/player.htm?f=ZUjBgg6m.

Reference forms are available at http://app.perfectforms.com/player.htm?f=8UrAAgsH.

For more information about WestStar, contact Virginia Crimes, coordinator, at (731) 881-7298.
UTM professor receives award

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By constructing a comprehensive picture of the current status of female mathematicians in India, she will examine the college mathematics positions held by women across the country, even looking at the graduate student population, if data are available.

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For more information about the CIES, visit their webpage at http://www.cies.org/fulbright/ <http://www.cies.org/fulbright/>.
Exceptional young writers invited to attend conference

This year’s Young Writers’ Conference at the University of Tennessee at Martin is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 2 and last until 3 p.m. in the Boling University Center.

The one-day conference is specially designed for students in grades 9-12 who wish to improve their creative and professional writing abilities.

Students must be recommended by a teacher on the basis of academic merit and artistic promise in order to register.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend a variety of hands-on workshops throughout the day and create original work to present at an open mic reading. Workshop topics include writing poetry, fiction, non-fiction, songwriting, bookbinding, collaborative writing, chivalric narrative, writing letters of application and writing letters to public officials. All workshops are taught by UT Martin faculty and visiting poet Marilyn Kallet.

The registration fee is $10 for students and $15 for teachers and includes all workshops, a luncheon and attendance at a book signing by Kallet.

Students engaged but not required, to attend the conference along with their students.

All teachers are responsible for obtaining the necessary parent/guardian permissions for students who will be attending the conference.

Registration is limited to 100 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Registration forms must be received by Oct. 29, along with the appropriate fees.

Checks can be made payable to UT Martin.

The conference is sponsored by the UT Martin Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages.

For more information about the conference or to register, contact Dr. Leslie Lachance, associate professor of English, at 731-881-7206, or via email at lachance@utm.edu.

Campus more accessible with UTM mobile app

The University of Tennessee at Martin campus community is now more accessible from mobile devices, thanks to the efforts of the university’s Instructional Technology Center (ITC) and Web Services.

A new UT Martin mobile application will allow users to access a variety of campus services, ranging from the social to the academic.

Components of the new app include a complete campus telephone directory, athletics schedule and news updates, local maps and the Paul Meek Library catalog.

UT Martin students and faculty will also be able to access their Blackboard learning content, allowing them to view or post grades, participate in online course discussion boards and download course assignments on the-go.

The academic and social calendars not only provide a list of upcoming events, but also alert users to activities near their current locations.

“We hope the new UTM mobile app will allow users to maintain a close connection to our campus,” said Craig Ingram, interim director of ITC and Web Services. “Whether you want to keep up with news and events, check Skyhawk athletic schedules and scores or use the directory lookup to make a contact on campus, we feel this is a great beginning to a platform that we plan to continue to build on and enhance.”

Ingram is one of several key developers of the UT Martin app, including Weston Gentry, assistant webmaster, ITC and Web Services; Corey Jones, senior computer systems specialist, Information Technology Services; Trudy Henderson, administrative specialist, Office of Intercollegiate Athletics; and Shari Brink, former publications coordinator, Office of University Relations.

The free app is available on iOS and Android platforms (version 2.2 and up). All other devices can access the mobile web version at http://m.utm.edu.

For more information on the application and its available features, visit www.utm.edu/mobile.
iPads donated to after-school program

Earn UTM scholarships

Intermediate iPad workshop offered at UTM Jackson Center
Young Writers’ Clubhouse to return to UT Martin November 3

Students in grades 3-12 interested in improving their writing skills are encouraged to register for one of the Young Writers’ Clubhouse events offered by UT Martin’s West Tennessee Writing Project.

The clubhouses will meet from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Nov. 3. Students have a choice of four locations:

* Gooch Hall, UT Martin main campus
* UT Martin Jackson Center, 3031 Hwy 45 Bypass, Jackson
* UT Martin Parsons Center, 975 Tennessee Avenue North, Parsons
* Great Oaks Church of Christ, 3355 Brunswick Road, Memphis

Participants will focus on the theme “Election Day is Near: Let Your Voice Be Heard” and learn to express their views through realistic persuasive writing, using art and digital media. Students will also learn to apply various campaign techniques, such as handwagons, charged words and catchy slogans.

Registration is $30 per student. All students will receive a writing notebook and pen as part of the registration fee, but should bring their own lunches. Participants will be divided into categories by current grade.

To register, contact the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7080 or register online at www.ulr.edu/departments/ece/nondegree/children.php.

Author Lynne Cherry speaks on campus

Lynne Cherry, author and/or illustrator of over 30 award-winning books for children, spoke to UT Martin students and area fans in Watkins Auditorium on the UT Martin main campus Tuesday, October 2. Cherry discussed personal experiences and issues that inspired some of her most popular books and shared inspirational stories of children who have made a positive environmental impact.

Percussion Ensemble to perform

A percussion ensemble with special guest steel drum player Kyle Dunleavy will perform at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 28, in room 112 in the Boling University Center on the University of Tennessee at Martin main campus.

Dunleavy, of Philadelphia, Pa., will be featured in the performance of “Baby Ashley” by Benny Sharpe and will also be performing steel pan with the steel drum ensemble.

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Colby Snider, a senior from Memphis, will accompany on the marimba on “Concerto for Marimba.”

Other musical arrangements to be performed are “Pyrrhenus” by Christopher Deane, “Ten Play” by Per Andreason, “Mass” by John Mackey and “Concerto for Marimba” by Eric Ewazen.

The ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of music. The performance is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Hill at 731-881-7418 or by email at jhill@utm.edu.
Educators Honored

Several alumni of the University of Tennessee at Martin Teacher Education Program were recently honored on campus. Among those recognized were Norma Gerrell, finalist for 2012 Supervisor of the Year. Gerrell, second from right, serves as Director of the Center of Regional Excellence for Northwest Tennessee. With her are Dr. Mary Lee Hall, UT Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences dean; Cliff Sturdivant, Tennessee Department of Education field service director; and UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes.

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Radcliffe To Perform Senior Music Recital

MARTIN, Tenn. — Micah Radcliffe will perform his senior recital at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21 in room 112 of the Boling University Center on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus.


Radcliffe will also perform “Madra” by Bob Becker, prepared for drums and keyboards. He will be accompanied by Rachel Steiner, Josh Spaulding, Kerri Darus and Katie McClain and is under the instruction of Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of music.

The performance is free and open to the public.

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TOP TEACHER — Several alumni of the Teacher Education Program at the University of Tennessee at Martin were recently honored on campus. Among those recognized was Deborah Wright Cunningham (second from right), finalist for 2012 Teacher of the Year. She is a 1973 and 1985 UT Martin graduate and teaches at Union City High School. Among those on hand were (from left) Dr. Mary Lee Hall, UT Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences dean; Cliff Sturdivant, Tennessee Department of Education field service director; and UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes.

EDUCATOR HONORED — Several alumni of the University of Tennessee at Martin Teacher Education Program were recently honored on campus. Among those recognized was Amanda Haynes (second from right), finalist for 2012 Teacher of the Year. She is a 2005 UT Martin graduate and teaches at Hillcrest Elementary School in Troy. On hand at the presentation were (from left) Dr. Mary Lee Hall, UT Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences dean; Cliff Sturdivant, Tennessee Department of Education field service director; and UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes.
Mythological roundtable meets tonight

A roundtable discussion sponsored by the Joseph Campbell Foundation Mythological Round Table Group of Martin will meet at 7 tonight in Room 120 of the Paul Meek Library on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

A spokesman said those with a novice to long-term enthusiast level of interest in mythology are encouraged to attend.

The discussion will center around Joseph Campbell’s “The Power of Myth: Episode 2: The Message of the Myth.” Dr. Nathan Howard, UT Martin associate professor in the Department of History and Philosophy, will comment on the function of ancient Greek mythology in illustrating the extremes in human emotion and exaggerating conventions of ordinary life.

Joseph Campbell Foundation Mythological Round Table gatherings are open to all intrigued by mythology. The group provides a forum for individuals to share in all things mythological.

Joseph Campbell (1904-87) was an influential American intellectual and mythologist known for his work in comparative mythology and comparative religion. The Joseph Campbell Foundation is dedicated to protecting, preserving and further pioneering his work.

Kyle Dunleavy to perform Oct. 28

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Pharmacy technician program offered

A pharmacy technician course will be offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin and Dyersburg State Community College on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 23-Dec. 13, on the campus of Dyersburg State.

This comprehensive 50-hour course will prepare students to enter the pharmacy field and to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board’s PTCB exam.

Technicians work in hospitals, home infusion pharmacies, community pharmacies and other health care settings, working under the supervision of a registered pharmacist.

Course content includes medical terminology specific to the pharmacy, reading and interpreting prescriptions and defining drugs by generic and brand names. Students will learn dosage calculations, IV flow rates, drug compounding, dose conversions, dispensing of prescriptions, inventory control and billing and reimbursement.

The registration fee is $999 per person, and textbooks and supplies are included.

Dyersburg State is located at 1510 Lake Road in Dyersburg and an exact location and class times will be given upon registration.

To register, contact ECOS at UT Martin at 881-7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ccecc/nondegree/home.php.
Commissioner speaks at UTM

The commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions made speaking appearances Sept. 27 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Greg Gonzales spoke to the Martin Rotary Club and later to a group of 40 regional bankers and UT Martin students in the Boling University Center.

The forum with bankers and students addressed regulatory trends and credit conditions in Tennessee and was hosted by the Horace and Sara Dunnagan Chair of Excellence in Banking. The discussion with Gonzales centered on regulatory policies at both the state and federal levels. Topics included bank capital, commercial deposit and consumer regulation, and the importance of community banks to West Tennessee's local economies.

The TDFI is responsible for regulation of more than 6,000 financial institutions in Tennessee, including banks, credit unions, payday lenders, insurance companies and mortgage firms. The department's website notes that Gonzales has served in the department since 1986, was appointed commissioner in 2005 and was reappointed by Gov. Bill Haslam. As commissioner, Gonzales serves as Tennessee's chief regulatory officer of all-state chartered depository and licensed non-depository financial institutions. He holds a law degree from the University of Tennessee.

"The financial services community and the people of Tennessee are fortunate to have Commissioner Gonzales in such an important leadership role," said Dr. Tom Payne, chairholder, Dunnagan Chair of Excellence, and professor and interim chair, UT Martin Department of Accounting, Finance, Economics and Political Science. "His experience and understanding of the business of banking allow him and his department to balance safety and soundness concerns with the economic development interests of our state. Greg's integrity and commitment to transparency contribute to the sustained vitality of Tennessee's financial institutions."

Besides teaching finance and banking courses at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels, the Dunnagan Chair of Excellence works with community banks, the Tennessee Bankers Association and economic development organizations. These partnerships provide many experiential learning opportunities for UT Martin students, support post-graduate education and training for banking professionals, and promote regional economic development in West Tennessee.

NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

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GETTING GRILLED — Randy Edwards of Martin worked a large grill during the Quad City event recently on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus as part of UT Martin’s homecoming festivities.

HOMECOMING FUN — UT Martin students Amy Belote (left) and Chelsea Breden, both of Martin, celebrated UT Martin’s homecoming festivities on Oct. 6 at the Quad City event on the main campus.
HAPPY HOMECOMING — University of Tennessee at Martin students (from left) Kaitlyn O’Kelley, a senior from Troy; Jessica Andrews, a sophomore from Union City; and Jesi Ogg, a sophomore from Martin, celebrated UT Martin’s homecoming festivities recently at the Zeta Tau Alpha tent during the Quad City event on the main campus.

CELEBRATING — Among those who celebrated the University of Tennessee at Martin’s homecoming festivities recently were (from left) Rich Edwards and Brian Stephens, both of Martin, and John Farber of Jacksonville. They were at the Quad City event on the main campus.
FESTIVITIES ATTENDED — On hand to show support recently at the unveiling of the “Coaches” statues during homecoming festivities at the University of Tennessee at Martin were (from left) Vera Chandler Shanklin, Vicki Petit Exum and Joe Exum, all of Martin. Three statues created in the likenesses of three women influential to athletics at UT Martin, Pat Summit, Betty Giles and the late Naidaic Gearin, were unveiled in front of the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the main campus. Ms. Shanklin was a member of the first Skyhawk women’s basketball team.

HASLAM VISITS UT MARTIN

Gov. Bill Haslam, left, met with University of Tennessee Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and members of his staff on Tuesday in the university’s Dunagan Alumni Center to discuss the unique role UT Martin serves in West Tennessee and the state. The governor’s visit is part of an ongoing dialogue held across the state concerning higher education and workforce development. Although no specific policy proposals were discussed, Haslam said he continues to gather information on the successes and needs of public higher education institutions and their ability to foster a more competitive workforce for the state.

PHOTO COURTESY OF UT MARTIN
CLARKSVILLE, TENN. — Jim Byford - dean emeritus of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Martin - is scheduled to speak at the upcoming Montgomery County Soil Conservation District Awards Banquet and Kiwanis Farm-City Week program.

The long-running annual event here returns on Thursday, Nov. 1, at the William O. Beach Civic Hall, 350 Pageant Lane,Veterans Plaza. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

The banquet will feature the presentation of awards to adults and youth who have contributed to soil and water conservation progress in the county.

Byford's career has spanned over 40 years, including appointments at the University of Georgia and UT-Knoxville. He is a certified wildlife biologist and has a doctorate degree in wildlife from Auburn University with minors in forestry and fisheries and a bachelor of science degree in agriculture, said a news release.

He has spent a career teaching landowners, outdoor users and children how to manage and enjoy the land. He speaks regularly on many different topics to a wide range of youth and adult audiences. Over the last 28 years, he has given 67 invited presentations in 26 different states: Ecuador, and Japan. He gives 35 to 40 presentations off the UTM campus each year, most of them being in west and middle Tennessee.

He has served on governing boards of the West Tennessee River Basin Authority, Tennessee Wildlife Federation, Volunteer Community Hospital, Weakley County Hunters for the Hungry, Martin Rotary Club, and was a founding board member of Ethanol Grain Processors, a 100 million gallon ethanol plant in Obion County. He also served on advisory boards for the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, and Westvaco Corporation.

Byford has received numerous local, state, and national awards related to agriculture, wildlife, youth education, conservation, and communications. He had a monthly outdoor column in the Southeast Farm Press for 25 years. He's appeared in six commercial videos, recorded five songs, and appeared for two years on the TNN cable television network in the "Southern Outdoors" series. His first commercial book, entitled "Close To The Land" was released by the UT Press in February 1999.

Everyone is invited to attend the Nov. 1 banquet. Tickets may be purchased by calling 931-369-0252, extension 3, or by contacting district board members Jack Bumpus, Johnny Head, Paul McKinney, James Menees and Jesse Wilcox.
Eric Watson

Party: Republican

Age: 39

Occupation: State representative, law enforcement

Family: Married

Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees, Andersonville Theological Seminary, Camilla, Ga.; professional law enforcement degree, UT Martin, graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy, Tennessee Sheriffs School and U.S. Marshal Service Academy, Gynco, Ga.

Personal: Developed a program in 2000 for needy children called "Coats for the Cold" and received a Bradley County Public Service Award for his efforts in 2003

Opposes a state income tax: "Tennessee is one of the lowest-taxed states in the nation — I am committed to keeping it that way. I will continue to oppose any effort to institute a state income tax."

Says Tennessee has the opportunity to be at the center of the nation's economic recovery, pledges to fight to create an environment that works to promote growth and not stop it.

Will protect the right to bear arms: "The Second Amendment clearly defines the right of every law-abiding citizen to keep and bear arms — a freedom we must now work to preserve and protect for current and future generations of Tennessee gun owners."
Intermediate iPad workshop offered at UTM Jackson Center

A workshop on getting the most out of your iPad for home and work usage will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. today at the University of Tennessee Martin Jackson Center.

Mary Unger, a former Apple employee, will conduct the workshop, which will introduce students to new apps for organizing, reading, communicating, and writing, as well as use of the iCloud features, searching for new apps and transferring photos between devices.

Some applications that will be demonstrated have a download fee, so participants should bring a notepad and pencil for notes or have money in their Apple accounts to purchase the apps. All participants will need to bring their Apple ID and password, created when the iPad was first purchased.

The workshop, which is sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies, will be held at the UT Martin Jackson Center, at 3031 U.S. 45 Bypass. An exact location for the workshop will be given upon registration.

The registration fee is $50 per person. To register, call ECOS at (731) 881-7082, or visit utm.edu/departments/cccc/nondegree/home.php.

ACT prep course offered at UTM Jackson Center

An ACT preparation course for students will be offered from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, beginning this week and ending Nov. 17, at the University of Tennessee Martin's Jackson Center, located at 3031 U.S. 45 Bypass.

Linda Johnson and Katharine Moran, UT Martin adjunct faculty members, will teach the course, according to a news release. Instruction will focus on test-taking strategies for math, English, reading and science sections.

The course utilizes materials from Cambridge Educational Services. Students will learn how to complete test problems based on question frequency, difficulty, substantive knowledge, curriculum and alternative test-taking strategies.

Students will take an official retired test at the first meeting. After reviewing the math, English, reading and science sections, they will take a second official retired test under real test conditions, guaranteeing a valid pre- and post-test comparison.

Students also will receive a copy of their assessment report. The instructors will use the assessment reports from the post-test to provide students with a one-week personal study plan for the last few days before the exam. The instructors will schedule one-on-one meetings with students to discuss their personal study plan.


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Event to be held

UTM Volleyball Grill 'N Chill will be held Oct. 26, 7 p.m. vs. Eastern Illinois. Free hot dogs and drinks will be available. A costume contest will also be held with the winner receiving a meal for two at Brandy's.

Writers' Club House returns to UTM

Students in grades 3-12 interested in improving their writing skills are encouraged to register for one of the Young Writers' Clubhouse events offered by UT Martin's West Tennessee Writing Project.

The clubhouses will meet from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Nov. 3. Students have a choice of four locations:

- Gooch Hall, UT Martin main campus
- UT Martin Parsons Center, 975 Tennessee Avenue North, Parsons
- Great Oaks Church of Christ, 3355 Brunswick Road, Memphis
- UT Martin Jackson Center, 3031 Hwy 45 Bypass, Jackson

Participants will focus on the theme "Election Day is Near: Let Your Voice be Heard" and learn to express their views through realistic persuasive writing, using art and digital media. Students will also learn to apply various campaign techniques, such as bandwagon, charged words and catchy slogans.

Registration is $30 per student. All students will receive a writing notebook and pen as part of the registration fee, but should bring their own lunches. Participants will be divided into categories by current grade.

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Conference held locally

The Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Martin and the Reelfoot Lake Environmental Field Station recently hosted the annual conference of the Tennessee Herpetological Society.

The conference provided an opportunity for participants to share the results of their most recent research activities or to discuss issues that may affect conservation efforts directed at amphibian and reptile populations in the state.

Several speaking sessions were held, as well as a field trip to the Reelfoot Lake area to observe amphibians and reptiles common to West Tennessee in their natural habitats.

The Tennessee Herpetological Society is a group dedicated to the study and conservation of amphibians and reptiles.

AWarded Scholarship — Katie Searcy (center) of Union City, a student majoring in secondary education with an emphasis in English at the University of Tennessee at Martin, recently received a scholarship from Alpha Delta Kappa. The presentation was made by ADK Scholarship Committee members Winnie Logan (left) and Jo Kathryn Maddox. Each year, the professional women educator group presents a scholarship to education majors from Union City. October is also Alpha Delta Kappa Month. ADK is an international honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational excellence, altruism and world understanding. One of its purposes is to promote educational and charitable projects and activities and to cooperate with worthy community programs relating to education and charities. With over 50,000 members in over 1,700 chapters, ADK members combine their energies and talents to enrich their lives and the lives of others through heartwarming, community-based altruistic projects. This year is the group’s 65th birthday.

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Hoops for Hope relay team participates in Alzheimer's Benefit Race

JACKSON, TN
October 20, 2012

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National Chemistry Week Proclaimed

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Deer jumps from UTM building, dies

A deer was killed Thursday when it jumped off the roof of the University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The deer had become trapped around a loading dock area and tried to escape by climbing a flight of stairs leading to the roof of Watkins Auditorium, Director of Public Safety Scott Robbins said. Once on the roof, the deer jumped the railing and landed on the concrete below, right in front of the University Center’s main entrance. No students or faculty were injured in the 3 p.m. incident.

“We’re just lucky that nobody was walking in that area at the time,” Robbins said. “They wouldn’t have seen the deer at all.”

It’s not uncommon to see deer crossing the campus in the morning or evening hours, Robbins said. They’re rarely seen on campus in mid-afternoon, Robbins added, noting he’s never seen anything like this in his 21 years on the job.
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AT PREVIEW — Mikaela Hardy (right) of South Fulton and her mother, Barbie Hardy, attended Honors Preview Day recently at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Students and family members who attended the event toured the campus and learned about the university’s Honors Programs.
Faculty showcase slated

The Department of Music at the University of Tennessee at Martin will hold a faculty showcase at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Watkins Auditorium on the main campus.

Faculty vocalists, pianists, wind players, percussion and chamber groups will play a variety of music. Composers represented include Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Poulenc, Bozza, Jacob, Casella, Debussy and others.

Faculty scheduled to perform include Amy Yeung, Robert Mancusi, Elaine Harriss, Jonathan Vest, Delana Easley, Douglas Owens, Kurt Gorman, John Oelrich, Jessie Thomas, Joseph Frye and Matt Stratton, all from the UT Martin Department of Music.

A silent auction, sponsored by the Friends of Music, will take place the same night. Funds raised will assist students with music opportunities, such as workshops, music camps, music conferences and student performance tours. Items from many local area businesses will be featured.

The event is free and open to the public.

Piano recital scheduled

A piano recital featuring Melody Jenkins Fried and David Smyth and hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin's Department of Music will be held 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

They will be performing a program originally performed Nov. 1, 1977, while they were students in high school.

Ms. Fried received a doctorate in piano performance at the University of Oklahoma, a master's in piano performance and accompanying from the University of Arizona and a bachelor's of piano performance from UT Martin.

Smyth received a bachelor's of piano performance from Indiana University and has taught piano privately in Paris, Tenn. He is currently the organist and choir director at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Weehawken, N.J.

The event is free and open to the public.

Business seminar scheduled

Small business owners and potential entrepreneurs are encouraged to attend a lending seminar from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 6 at the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center.

The seminar will cover various lending options available to small businesses and guide potential business owners through the proper steps in planning a small business.

The UT Martin REED Center is located at 406 South Lindell St. in Martin. The seminar is offered in cooperation with the Tennessee Small Business Development Center.

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UT Martin concert to feature Mancusi and Pfaltzgraff

The University of Tennessee at Martin will hold a concert featuring Drs. Roberto Mancusi and Brian Pfaltzgraff at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Mancusi at 731-881-7405 or mancus@utm.edu.

Bennett and Byrd art exhibition on display through Nov. 2

MARTIN — The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts is hosting a senior art exhibit of works by Brittan Bennett and Donny Byrd through Nov. 2 on the second floor of the Paul Meek Library. Bennett is an art studio emphasis student from Memphis, and Byrd is a visual art studio student from Dyersburg. The exhibit is free and open to the public.
UTM offers new education programs

The University of Tennessee at Martin now offers two new course concentrations in gifted and talented education and instructional design and technology for those wishing to earn a Master of Science in Education or complete 30 required training hours.

The five-course sequence in gifted and talented education is taught online by instructor Genevieve Felts-Meyer and can be used as a gifted endorsement for a current teaching license.

The courses include characteristics and needs of the gifted/talented, strategies and programs for teaching the gifted/talented, advanced methods in gifted education, theories and trends in gifted education, and practicum in gifted education. Participants must have already completed an instructional design, teaching instruction, and learning at a distance, creating collaborative learning environments and educational technology.

Other education graduate programs available online are early childhood, advanced special education, reading specialist, geoscience education, counseling, educational leadership, and English as a second language (nine-hour endorsement only). Interested applicants should apply for admissions through UT Martin. For more information on any these programs, contact Kimberly Page at 731-881-7128 or by email at kpage6@utm.edu.

WIZARD OF OZ — Masquerade Theatre recently presented “The Wizard of Oz” with several area residents participating, including (from left) Stephen Conner as the Cowardly Lion; Leslie Patterson as Dorothy Gale holding Toto the dog; Maggie Olmstead as the Wicked Witch; UTM student Alton Alexander as the Tin Man; Trish Perry as Glinda the Good Witch; and John-Alex Wamer as the Scarecrow.
Theatre provides a home away from home

KRISTEN HARRELSON & SHEILA SCOTT
Special To The Press

Ever since man has been able to walk and talk, they have been performing. The theatre is the perfect mix of fantasy and reality. It allows a person to transform and escape his or her life for a while. With a flurry of powder, a tuck of the shirt, and bright lights, men and women are catapulted into a world where anything can happen.

In essence, theatre is magic.

"Theatre opened the doors for many opportunities in my life," said Jo-Mylke Hepler, UT Martin Social Work major and assistant director of Masquearde Theatre. "It made me part of the community when I felt I had no part. It is an artistic escape from the real world where things can be a little tough.

"Theatre enabled me to make the friends and connections that keep me going today."

At UTM, the students take that passion and magic and put it into a production for Vanguard Theatre every semester. Theatre majors are required to audition for every school production whether they receive a part or not.

"Students who undertake theatre courses gain self-confidence, learn to perform before the public and gain a sense of accomplishment," said Doug Cook, chair of the UTM Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

Students are encouraged to participate in the Tennessee Theatre Association or TTA.

The TTA provides members with workshops, programs and seminars, and gives them time to meet and interact with professionals from other states. It also has a liaison to state, regional and national stages.

UTM offers great theatre opportunities, but there are also other opportunities available in the surrounding community where students also participate in theatre.

Community theatre provides an outlet for young and old alike to share their creative interests and talents with others, while enhancing the lives of those around them.

"The whole purpose of community theatre is to get the community involved," said Jenny Virginia, Masquearde Theatre board member of six years.

Masquearde Theatre, Inc. is a local community theatre that has been producing musicals, comedies, dramas and children's plays for 20 years.

The Capitol Theatre in downtown Union City, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, serves as home to Masquearde Theatre, Inc.

"The old Capitol Theatre is truly a treasure and working in that beautiful building provides a wonderful experience for everyone in the extended Union City community," said Lynn Patterson, cast member of Masquearde Theatre's recent production of the "Wizard of Oz."

Patterson is a UTM Faculty member in the intensive English Language Program. Also among the Masquearde Theatre's 2012 production of the "Wizard of Oz" was UTM faculty member Brian Johnson, Lecturer of Psychology.

Johnson also recently served as director for the Blush Cast of Masquearde Theatre's production of "Steel Magnolias."

Masquearde Theatre provides four regular plays or musicals, and three children's workshops each year.

These workshops include kindergarten through second grade, third through sixth grades and seventh through 12th grades. Ticket charges are: musicals $15; regular plays, third through sixth grades, and seventh through 12th grades $10; and kindergarten through third grade is free.

Masquearde Theatre plays are open to anyone who is willing to audition and they encourage folks from all around our area to join the cast and crew.

"UTM students would find it well worth their effort to participate in the wide array of opportunities offered by Masquearde Theatre," Patterson said.

Alton Alexander recently played the Tin Man in Masquearde Theatre's 2012 production of "The Wizard of Oz." Alexander is a UTM student majoring in social work. Alexander said, "Keeping the arts in the community is something I find to be very important.

"I take pride in participating in productions at the Masquearde Theatre because it makes our community stand out from all of the other rural communities close by, and it is a great place to showcase local talent," Alexander said.

Masquearde Theatre is a non-profit organization run by a volunteer board of directors, and as such could not exist without the generous support of donors and volunteers. They consider no gift too small, and have many ways that you can give, whether it is a gift of your time or a monetary gift.

Volunteers are crucial to the success of every production performed at the theatre. While they are happy to accept volunteers in every area of the theatre, they especially need producers. Producers are ultimately detail managers.

If you would like to volunteer to help Masquearde Theatre in any capacity, it would be best to contact them by email specifying the area in which you would be interested. Their email address is info@ucmasqueardeathtre.com.

The faculty, staff and students of UTM and the surrounding community are very fortunate to have access to the wonderful Vanguard and Masquearde Theatres.

"The fact that we have such an outstanding theatre is a blessing. Just as UTM allows local students to receive a quality education without venturing off from the area, the Masquearde Theatre allows us to enjoy the arts without having to travel far from home!" Alexander said.

Masquearde Theatre's upcoming performances for 2012:

"Annie" A Musical by Thomas Meehan
Nov. 23-25, 30, Dec. 1-2, 7-9

Vanguard Theatre's upcoming 2012 performances

"Almost, Maine" A Comedy by John Cariani
Nov. 1-4, 8-10

For more information visit Masquearde Theatre's website at www.ucmasqueardeathtre.com.

For more information visit Vanguard Theatre's website at www.utm.edu/departments/finearts/vanguard/index.php or contact Doug Cook at dcook@utm.edu.

Editor's note: Kristen Harrelson and Sheila Scott are employed at The Tacker at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
AT HOMECOMING — University of Tennessee at Martin students (from left) Kaitlyn O’Kelley, a senior from Troy; Jessica Andrews, a sophomore from Union City; and Jesi Ogg, a sophomore from Martin, celebrated UT Martin’s homecoming festivities recently at the Zeta Tau Alpha tent during the Quad City event on the main campus.

AT PREVIEW — Danielle Leggett (center), joined by her parents, Danny and Sybil Leggett of Union City, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin’s recent Fall Preview Day. Students had the opportunity to tour the UT Martin campus and meet with faculty and staff to learn about academic programs, financial aid, scholarships, housing and student life.
Graduate programs offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin now offers two new course concentrations in gifted and talented education and instructional design and technology for anyone wishing to earn a master of science in education or complete plus-30 required training hours.

The five-course sequence in gifted and talented education is taught online by instructor Genevieve Felts-Meyer and can be used as a gifted endorsement for a current teaching license.

The courses include characteristics and needs of the gifted/talented, strategies and programs for teaching the gifted/talented, advanced methods in gifted education, theories and trends in gifted education and practicum in gifted education. Participants must have already completed an entry-level special education course, either as an undergraduate or graduate student.

The second new concentration, instructional design and technology, focuses on improving online instructional methods. Participants will learn to teach online courses in a virtual classroom and use technology and online resources to enhance face-to-face instruction in a traditional classroom.

Courses in this concentration include foundations of distance learning, instructional design, teaching and learning at a distance, creating collaborative learning environments and educational technology.

For more information, contact Kimberly Page at (731) 881-7128 or by email at kpage6@utm.edu.

Sunday concert to feature solos, duets

The University of Tennessee at Martin will hold a concert featuring Drs. Roberto Mancusi and Brian Pfaltzgraff at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin. The concert, free and open to the public, will feature solos and duets spanning about 350 years.

Pfaltzgraff is an associate professor of voice at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, and performs with the Union Avenue Opera in St. Louis, the Toledo Opera and others. Mancusi is an assistant professor of music at UTM. He has performed in over 20 operas across the country and in England and is also a published author.

Percussion performance set

A percussion ensemble with guest steel drum player Kyle Dunleavy will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday in Room 112 in Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Dunleavy, of Philadelphia, is the owner of Kyle Dunleavy Steel Drums and is considered the top of the next generation of steel drum makers and tuners.

Colby Snider, a senior from Memphis, will accompany on the marimba on “Concerto for Marimba.”

Sunday’s performance is free and open to the public, a spokesman said.
UTM, Union among ‘best buys’

The Jackson Sun

Union University and the University of Tennessee at Martin both have been named to America's 100 Best College Buys, a listing compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc.

Union is on the list for the eighth consecutive year, and UT Martin for the seventh consecutive year.

UT Martin is among three public Tennessee higher education institutions to be listed, according to a news release. Other Tennessee schools included on the list were Belmont University, Tennessee Tech University and the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

“Providing a high-quality educational environment at the lowest possible cost is the result of planning and efficiency,” said Lewis Lindsey Jr., Institutional Research & Evaluation president, in a news release. “The University of Ten-

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nessee at Martin consistently offers programs that attract the best students to an affordable, quality educational opportunity.”

To be considered for the designation “America’s 100 Best College Buys,” a college must be an accredited, four-year institution offering bachelor’s degrees. The institution must also offer full residential facilities, including residence halls and dining services.

Additionally, the institution must have an entering freshman class in fall 2011 with a high school grade point average and/or SAT/ACT score equal to or above the national average for entering college freshmen. Also, the out-of-state cost of attendance in 2012-13 for three quarters or two semesters must be below the national average cost of attendance or not exceed the national average cost by more than 10 percent.

Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, noted that higher education institutions are challenged more than ever to provide an affordable education that prepares students to com-pete in the global economy.

“We strive to offer educational programs that are both affordable and educate students for the competitive job market,” Rakes said. “The university’s recent recognition for student satisfaction and high graduation rates compared to other state colleges and universities reaffirms the value of a UT Martin degree.”

The 2011-12 Tennessee Higher Education Fact Book ranked UT Martin first in the state among public universities for student satisfaction and second in the state for the university’s six-year graduation rate.

The listing in America’s 100 Best College Buys is among several independent recognitions for UT Martin during the current academic year. Earlier, UT Martin continued its top-tier ranking for Southern master’s institutions in the 2013 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 2013, the 10th consecutive year for the university to earn this designation, the release said.

More recently, UT Martin’s Master of Business Administration program was ranked a top-20 “Best Buy” by GetEducated.com and placed on the website’s 2012 list of Best Online Master of Business Administration Programs.

Union President David Dockery said the “America’s 100 Best College Buys” report doesn’t identify the 100 least expensive institutions, but the 100 best values when measuring quality per dollar invested.

“Union University is pleased to learn of this significant recognition affirming Union’s commitment to keep high-quality education affordable and accessible in this region,” Dockery said in a release. “We are thankful to receive this honor, which communicates to our students and their parents the true value of a Union University education.”

Union’s average grade point average for entering freshman at the time of the survey was 3.65 on a 4.0 scale. Its average ACT was 26.

The annual “America’s 100 Best College Buys” report evaluates academic quality and cost, and the newest findings are based on a survey of 1,447 accredited U.S. colleges and universities.
Martin native’s 38-year journey rooted in UTM

By SHEILA SCOTT
Pacer Staff Writer

Doris Edwards, affectionately known on campus as Ms. Doris, Ms. D or Mom, retired May 4, 2012 after giving her smile, positive attitude and dedication to her UTM family for 38 years.

“You know time really went by fast. I really enjoyed the job and didn’t originally intend to stay forever, but that’s what happened,” Edwards said, when asked about her 38 years at UTM.

Edwards began her journey at UTM when her dad, Sterling Owens Jr., suggested that she put in an application for employment. She was hired and joined her father on a journey that over the years became a family tradition.

“Mrs. Edwards and members of her family represent an incredible line of loyalty and longevity at UT Martin. Valued employees such as the Edwards family are rare by any standard. We are blessed to have Doris as well as so many of her family join with us and as we acknowledge, become such an important part of what we do,” Chancellor Tom Rakes said.

Her father, Sterling Owens Jr., was among the first members of Edwards’ family to put down roots in the UTM campus. He worked at UTM for 24 years until his death. The UTM campus has been blessed to have 32 members of Edwards’ family working in some capacity over the years. The different members of her family included her father, sister, brother, sister-in-law, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. Several members of her family are still working on campus today. Besides all the members of Edwards’ family who worked at UTM, she also had many family members over the years that either did or still attend classes at UTM.

“It’s like a family tie here. My dad was an active worker here when he died. He didn’t get a chance to retire. He worked his shift on Saturday and died on Sunday. We got a good family work ethic,” Edwards said.

Edwards credits and thanks her mother, Doris Owens, for instilling a strong work ethic in her and her siblings at a young age.

When Edwards retired she was the last UTM employee left working in the dining room. Sodexo took over the management of the UTM dining facilities several years ago. At that time Sodexo offered Edwards the chance to switch her employment from UTM to their company. Edwards chose to stay with UTM so that she wouldn’t lose her seniority and benefits.

During Edwards’ 38 years of service she received many rewards from different organizations, fraternities and sororities.

The Tennessee Governor’s School for Agricultural Sciences presented her with a plaque in 2006. The plaque read, “Thanks for being there each morning for us and helping us get our day started.”

When Edwards first started working at UTM, she was stationed in the dish room.

She also worked on the grill, in the food court, and then eventually in the cafeteria, or dining room.

She enjoyed working the morning shift there, because it enabled her to be one of the first people that students saw before heading off to classes and to their respective jobs.

Some of the students, especially the freshmen, were just leaving home for the first time and the cafeteria was the first place that they would come to after leaving their dorms.

We played a very important part in their day, by interacting with them and trying to make it a little bit better, with our smiles and laughter,” Edwards said.

“She was like family to us. We absolutely loved her and will really miss her. She cared a lot about our students and the students loved her like she was their mom. Every morning she had this big smile on her face and she gave us hugs,” Anoush Lazarian, Sodexo Catering Manager and former co-worker, said concerning Edwards.

Edwards made such a difference in so many lives with her kindness and compassion.

“Over the last 15 years, Mrs. Doris watched me grow and inspired me to reach my goal of becoming the General Manager of UTM Dining Services. Her dedication and kind heart have always been an inspiration to me and my management style. I don’t know if she really realizes the impact she has made on so many people,” said Benjamin Long, Sodexo General Manager, who claims Edwards as his honorary mom.

It has often been said that there is no better legacy to leave behind than cherished memories in the hearts and minds of those that love you.

“We miss her a lot and Sodexo is lost without her. She would help you anyway that she could if there was any way possible. I love her very much,” Donna Turner, a former Sodexo co-worker, said.

Edwards made an impact on students’ lives and everyone around her during her 38 year journey at UTM.

“You know how people say, ‘I want to be like that person when I grow up?’ Well, I want to be like Ms. Doris. Everyone who has ever come in contact with her loves her. I wish her the best in her retirement and wish her to know that I love her with all my heart,” Christy McDonald, Sodexo Administrative Assistant, said.

Many people including students and co-workers looked upon Edwards as another mother.

“I knew her for over 22 years, and she was always kind of like a mother figure to me. She was always very special to everyone here

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Deer leaps to death from UTM rooftop

By BRAD GASKINS
News Editor

A deer was killed Thursday when it jumped off the roof of the University Center at UT Martin.

The deer had become trapped around a loading dock area and tried to escape by climbing a flight of stairs leading to the roof of Watkins Auditorium, Director of Public Safety Scott Robbins said.

Once on the roof, the deer jumped the railing and landed on the concrete below, right in front of the University Center's main entrance.

No students or faculty were injured in the 3 p.m. incident.

"We're just lucky that nobody was walking in that area at the time," Robbins said. "They wouldn't have seen the deer at all."

It's not uncommon to see deer crossing the campus in the morning or evening hours, Robbins said. They're rarely seen on campus in mid-afternoon, Robbins added, noting he's never seen anything like this in his 21 years on the job.

Brad Gaskins may be contacted by email at spearator@frontiernet.net.

REED Center to host seminar

Anyone interested in starting a small business is encouraged to attend a lending seminar hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin REED Center/TSBDC on Nov. 6 at 5 p.m.

The seminar will address various lending options available to small business owners and what lenders look for in their applicants. Participants will learn what resources are available to help plan, start and grow different types of small businesses.

All participants are required to register in advance.

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

For more information or to register, contact the REED Center at 731-587-7333.

Online registration is also available at www.utm.edu/ree <http://www.utm.edu/ree> or at www.tsbdc.org <http://www.tsbdc.org>.
UT Martin history professor to give lecture on Civil War

Dr. David Coffey, chair of the Department of History and Philosophy and professor of history at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will present a lecture titled "The Civil War at 150" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8.

His presentation will be held in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center on the UT Martin main campus.

Born in New Mexico and raised in Fort Worth, Texas, Coffey holds a doctorate from Texas Christian University and teaches classes in U.S. and Latin American history at UT Martin.

His books include "John Bell Hood and the Struggle for Atlanta," "Soldier Princess: The Life and Legend of Agnes Salm-Salm in North America, 1861-1867" and "Sheridan's Lieutenants: Phil Sheridan, His Generals, and the Final Year of the Civil War."

He has contributed to 10 major historical reference works and served as an editor on three award-winning projects, including "The Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War." He also recently completed editing work on a new multi-volume encyclopedia of the Civil War.

Coffey is the 2012 recipient of UT Martin's Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award that recognizes strength in teaching and contributions to the teaching profession.

"Dr. Coffey has distinguished himself as a noteworthy historian of whom UT Martin can be proud," said Lionel Crews, director of Honors Programs. "I very much look forward to hearing him speak about such a powerful event as the Civil War."

His lecture is sponsored by UT Martin Honors Programs and is free and open to the public.

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

UTM HONORS PREVIEW DAY: Amber Alsup, middle, of Newbern, along with her mother, Lydia Alsup, right, and sister, Lindsey Alsup, left, attended Honors Preview Day, Oct. 20, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Students and family members attending the event toured the campus and learned about the university's Honors Programs.
Rushing awarded scholarship

The Anne Harris Schneider Chapter of the Lawyers’ Association for Women has awarded the Julie Alexander Grinaulds Memorial Scholarship to Christie Rushing of Three Way, Tennessee. Rushing is presently attending the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in Memphis, Tennessee.

She attended high school at Northside High School in Jackson, Tennessee. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin in Martin, Tennessee, where she received a B.S. degree. Her special interests and hobbies include reading, travel and spending time with her family. While in law school, she has been a member of the Association of Women Attorneys.

The qualifications for the scholarship are that the recipient be a resident of any West Tennessee county, except Shelby County, and that the recipient has been accepted to or is attending an accredited law school. In addition, other qualifications considered were academic ability; stability of character and good moral standards; worthiness of assistance; financial need for continuing educational programs, and a stated intention to pursue a career in law.

Christie Rushing

Big Cypress Fall Festival
Saturday, November 3

This year’s Big Cypress Fall Festival is Saturday, November 3, at Big Cypress Tree State Park, located seven miles northwest of Greenfield on Hwy 445. It is a free event the whole family is sure to enjoy. Festival-goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and spend the day at the festival.

The lineup of fun-filled events features something for the whole family, including several excellent educational programs. At 10:00 a.m., Pinson Mounds State Park rangers will demonstrate prehistoric weapons and tools of Tennessee.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., the Natural History Educational Company of the Mid-South will present its “Creatures of the Night” program featuring animals that roam around after the sun goes down, one of which is the bobcat.

At noon, Reelfoot Lake State Park will present its very popular “Birds of Prey” program, including the majestic bald eagle.

Then at 1:30 p.m., “Creatures of the Night” will again be presented. Photographers are encouraged to bring their cameras and take some close-ups of these normally shy and hard-to-approach animals.

The musical entertainment this year will be provided by “Currents,” a family band from Columbia, Missouri. They play a variety of traditional bluegrass, old-time fiddle, roots country and gospel music, and really put on a great show. The group played at the Big Cypress Fall Festival in 2010. They will be performing several times during the day beginning around 11 a.m.

Additionally, the 75th Anniversary Tennessee State Parks traveling exhibit trailer will be at the festival. The Air Evac helicopter will visit the festival this year.

The UTM Ecology Club will have a booth at the festival with plants, study skins from the lab, and possibly some small live animals.

Eleanor Gardner, Geology instructor at UTM, will have a booth with all kinds of rocks, minerals, and fossils on display. She will also have kids activities available including measuring the stride of dinosaur footprints, fossil coloring pages, etc. Additionally, she will have an area set up where kids can sift through material from the fossil-rich Coon Creek site located in McNairy County. They may keep what they find.

Festival-goers may visit the numerous arts and crafts booths at the festival. Arts and crafts vendors, who would like to come and set up at the festival, should call 235-9216 and leave a message with their name and phone number. Or, they may email the park manager at Bill.McCall@tn.gov. There is no charge to set up.

Lunch will be served by the Greenfield High School Girls’ Tennis Team.

Big Cypress Tree State Natural Area is one of the 54 Tennessee State Parks and is located seven miles northwest of Greenfield. To reach the park, turn west off Hwy 45E about a mile north of Greenfield at the Big Cypress Tree sign. Go five miles and turn right at the park signs and you are there.
UT Martin MBA program receives multiple awards

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Master of Business Administration (MBA) program has been ranked a top 20 "Best Buy" by GetEducated.com and placed on the website's 2012 list of Best Online Master of Business Administration (MBA) Programs. The program also received recognition from The Princeton Review.

A "Best Buy" designation indicates the UT Martin program has been independently reviewed and found to offer a high-quality distance MBA education to online learning students at a cost rate well below the national average.

The top-20 ranking is based on a comprehensive review of 139 Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)-accredited online programs across the nation. The review is unsolicited by featured programs, making inclusion an even higher honor.

This award applies specifically to the online MBA program, which provides busy business professionals an opportunity to fit classes into their personal schedules. The program, which focuses on banking and financial services, offers 35 course hours over 20 months.

Those seeking to enroll should hold a four-year bachelor's degree and have a minimum of two years professional work experience. Each class cohort can accommodate 22 students.

The Princeton Review has also named UT Martin an outstanding business school and featured both the online and traditional MBA programs in the 2013 edition of its annual guidebook, "The Best 296 Business Schools." In UT Martin's profile, the Princeton Review editors describe the school as "a friendly, flexible and low-key place to get a quality business education."

Both these awards follow an announcement in December 2011 that the program had been ranked in the top-30 Rising Star MBA Programs by findyourmba.com.

Greenfield Resident Honored

Eric Simmons (right), of Greenfield, assistant director of the UT Martin Office of Campus Recreation, receives the exempt UT Martin Fall 2012 Outstanding Employee Award from Dr. Jerald Ogg, university provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to UT Martin, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Among his duties, Simmons supervises the university's large intramural sports program and other campus special events. He is also credited with helping to save a life during a recent campus event by using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) after a man suffered a heart attack and collapsed. His nomination form noted, "His (Simmons') dedication to our university extends far beyond the normal workweek and above and beyond the job description."

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