PR students may study abroad following exchange agreement

University of Tennessee at Martin public relations students can now take advantage of an exchange program with the London Metropolitan University.

The semester-long program will begin in the spring when Josh Weiss, a senior public relations student from Germantown, studies in London.

"Dr. Jeff Hoyer has been building a relationship with this particular university and public relations firms in London during the last 10 years," said Dr. Robert Nanney, UT Martin Department of Communications chair. "This student exchange agreement is the culmination of his hard work and the cooperative efforts of many within the UT System including Joe Croom, UT Martin contract coordinator, and Dr. Malcolm Koch, UT Martin Center for International Education executive director."

Hoyer is a UT Martin associate professor of communications.

Hoyer, whose counterparts at London Metropolitan University are Jeremy Baker, graduate professor in public relations, and Gareth Thompson, senior lecturer, said the students will be involved in taking classes as exchange students enrolled at London Metropolitan University and also participating in student and cultural activities made available through interaction with the students and faculty.

"Many opportunities are available with the close proximity of cultural attractions at the university," Hoyer said. "The exchange will allow the students to experience education in public relations in a totally different culture and context. It will help them realize how small the world really is and help motivate them to have aspirations that can take place on a global stage."

In addition to the student exchange program, faculty from both universities are involved in cooperative research, and the pact offers the possibility of faculty exchanges.

Koch added that this exchange program with London Metropolitan "is an excellent addition to our current strong list of bilateral programs. London is a much sought-after exchange location. The groundwork, which Dr. Hoyer has done, will result in many unique opportunities for both our students and our faculty."

Mrs. Carpenter appointed to state advisory board

Mary Carpenter, director of the Paul Meek Library at the University of Tennessee-Martin, has been appointed by Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett to a second term as a member of the Tennessee Advisory Council on Libraries.

Mrs. Carpenter formerly served as director of the Obion County Public Library.

She will serve as a representative for academic libraries on the council, which advises the Tennessee State Library and Archives in the development of short-term and long-term library programs, services and activities.

The council includes representatives from public, regional, school, academic and special libraries, as well as the Tennessee Library Association, Tenn-Share and library users.
Holt confirmed as U.S. Marshal

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Jeff Holt, former Dyer County sheriff, has been confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as United States Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee. U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) released the following statement on the Senate's confirmation of Holt:

“T’m pleased the Senate has moved so quickly to confirm Jeff Holt to be U.S. Marshal for West Tennessee. Jeff has had a long career in law enforcement in West Tennessee, including sixteen years as Sheriff of Dyer County, and I know he’s looking forward to continuing to serve in this new role.”

President Barrack Obama nominated Holt to serve as U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee on Aug. 4. Holt was elected as sheriff of Dyer County in 1994. He has experience as a criminal investigator for the District Attorney’s office of the 29th Judicial District of Tennessee in Dyersburg, a trooper with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, a chief investigator for the Fayette County Sheriff’s Office and as the chief of police of Bolivar, Tenn. He received his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice in 1977 from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Stout to lead InsBank’s IT

InsBank has promoted Jason Stout to assistant vice president and information systems manager. In his new role, Stout will oversee InsBank’s IT systems to ensure the bank’s technology operates optimally.

Stout joined the IT team at InsBank in 2009 as IT officer. Prior to InsBank, he served as a systems administrator with Spheris in Franklin and as a network support engineer at AFL Telecommunications. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a bachelor’s degree in information systems.
**Government the focus of workshop**

"Doing Business with Government — Government Contracting For Your Small Business" will be the focus of a free workshop from 10 a.m. - noon Oct. 19 at the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center, located at 406 South Lindell St. in Martin.

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For more information, call Hollie Holt at (731) 587-7333 or register online at www.utm.edu/reed.

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**First State Bank adds Kissell**

First State Bank recently added Brian Kissell as a commercial loan officer at the Union City office, located at 100 East Reecefoot Ave.

First State offers consumer finance, mortgage, insurance, investment and banking services through the local office.

A graduate of Obion County Central High School, Kissell graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a bachelor of science degree in business administration in May 2008.

He has worked for First State and First Citizens National Bank as a credit analyst.

He has a strong desire to become active in community events such as CornFest and Hometown Walk of Hope, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Corp. and Rotary Club.

He is married to Brittany Kissell and they live in Troy. They are active members of Troy First Baptist Church.

"I am extremely pleased with Brian’s decision to become a part of the First State Bank team. He has a wealth of knowledge in commercial credit and has an important understanding of the Obion County market. His background in credit analysis creates a good understanding of credit structure and will benefit our customers," said Andy Page, regional president of First State Bank in Union City.

"I am excited about the opportunity to work for First State as a loan officer and serve the community of Obion County. I look forward to building relationships with existing and potential customers. I believe my position provides me with a unique opportunity to help this community grow," Kissell said.

"First State understands the importance of customer service and has a desire to display this throughout their branches and within the community."
TTU one of 'America's 100 Best College Buys'

TTU -- Tennessee Tech University is still one of "America's 100 Best College Buys," making the list for the sixth straight year.

Issued each year by Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc., an independent research and consulting organization, the "best buy" list identifies the 100 American colleges and universities providing students the highest quality education at the lowest cost.

Earlier this year, The Princeton Review named TTU one of the nation's 50 "Best Value" public colleges and universities -- one of only three universities in Tennessee, and the only Tennessee Board of Regents institution, to make the combined list of 100 "Best Value" public and private schools.

"Being a 'best buy' is important to our university because it means our students, and high school students ready to choose a college, have access to quality teaching and resources at an affordable cost," TTU President Bob Bell said. "Continuing to earn this designation also reflects our continuing commitment to students."

As the report title indicates, only 100 colleges or universities are included in the listing each year. Six institutions from Tennessee are listed this year, including only three public universities: TTU, University of Tennessee-Knoxville and University of Tennessee-Martin.

The research company compiled its report from a survey of 1,449 accredited U.S. colleges and universities that offer four-year undergraduate degree programs and provide facilities for room and board. Of the institutions surveyed, 1,107 schools responded.

To be considered for inclusion in the list of 100, a college or university must also have had an entering freshman class in fall 2009 with a high school grade point average and/or ACT score equal to or above the national average, and an out-of-state attendance cost in 2010-2011 for two semesters below or not exceeding the national average by more than 10 percent.

TTU's entering freshmen posted a grade point average of 3.4, that's up from last year's 3.32 GPA and higher than the national average of 3.3. TTU's average ACT score for that group matched the national average at 23.

The university's out-of-state costs were almost $6,000 less than the national average. In-state costs are estimated at $13,356. TTU recorded its 39th straight year of record enrollment this fall with 11,538 students. Campus officials cite the university's ability to combine top quality academic programs, a caring and
Sarah Stevens (middle), a senior at Munford High School, and her parents, Richard and Janet, attended the first UT Martin Honors Preview Day on Sept. 17 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. The event closed with a dinner featuring Dr. Stephanie Dunagan, a Paris physician and UT Martin graduate, as the keynote speaker.

HONORS PREVIEW DAY: The University of Tennessee at Martin Acrimonious Competition Saxophone Quintet performed at the first UT Martin Honors Preview Day, Sept. 17. Pictured from left are Dr. Amy Simmons, associate professor of music; Dalton Rardin, of Maury City; Alan Jones, of White House; Kayce Hackett, of Hendersonville; Jared Nobles, of Dyersburg; and Josh Gatlin, of Union City. They have performed in high schools all over Tennessee, and in the states of Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia and Virginia, and Washington, D.C. They will tour New Zealand in May of 2011.
Trimble couple two of four to receive UTM Homecoming awards

Bob Hurt received his bachelor's and master's degrees from UT Martin. Nancy Hurt, a retired Dyer County business education instructor, has been a member of the UT Martin Teacher Effectiveness Committee since 2004 and is a past member of the UT Martin Development Committee. A member of the Trimble Lions Club, Dyer County Community Concerts Association and a past member of the UT Alumni Association Women's Council, Nancy Hurt received her bachelor's degree from UT Martin and a master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University.

Other award recipients are honored by UTM this year include:

- Betsy Brasher will receive the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in her chosen profession.
- Brasher, of Memphis, joined First Tennessee Bank in July 1998, where she now serves as vice president-business project leader.
- She coordinates, leads and serves as subject matter expert for business strategy and support, including projects that impact loan, deposit, treasury management products, product delivery and pricing support for all lines of business.
- In 2008, she was named to the Memphis Business Journal's "Top 40 Under 40."

A past president and current policy board chair for Phi Chi Theta National Business Fraternity, Brasher is a member and former chair of University of Tennessee Alumni Association Women's Council and past member and president of the UT Martin Alumni Advisory Council.

- William C. Hoy Jr. will receive the Outstanding Alumni Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in his chosen profession.
- Hoy, of Clarksville, is senior vice president for commercial lending at Legends Bank. He has served on the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Board of Governors and Executive Committee and as treasurer.

- A past president of Montgomery County UT Alumni Association, Hoy is a UT Martin Alumni Council past president currently serving a second term as chairman of the UT Martin Past Presidents Council. He is also a member of the UT Martin Development Committee, the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Council, a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Clarksville and a graduate of Leadership Clarksville who serves on the board.ases for Customs House, Museums and Cultural Center.

Hoy received a bachelor's degree in agriculture from UT Martin.

For more homecoming information, visit www.utmforever.com.
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Elizabeth Finley, a senior at Dyersburg High School, attended the first UT Martin Honors Preview Day, Sept. 17, 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. The event closed with a dinner featuring Dr. Stephanie Dunagan, a Paris physician and UT Martin graduate, as the keynote speaker.

**HONORS PREVIEW DAY:**
Holly Elgin, a senior at Dyer County High School, and her parents, Tracy and Terry Elgin, attended the first UT Martin Honors Preview Day, Sept. 17, 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. The event closed with a dinner featuring Dr. Stephanie Dunagan, a Paris physician and UT Martin graduate, as the keynote speaker.
Memphis Photos

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UT interim president says public higher education to be outcome-focused

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Outcomes instead of enrollments. That's how public Tennessee higher education institutions will be judged in the future, and interim President Jan Simek says that the University of Tennessee is positioned to succeed following passage in February of the Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010.

Simek discussed the new law and also provided an update on the UT presidential search during the first stop of his annual fall tour Tuesday at UT Martin. He spoke to an invited group of community leaders, elected officials, university supporters and employees at a noon luncheon in the Boling University Center.

Simek, named acting president on March 1, 2009, became interim president July 1 of that year and has continued a fall tradition of touring UT campuses and units. His term as interim president will end with the anticipated naming of a new president in October. He will then return to his faculty position as Distinguished Professor of Anthropology at the Knoxville campus.

As Simek was named to lead UT, and a search was delayed for a new Tennessee Board of Regents chancellor, he recalled that discussions began for reorganizing state public higher education into one system.

The Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010 emerged from those early discussions, a law that requires, among other directives, a statewide master plan for higher education, now referred to as the Public Agenda for Higher Education.

Simek described the law as "a remarkable and important roadmap for the future of higher education in our state" and "one that I think we are obliged and obligated and should feel privileged to implement."

"It wasn't the organization, the structure that was at issue. It was what we did. It was how we performed. It was how we served the people," Simek said. "And very quickly, the conversation turned from structure to outcomes, focusing on how to increase the proportion of our population that has college degrees -- how to maximize the quality of those degrees. Those became the central issues."

QUINTET PERFORMS — The University of Tennessee at Martin Acrimonious Competition Saxophone Quintet performed recently at the first UT Martin Honors Preview Day. Among the members were (from left): Dr. Amy Simmons, associate professor of music; Dalton Rardin of Maury City; Alan Jones of White House; Kayce Hackett of Hendersonville; Jared Nobles of Dyersburg; and Josh Gatlin of Union City. They have performed in high schools all over Tennessee and in the states of Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia and Virginia, as well as Washington D.C. They will tour New Zealand in May 2011.
OUTSTANDING CHAPTER — The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society Chapter recently won an Outstanding Rating and the Green Chemistry chapter award. The chapter leads the nation for the number of outstanding ratings with 30 and Green Chapter designations with nine. Thirty-six chapters received the outstanding ratings this year and 52 were designated Green Chapters. There are more than 1,000 chapters nationwide. Among those who celebrated the recent recognition with UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes (seated) were (from left, standing) executive committee members Lee A. Elliott and Jhalak Patel, both of Martin; secretary Gilbert J. Forgays of Clarksville; treasurer Ashish J. Patil of Columbia; faculty adviser Dr. S.K. Airee; president Kayla A. Poindexter of Murfreesboro; vice president Kayla M. Baker of Troy; and executive committee member Dahlia M. Haddad of Martin.

Piano, vocal concert set
The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will present a concert of piano and vocal works by Robert Schumann at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin.
Dr. Robert Spillman, professor emeritus, chair of the piano faculty and music director of the opera program at the University of Colorado at Boulder; Stanley Warren, tenor, professor of voice and coordinator of vocal studies at Union University; and Dr. Amy Yeung, soprano, associate professor of voice at UT Martin, will perform in the concert.
The program includes Phantasie in C Major (opus 17), Dichterliebe (opus 48) and Four Duets (opus 78).
This event is free and open to the public.

HONORS PREVIEW DAY — Brady Tidwell, a senior at Union City High School, and his mother, Melynda Tidwell, attended the first UT Martin Honors Preview Day recently 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. The event closed with a dinner featuring Dr. Stephanie Dunagan, a Paris physician and UT Martin graduate, as the keynote speaker.
Performance to highlight all-Steinway campaign

A campaign to become an all-Steinway school will be announced and a performance to celebrate the arrival of the newest Steinway pianos is planned on Friday at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The pianos will arrive at 11 a.m. and faculty, staff and students from the Department of Music, as well as campaign donors, will be present as the pianos are delivered and assembled in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

At 5 p.m., a brief program is planned, followed by a performance of Irving Berlin's "I Love a Piano" by Dr. Elaine Herring, Department of Music interim chair, and UT Martin students. Both events are free and open to the public.

UT Martin is set to become one of more than 110 conservatories, colleges and universities nationwide and the third public institution in Tennessee with the distinction as an all-Steinway institution. Students in these institutions perform and are taught only on Steinway pianos.

During the past seven years, the UT Martin Department of Music has returned nine of the university's Steinway seven-foot grand pianos to "like new" condition. A nine-foot Steinway D and a Steinway Boston were purchased during 2009-10. The Steinway D was signed by Henry F. Steinway and housed in Carnegie Hall for five years as part of the Steinway and Sons Concert and Artists Program.

The replacement of 18 faculty studio and practice room uprights would need to be purchased to complete the project that is being funded entirely by private donations.

First of two preview days set for Oct. 9 at UT Martin

The first of two preview days is set for Oct. 9 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Preview days are opportunities for high school students and their families to visit and learn about the university. Each event is designed to enable future college students to become familiar with the Martin campus and to get that all-important first impression of university life. A second day is planned Nov. 13.

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

Registration for both preview days will be from 9-9:30 a.m. in the Elam Center. On each occasion, registration will be followed by a welcome and general information session, the university's academic fair, which also will take place in the Elam Center, academic department visits and campus tours.

Each student will receive a complimentary ticket for the UT Martin Skyhawk football games slated on preview days.

For more information about Preview Day activities and events, call the UT Martin admissions office at 1-800-829-UTM1 or 731-881-7020.
Those present for the presentation of the state's Three-Star Award to Weakley County are (l to r): Dr. Phillip Young, representing the Weakley County Chamber of Directors and with UTM Hendrix Chair of Excellence and Free Enterprise; Barbara Virgin, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and the Governor's Three Star Compliance Administrator for Weakley County; Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Matthew Kisber; Governor Phil Bredesen; Economic & Community Development Assistant Commissioner Rick Meredith; Traci Watson-Goodyear, Plant Training Manager from Dresden; Weakley County Mayor Houston Patrick; and Sherri McCarter, Regional Economic and Community Specialist.

Weakley County earns Three-Star certification

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Matt Kisber recently announced Weakley County has achieved certification under the state's Three-Star program for excellence in economic development.

"Solid community development provides the foundation for successful economic development," said Commissioner Kisber. "Our Three-Star communities play an integral role in the overall economic health of the state, and I congratulate Weakley County for its commitment to excellence and dedication to long-term economic growth and success."

Weakley County and the cities of Dresden, Gleason, Greenfield, Martin and Sharon are now eligible to receive additional incentives under the guidelines of the Tennessee Three-Star program. According to Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barbara Virgin, who is the Governor's Three Star compliance administrator for Weakley County, Weakley County's participation in the Three Star Program has saved the county and cities over $1.616 million in loans and grants.

"ECD is proud to support Weakley County in its dedication to long-term economic growth and success," said ECD Assistant Commissioner of Community Development Rick Meredith. "The community has emphasized essential foundational steps and targeted its strengths that will improve quality of life and grow jobs."

The Three-Star program has set high standards like no other state-run program in the nation. Governor Phil Bredesen's five-year asset-based economic development strategic plan is the cornerstone of Three-Star. The strategic plan addresses development issues and challenges a community is facing in an ever-changing economic environment.

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Additionally, it helps communities preserve existing employment, create new employment opportunities, improve family income, and develop a strong leadership base for economic development.

In 2005, the Southern Growth Policies Board, a bipartisan public policy think tank devoted to strengthening the South's economy, recognized the Three-Star program as a best practices program and a Southern leader in community certification programs. The Southern Growth Policies Board honored the Three-Star program again in 2010 with an Innovator Award for its unique partnership with the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence. TNCPE provides services to the communities that participate in the Three-Star program based on the Baldrige National Quality Program and provides feedback to help communities implement and improve their plans.

The Three-Star program is celebrating its 30th anniversary after beginning in 1980 as the "Three-Star Award for Successful Completion of the Community Economic Preparedness Program." Under Governor Bredesen, the Three-Star program has been revamped to include a benchmarking system for community excellence, which raised the standards for performance. The program has now grown to 89 programs certified, representing more than 340 cities and towns.

To receive the certification, communities are required to meet criteria in planning, leadership, community, business and education and workforce development categories. Incentives for receiving the certification include identification on all FastTrack infrastructure and job training applications; eligibility for matching grants; if criteria set by ECD are met; earning points in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; assistance from ECD's Regional Economic Development Specialists and the sharing of "best practices" in community development; and the establishment of a strategic plan that is updated annually with measurable goals; specific actions; responsible parties and a timeline.

UT Martin fall enrollment continues to set records

The University of Tennessee at Martin has more than 8,400 students and continues to set all-time enrollment records in six categories, based on fall 2010 enrollment figures.

A total of 8,469 students are enrolled for the fall semester, an increase from 8,101 recorded for fall 2009.

The fall 2010 total includes all-time record fall enrollments for total headcount, undergraduates, dual-enrollment students, transfer students, total credit hours and total full-time equivalency. Public higher education funding is based on fall semester full-time equivalency.

"We continue to experience increasing levels of enrollment interest. I am proud of the high quality of our faculty and staff, who serve to draw increasing numbers of great students," said Dr. Tom Rakes, university chancellor.

Based on final figures, this fall's enrollment at UT Martin is a 4.5 percent increase over fall 2009. Final figures are compiled by the university's Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

The fall enrollment also reflects 1,255 freshmen on the UT Martin campus. Fall enrollment indicates that first-time freshmen have an average 3.4 high school grade-point average, up from 3.39 in 2009. There are 360 more undergraduate students returning, which represents an 8.3 percent increase. The university also experienced growth in on-campus undergraduate students and online at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

"Our increasing numbers are encouraging, but we continue to focus on academic rigor and the importance of the overall academic and learning atmosphere our students deserve," said Rakes.

Compared to last year's totals, UT Martin has 368 more undergraduate and graduate students. There are 112 additional dual-enrollment students, a 12.1 percent increase; and 44 more transfer students, a 7.9 percent increase.
UTM to host piano concert

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Four University of Tennessee at Martin alumni and friends will be honored as part of homecoming activities, Oct. 11-17. The award recipients will be recognized during the homecoming football game, 2 p.m., Oct. 16, at Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

This year’s award recipients are:
- Betsy Brasher, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession (the recipient must not be more than 40 years of age);
- William C. Hoy Jr., Outstanding Alumni Award, given to an alumnus or alumna in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession;
- Bob and Nancy Hurt, Chancellor’s Award for University Service, given in recognition of outstanding service to UT Martin.

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The Hurts reside in Trimble. He is a chartered financial consultant at Thoroughbred Financial Services LLC in Jackson. He is a member and past president of the UT Martin Alumni Council, past member of the UT Board of Governors, Lions Club International past district governor and past president and secretary of the Trimble Lions Club, served as the Trimble High School Alumni Association chair and was appointed to the Governor’s Task Force on Education. He received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from UT Martin. She is a retired Dyer County business education instructor, has been a member of the UT Martin Teacher Effectiveness Committee since 2004 and is a past member of the UT Martin Development Committee. She is a member of the Trimble Lions Club, Dyer County Community Concerts Association and a past member of the UT Alumni Association Women’s Council. She received a bachelor’s degree from UT Martin and a master’s degree from Middle Tennessee State University.

For more homecoming information, visit www.utmforever.com.
Scouts can earn chemistry badge

The Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor a clinic, Nov. 6, to help area Boy Scouts earn the chemistry merit badge. The activity is part of the National Chemistry Week celebration. Registration deadline is Oct. 27.

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

Scoutmasters and/or parents may register their Boy Scouts by calling 731-881-7454. Registration also is available by fax at 731-881-7443; e-mail at saacs@utm.edu; or by mail at UT Martin SMACS, Department of Chemistry, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. Scouts will be charged $5 for light refreshments, the merit badge manual and materials on their arrival.

To register include the name of each Boy Scout, his scoutmaster’s name and his troop number. Under the leadership of UT Martin SMACS students, scouts will perform experiments related to pollution, chromatography, determining vitamin C in juices, determining household acids and bases, corrosion and its prevention, and more.

For more information, contact the UT Martin SMACS adviser, Dr. S.K. Airee, at 731-881-7454, or the Department of Chemistry office, at 731-881-7450.

UT Martin homecoming heads west

The University of Tennessee at Martin will celebrate this year with “A Wild West Homecoming,” Oct. 11-17. Homecoming 2010 will include the rope pull and pyramid building competitions, pep rally and two dedication ceremonies, among other events.

Quad City’s live music, kid’s carnival, reunion and college tents, a petting farm, carnival games, food and fellowship will be a focal point from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Oct. 16, in the Quad. At 2 p.m., Oct. 16, the Skyhawks will face Eastern Kentucky University at Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

The following is a schedule of events for homecoming week:

Monday, Oct. 11
• 4 p.m. – Rope Pull, Pacer Pond

Tuesday, Oct. 12
• 4 p.m. – Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
• 7 p.m. – Lip Sync Show, Pacer Pond
• 8:45 p.m. – Homecoming Court Announcement, Pacer Pond

Thursday, Oct. 14
• 4 p.m. – Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
• 7 p.m. – Public Relations Student Society of America’s “Womanless Beauty Revue,” Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
• 7:30 p.m. – Dessert Evening, First United Methodist Church, admission

Friday, Oct. 15
• 2 p.m. – Alumni Center dedication in honor of Nick and Cathy Dunagan, Alumni Center
• 3:30 p.m. – Rope Pull Championship, Pacer Pond
• 7:30 p.m. – Dessert Evening, First United Methodist Church, admission

Saturday, Oct. 16
• 7:30 a.m. – Letterwinner’s Breakfast and Hall of Fame Inductions, Student Life Center, Alumni Gym
• 9:30 a.m. – Chancellor’s Brunch, Paul Meek Library
• 10:30 a.m. – Special dedication in memory of Dr. Larry McGhee, the Quad.

Sunday, Oct. 17
• 10 a.m. – “Walk in the Quad.”
• 10:30 a.m. – Homecoming Brunch, Skyhawk Dining Hall, Boling University Center

For more homecoming information, visit www.utmforever.com.
Dyersburg educator, students participate in UTM Young Writers’ Program

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The West Tennessee Writing Project has kicked off another year of Saturday Young Writers' Clubhouses, a series of writing experiences for students in third-eighth grades. And Dyersburg Intermediate School's own Becky Hasselle serves as a co-director of the program.

This year, WTWP will also offer sessions in Memphis at Immaculate Conception Cathedral School to provide more children in the West Tennessee area the opportunity to attend.

"The Young Writers' Programs have grown so much in a relatively short time, from just a few Saturday sessions at UT Martin in 2006 to new offerings in Ripley, Jackson and now Memphis," said WTWP Director David Carithers. "Thanks to the dedicated teacher-leaders of the program, more students are writing in West Tennessee. I hope the children who attend the clubhouses are inspired to write for a lifetime."

"I am so excited to have the opportunity to offer the Young Writers Clubhouse again this year," said UT Martin Ripley Center Director Yolanda Jones. "It is so amazing to see such talented young writers express themselves through a series of writing experiences and activities. This is a wonderful program, and I encourage young writers from the surrounding areas to join us for a day of creative writing."

The 2010-2011 WTWP academic year began on Saturday, Oct. 2, with "Food for Thought and Writing" offered at Gooch Hall at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Each event will offer writing workshops, mini-lessons on content and editing strategies, writing response groups and one-to-one conferences with West Tennessee Writing Project Teachers.

The dates, locations and themes for the remaining sessions in this year's schedule include:

* Oct. 30-"Harry Potter Halloween" offered at the UT Martin Ripley Center

* Nov. 13-"Food for Thought and Writing" offered at Immaculate Conception Cathedral School in Memphis

* Dec. 4-"Marvelous Magazines and Comics" offered at St. Mary's School in Jackson

* Jan. 29-"Writing with Music" offered at Gooch Hall on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus

* Feb. 12-"Script Frenzy" offered at St. Mary's School in Jackson

* Feb. 26-"Digital Storytelling" offered at the UT Martin Ripley Center

* March 5-"Blast into the Future: Science Fiction" offered at ICCS in Memphis.

Experienced teachers who are also WTWP teacher-consultants lead the sessions. Becky Hasselle of Dyersburg Intermediate School and Andi Neihoff are co-directors of the program.

Teachers leading sessions include:

* Andi Neihoff has taught language arts at St. Mary's School for 10 years. She has been actively involved with the West Tennessee Writing Project at UT Martin since the summer of 2003 and involved in the Young Writer's Clubhouse for two years.

* Becky Hasselle has taught for 19 years, 10 of which have been at Dyersburg Middle School. Honored as Teacher of the Year for her district in 2008, she is a gifted education enrichment teacher who enjoys providing additional opportunities for children to learn outside of school.

* Jenny Brandon has been a Ripley Primary School second-grade teacher for 14 years and is the Project L.E.A.D. technology and writing teacher at Lauderdale Middle School. She is also the WTWP technology liaison.

* Kristy Dowden has taught fourth grade at Union City Elementary School for the past six years. In the summer of 2010, she taught at WTWP's Young Writer's Camp.

* Clara Talley is the elementary writing instructor at Immaculate Conception Cathedral School in Memphis. She also teaches the enrichment classes for primary and middle school students. She has been a WTWP teacher-consultant since 2009.

WTWP Registration is $35 per session or two sessions for $60. Online registration is offered through the Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at http://www.utm.edu/departments/cecs/students. For more information, call the office of Ecos at (731) 881-7082.
Raines gets candid with BSA

By: Aaron Turner

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University of Memphis President Shirley Raines was almost a college dropout.

"I was committed a little too much," Raines said, referring to her over-involvement in campus activities and under-involvement in academics during her time in college.

After struggling with a human physiology class during her sophomore year at the University of Tennessee-Martin, she decided to call it quits.

If it weren't for the encouragement of one of her professors, Raines said she may not have returned, content to work in a factory in her hometown of Bells, Tenn.

"One thing that I regret is not asking for help sooner," Raines said.

As part of a motivational talk on campus involvement, academics and diversity, Raines shared her story with the Black Student Association on Wednesday at the University Center. She assured her audience that such help will always be there for U of M students.

"You are here as our students, and we are here to help you succeed," Raines said.

In her speech, Raines encouraged students to help each other by supporting programs outside of their own field of study and extend their involvement beyond campus to the surrounding community.

Raines also said she'd like to see The U of M continue its mission of diversity, pushing students to attend other cultural events where they are the minority and to work across departmental lines and create stronger campus partnerships.

"We want this campus to be a campus of diversity," she said. "The strength of diversity is what we celebrate here at The University."

Tyra Washington, vice president of the BSA, said Raines's words were "encouraging" and "informative."

"It gave me a new perspective on my leadership purpose at The University of Memphis," the junior marketing management major said.

Mykila Cobb, BSA President and senior marketing major, said hearing about Raines's collegiate struggles gave her a new perspective on The U of M president.

"Having her here made her more real," she said. "When she shared her story about messing up in college, it made her more connected to us as students."

Cobb also said she agreed with Raines's ideas for a diverse, yet unified campus.

"I feel if we all come together for a purpose we can accomplish so much more," she said. "Just work together and not separate and we will be able to make a bigger impact on campus."
NEIGHBORS: 'Photography is more than just taking a picture'
By Becky Holland Lifestyle editor

He could walk the downtown sidewalks of LaGrange or through the trails at Callaway Gardens or hike the mountains of north Georgia or Tennessee or Kentucky or find a country festival in the plains of Kentucky, and Jason Aldridge could find a story to tell.

His storytelling comes through the lens of his Canon camera that he calls "Mr. C."

"Photography is more than just taking a picture – it is telling a story one image at a time," he said.

Aldridge, who turns 41 this year, graduated from the University of Tennessee-Martin with a bachelor of science in communications and entered radio broadcasting more than 20 years ago. His on-air personality is "A.J. Martin" and has done everything from rock to sports to country.

The LaGrange resident considers wherever he is at the moment as home, but has ties to the mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky.

Aldridge is married and the father of six children, ages 3 to 18. He likes music and developed a childhood love of drum playing into a gig of its own when he works with school band camps.

Aldridge stayed busy.

But he will tell you that he was so focused on his work and moving up in the corporate world that he missed out on a lot of life.

That changed last spring when he bought a point-and-shoot camera.

"Some friends of mine are photographers and the more I was around them, the bigger bite the photography 'bug' made," he said. "Plus, I have six children. Got to have plenty of shots of them."

He credits photography with helping him make a positive change in his life.

"This has forced me to slow down in this old world. Climbing the corporate ladder for so many years really took my focus off what I was missing around me, specially the simple things."

"I am more appreciative and captivated by the beauty and wonder that has been created for us, even in our own back yards."

Aldridge said that when he is taking pictures, he looks for different things, but more than anything "a different perspective. It depends on what and where I am shooting."

He said, "Sometimes, I just shoot and don't realize what I have captured until I upload images to my computer."

Aldridge said his favorite subjects include "anything considered fine art as I have the opportunity to create a different angle from what we normally see or sometimes don't see at all. Landscapes and nature are a lot of fun too."

He spends many of his days waking early or hiking in the late afternoon to "shoot."

"Sunlight is diffused and really adds great color," he said.

Aldridge's photography has won great interest from friends and others. He set up a Facebook page and has some works on display at area businesses.

Of his future, Aldridge said, "I guess I will continue to tweak and work on my business plan – to be able to do the photography full time – and just concentrate on bringing a complete circle of happiness to myself as 'Mr. C' and I venture into new places and meet new friends and challenges."

For now, Aldridge is taking each day moment by moment, and focusing on "living behind the lens capturing moments that others miss and creating memories for friends and families to share forever."
WestStar Accepts Applications for Leadership Development Program

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Carroll County graduates include Dana Deem, Jeff Heyduck, Willie Huffman, Kenny McBride, Natalie Porter, Bob Rutledge, LaRenda Scarbrough, Earl Wade, and Joel Washburn.

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More Carroll County Students Choose UT-Martin

MARTIN - Additional Carroll County students are part of a record enrollment at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The fall 2010 enrollment reflected a 4.5 percent increase compared to fall 2009. There are 330 students from the county currently attending UT Martin, up from 289 last fall.

Total enrollment for fall 2010 was 8,469, compared to the fall 2009 total of 8,101 students.
Aquaculture courses at UTM serve dual purpose for students

Students at the University of Tennessee at Martin are studying one of the fastest-growing food production industries while they receive training in alternative agriculture and natural resources management.

In response to the need for fisheries studies and research on aquaculture practices, UT Martin has recently revamped the natural resources management major/wildlife and fisheries biology concentration offered by the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources. New equipment has been installed at the Aquaculture Teaching and Research Center.

"Fish are an important source of protein for most of the world’s population; however, the world fish stocks have been declining," said Dr. Bradley Ray, assistant professor of fisheries science. "Approximately 80 percent of wild-caught fisheries are either fully exploited or being overfished; therefore, aquaculture needs to be able to produce food for the growing human population. With the facilities we have on campus, we can do our small part in increasing productivity of aquaculture while decreasing the negative affects of overfishing."

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, aquaculture has a 6.9 percent annual growth rate since 1970 and is on pace to outproduce beef production this year. Currently, aquacultured species account for 47 percent of all fish consumed in the world.

As part of the recent UT Martin initiative, an experimental indoor aquaculture facility was created with four 1,500-gal. recirculating systems, for a total of 6,000 gals. These four systems will be used in conjunction with the six one-tenth-acre ponds on campus to conduct research and as class demonstrations. Currently, tilapia are housed in an indoor facility for trial purposes. In January, 6,000 tilapia will be grown in the indoor facility until April, when they will be moved outdoors for the final grow out. Tilapia are among the easiest and most profitable fish to farm.

The facility will allow for numerous undergraduate research opportunities, which may include eight-week feeding trials to seven-month replicated experiments to examine different water sources, feeding rates and feed ingredients.

During the fall semester each year, students in the principles of aquaculture course will be involved in the daily feeding and water quality assessments as part of course requirements to better prepare them for careers in aquaculture and animal science.

"Having this facility will also allow supervised independent research for undergraduate students," said Ray. "Faculty members in the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources, along with faculty from the Department of Biological Sciences, will also have access to the facility and the animals that are kept within the facility."

Kaleb Stratton, a Springfield senior is enrolled in the wildlife and fisheries biology concentration. "Aquaculture is a rising industry in our economy. In this class we have been able to not only study aquaculture in the classroom, but in our own facility and other aquaculture facilities, as well," said Stratton. "I am interested in wildlife and fisheries law enforcement, and within aquaculture you must have the proper permits and allowed species in your facility. Enforcement of rules and regulations in aquaculture is crucial to the environment and populations, as with any type of fish and wildlife regulations. The neatest part of the class is having hands-on experience raising tilapia in our own facility."

For more information, contact Ray at bray@utm.edu.
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How to utilize the SBA topic of REED seminar

Learn the ins and outs of starting your own business and the various sources of financing offered by the Small Business Administration (SBA) as well as the criteria required to obtain a small business loan at a seminar Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Small Business Development Center and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center, there is no fee for the seminar that will be offered from 2:00 p.m. at the REED Center located at 406 S. Lindell Street in Martin.

Seating is limited. The instructor will be Saundra Jackson, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) senior area manager. Register at www.utm.edu/reed or by calling the REED Center at 731-587-7333.
UTM-Hirosaki exchange program celebrates 30 years of tradition

Agreements are signed to facilitate experiences and opportunities for each partner, but the work of educational and cultural exchanges is carried out "people to people." University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes traveled during summer to Japan for the first of several events marking a 30-year exchange partnership with Hirosaki University. The celebration will culminate with Dr. Masa-hiko Endo, Hirosaki University president, visiting UT Martin during homecoming in October. Thirty-five UT Martin students and 21 faculty members have participated in the exchanges.

Making the recent trip with Dr. Rakes were Sandra Baker, retired UT Martin International Programs/International Admissions director, and Kyoko Hammond, UT Martin lecturer of Japanese.

“Our university has and continues to benefit from this partnership and others that serve to link UT Martin with people and cultures around the globe,” said Rakes. In August, at a formal ceremony held at Hirosaki University, Rakes received an honorary doctorate presented by President Endo.

UT Martin and Hirosaki University entered into a formal university relationship in 1980 to foster educational exchanges, improve understanding between the United States and Japan, promote and support the exchange of faculty, administrators and students and subsequently develop cultural exchange programs.

As a result of the success of the relationship, UT Martin went on to use this original agreement as a model for other partnerships in Europe, Brazil, China and Korea. Today, UT Martin has agreements with 17 university education groups in eight countries.

“Along with Sandra Baker and Kyoko Hammond, I was able to experience firsthand the benefits and global

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UTM named among nation's best buys

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

"The University of Tennessee at Martin continues to provide educational affordability and high quality in an atmosphere focused on student success," said Lewis Lindsey Jr., IRE president.

"It offers exactly what every serious college student should seek and expect."

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, said that the university continues to offer students and their families excellent value for their higher education investment.

"We're working hard to combine exceptional value and quality for students who choose UT Martin," he said.

"A college education is more important than ever, and I'm pleased that our uni-

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importance made possible through our interaction with the faculty, staff and students at Hirosaki University," said Rakes.

President Endo and a delegation from Hirosaki University will be guests at the Alumni Awards Banquet, Oct. 15, as UT Martin celebrates homecoming.

He will be presented with a Chancellor's Medallion for his professional manner, support and dedication to international engagement through multiple partnerships and involvement of faculty and student exchanges as reflected in the 30-year partnership between UT Martin and Hirosaki University.

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iversity is being recognized externally for successfully meeting the higher education needs for this region and beyond.”

The listing in America's 100 Best College Buys is UT Martin's third major recognition for the current academic year.

Earlier, UT Martin continued its top-tier ranking for southern master's institutions in the 2011 edition of America's Best Colleges, compiled by U.S. News & World Report. Also, The Princeton Review named UT Martin "A Best College in the Southeast" for 2011, the eighth consecutive year for the university to earn this designation.
Brunstad receives Beth Maloan Award

The Fall 2010 Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award recently was presented to Sarah Brunstad, a Hortense Parrish Writing Center student employee. Brunstad is an English major and has been employed for two years.

Among her many tasks, Brunstad, of Martin, works as a student assistant. She is responsible for being a peer tutor and helps students understand writing and editing their own work.

Brunstad also helps with filing and record keeping, computer instruction, special projects, updating the center’s guidelines and procedures notebook and keeping attendance records for the center.

According to her supervisor, Anna Clark, "Sarah is enthusiastic, energetic and knowledgeable. She doesn’t wait for a student to come to her for assistance; she is always on the alert, moving from table to table and asking if anyone needs assistance. She answers questions clearly and carefully. Her work ethic is superb, and her excitement about writing, language and learning inspires all who come into the center."

This award, given every fall and spring semester, is a memorial for Beth Maloan, longtime UT Martin director of budgeting and payroll, who during her years of service, was a strong advocate for student employment.

Maloan had a vision that more positions would be developed on campus that would challenge students and make them significant contributors to the university’s mission.

Recipients of this award exemplify a strong work ethic and commitment to the university, and they receive a $1,000 cash award, an engraved plaque and a nameplate on the perpetual plaque in a place of honor in the Boling University Center.

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

BETH MALOAN AWARD – Sarah Brunstad, second from left, received the Fall 2010 Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award. Also pictured, from left to right, are Phil Dane, director of intercollegiate athletics; Anna Clark, instructor of English; and Jenna Wright, Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages interim chair.

THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN TENNESSEE – Dr. Jan Simek, University of Tennessee interim president, recently spoke about “The Future of Higher Education in Tennessee,” at the University of Tennessee at Martin. His presentation was part of the UT Martin Academic Speaker Series. Prior to his presentation, he met with Honors Programs students to discuss his work. With Simek is Jennifer Mansfield, of Dukedom, a sophomore animal science major. (Photo submitted)
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Rita Mitchell is with the Office of University Relations at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
Mr Michael K. Burton,  
State Oil and Gas Supervisor  
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Michael K. Burton currently is the Supervisor of the Tennessee Oil and Gas Board for the State of Tennessee. He has been in this position since 1996. As supervisor he is responsible for the permitting and environmental issues for all oil and gas sites within the state. Also as supervisor, he manages two field personnel and one office secretary and he conducts six scheduled board meetings per year. In addition, he and the field personnel present a required training course for all new operators in the state on an annual basis. Prior to taking the oil and gas supervisor position, Mike worked for the Wellhead Protection Program at the State of Tennessee. He worked with water systems within the state to ensure that their well head area from contamination. Mike was in this position from 1993 to 1996 when he first came to the State of Tennessee. His professional career outside of the State of Tennessee included working as a geologist with Geologic Associates from 1987 to 1990 and with ERM Southwest from 1990 to 1993. He was involved in soil sampling and placement of monitor wells during this period of time. Mike received his BS in Geology from the University of Tennessee and Martin in 1984 and his MS in Geology from the University of Memphis in 1987. He was also in the USMC from 1977 to 1986. He is active in his local church by serving as pastor and in serving the community in this position. Also, he has served as chairman of the Chesterman County TN Solid Waste Board for deciding on a solid waste plan for the county as required by USEPA.

Appearance:

Day One: Tuesday, January 18, 2011

13:30 Panel session: Creating positive, profitable outcomes for all stakeholders

- Regulatory updates from leading government officials
- Collaborating with governments on best transparency practices
- Engaging communities and addressing environmental concerns
- Incorporating local industries in shale gas operations to boost economic development

Mr Lawrence Beeghley, Director, Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission
Mr David Nelkin, Director, Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Mr James H. Welsh, Commissioner, Louisiana Office of Conservation
Mr Harold Fitch, Senior Policy Executive, Office of Geological Survey, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment

Mr Michael K. Burton, State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Day Two: Wednesday, January 19, 2011

11:30 Panel session: Exploring frontier shale gas plays

- Taking a closer look at newly viable opportunities across the United States
- Overcoming geographic and technological barriers to entry
- Enhancing interconnectivity with new pipeline projects
- Key strategies to minimize environmental impact from new natural gas infrastructure

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Oyama x Nitta Duo to perform Japanese Tsugaru-Shamisen Concert

Oyama x Nitta Duo will be performing a Japanese Tsugaru-Shamisen concert at 1:30 p.m. at Watkins Auditorium of Bowling University Center, as part of the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the exchange partnership between the University of Tennessee at Martin and Hiroasaki University.

Oyama x Nitta is a duo formed by two of Japan’s foremost shamisen performers, Yutaka Oyama and Masahiro Nitta. They perform classic and original pieces that display the versatility of the shamisen, a Japanese stringed instrument resembling a banjo with a long neck and three strings. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Kyoko Hammon, lecturer of Japanese, at 731-881-7484 or kyhammond@utm.edu.

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UTM SMACS to help Scouts earn Chemistry Merit Badge

The Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor a clinic, November 6, to help area Boy Scouts earn the chemistry merit badge. The activity is part of the National Chemistry Week celebration, Registration deadline is October 27.

SAACS members will have all the materials ready for the Boy Scouts to perform the experiments needed to meet the merit badge requirements. The clinic will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Joseph E. Johnson Engineering and Physical Sciences Building on the UT Martin campus.

Scoutmasters and/or parents must register their Boy Scouts by calling 731-881-7454. Registration is also available by fax at 731-881-7443, or e-mail to saacs@utm.edu, or by mail at UT Martin SAACS, Department of Chemistry, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. Scouts will be charged $5 for light refreshments, the merit badge manual and materials on their arrival.

To register include the name of each Boy Scout, his scoutmaster’s name, and his troop number.

Under the leadership of UT Martin SAACS students, scouts will perform experiments related to pollution, chromatography, determining vitamin C in juices, determining carbohydrate and bases, corrosion and its prevention.

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A Wild West Homecoming theme for 2010 at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin will celebrate this year with “A Wild West Homecoming.” October 11-17.

Homecoming 2010 will include the rodeo pull and pyramid building competitions, pep rally and two dedication ceremonies, among other events. Quad City’s live music, kid’s carnival, reunion and college tents, a petting farm, carnival games, food and fellowship will be a focal point from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. October 16, in the Quad. At 2 p.m. October 16, the Skyhawks will face Eastern Kentucky University at Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

The following is a schedule of events for homecoming week:

**Thursday, October 14**
* 4 p.m. Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
* 7 p.m. Public Relations Student Society of America’s “Womanless Beauty Revue” Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center

**Friday, October 15**
* 2 p.m. Alumni Center dedication in honor of Nick and Cathy Dunagan, Alumni Center
* 5 p.m. Rope Pull Championship, Pacer Pond
* 7:30 p.m. Dessert Evening, First United Methodist Church, admission

**Saturday, October 16**
* 7:30 a.m. Breakfast and Hall of Fame Inductions, Student Life Center, Alumni Gym
* 9:30 a.m. Chancellor’s Brunch, Paul Meek Library
* 10:30 a.m. Special dedication in memory of Dr. Larry McGeehee, the Quad
* 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Quad City
* 11 a.m. Skyhawk football team’s Hawk Walk, Quad near Paul Meek Library
* 12 p.m. Skyhawks vs. Eastern Kentucky University, Hardy M. Graham Stadium
* 5 p.m. Softball Reunion and Oldtimers game, Giles Softball Field
* 5:30 p.m. Young Alumni Reception, Alumni Center

**Sunday, October 17**
* 7:30 p.m. NPHC Step Show, Elam Center
* 7:30 p.m. Dessert Evening, First United Methodist Church, admission
* 10 a.m. “Walk in the Quad”
* 10:30 a.m. Homecoming Brunch, Skyhawk Dining Hall, Boling University Center

For more homecoming information, visit www.utmforever.com.
Four to receive UT Martin Homecoming Awards

Four University of Tennessee at Martin alumni and friends will be honored as part of homecoming activities, October 11-17. The award recipients will be recognized during the homecoming football game, 2:00 p.m., October 16, at Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

This year’s award recipients are:

- Betsy Brasher, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession (the recipient must not be more than 40 years of age);
- William C. Hoy Jr., Outstanding Alumni Award, given to an alumnus or alumna in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession;
- Bob and Nancy Hurt, Chancellor’s Award for University Service, given in recognition of outstanding service to UT Martin.

Brasher, of Memphis, joined First Tennessee Bank in July 1998. She is vice president-business project leader. She coordinates, leads and serves as subject matter expert for business strategy and support, including projects that impact loan, deposit, treasury management products, and delivery and pricing support for all lines of business. In 2008, she was named to the Memphis Business Journal’s “Top 40 Under 40.” She is a past president and current policy board chair for Phi Chi Theta National Business Fraternity, is a member and former chair of the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Women’s Council and past member and president of the UT Martin Alumni Advisory Council. Brasher received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration from UT Martin.

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Brunstad receives Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award

The Fall 2010 Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award recently was presented to Sarah Brunstad, a Hortense Parrish Writing Center student employee. Brunstad is an English major and has been employed for two years.

Among her many tasks, Brunstad, of Martin, works as a student assistant. She is responsible for being a peer tutor and helps students understand writing and editing their own work. Brunstad also helps with filing and record keeping, computer instruction, special projects, updating the center's guidelines and procedures, a notebook and keeping attendance records for the center.

According to her supervisor, Anna Clark, "Sarah is enthusiastic, energetic and knowledgeable. She doesn't wait for a student to come to her for assistance; she is always on the alert, moving from table to table and asking if anyone needs assistance. She answers questions clearly and carefully. Her work ethic is superb, and her excitement about writing, language and learning inspires all who come into the center."

This award, given every fall and spring semester, is a memorial for Beth Maloan, longtime UT Martin director of budgeting and payroll, who during her years of service, was a strong advocate for student employment. Maloan had a vision that more positions would be developed on campus that would challenge students and make them significant contributors to the university's mission. Recipients of this award exemplify a strong work ethic and commitment to the university, and they receive a $1,000 cash award, an engraved plaque and a nameplate on the perpetual plaque in a place of honor in the Boling University Center.

West Tennessee Technology Symposium November 3

Concurrent sessions dealing with technology on campus and in the classroom will be the focus of the University of Tennessee at Martin 2010 West Tennessee Technology Symposium from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., November 3, in the Boling University Center. There will also be a technology vendor showcase located in Room 229 from 1-4 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be Lee Wetherington, director of strategic insight for ProfitStars. His speech, "The 5 Things You Need To Know," is about current technology.

The $40 early registration fee ends October 31. Registration will be $50. The registration fee includes lunch. Door prizes, including computers, will also be given away.

For more information or to register online, visit http://www.utm.edu/wtts/registration.php.
Homecoming festivities to feature special awards

Four University of Tennessee at Martin alumni and friends will be honored as part of the university’s homecoming activities, which began Monday and continue through Sunday.

The award recipients will be recognized during the homecoming football game at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

The award recipients are:
- Betsy Brasher, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in a chosen profession;
- William C. Hoy Jr., Outstanding Alumni Award, given to an alumnus or alumna in recognition of outstanding achievement in a chosen profession;
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Dessert evening scheduled

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will host the 17th annual Dessert Evening at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Martin’s First United Methodist Church.

Tickets are $18 for adults and $12 for college students and children ages 12 and younger.

For more information or to reserve a ticket, call the Department of Music at (731) 881-7402 or e-mail sadams@utm.edu.

Japanese concert set at UTM

Oyama x Nitta Duo will be performing a Japanese Tsubo-garu-Shamisen concert at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin as part of the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the exchange partnership between UT Martin and Hirosaki University.

Oyama x Nitta is a duo formed by two of Japan’s foremost shamisen performers, Yutaka Oyama and Masahiro Nitta. They perform classic and original scores that display the versatility of the shamisen. Sunday’s event is free and open to the public.
UTM enrollment sets records

The University of Tennessee at Martin has more than 8,400 students and continues to set all-time enrollment records in six categories, based on fall 2010 enrollment figures.

A total of 8,469 students are enrolled for the fall semester, an increase from 8,101 recorded for fall 2009.

The fall 2010 total includes all-time record fall enrollments for total headcount, undergraduates, dual-enrollment students, transfer students, total credit hours and total full-time equivalent. Public higher education funding is based on fall semester full-time equivalency.

"We continue to experience increasing levels of enrollment interest. I am proud of the high quality of our faculty and staff, who serve to draw increasing numbers of great students," said Dr. Tom Rakes, university chancellor.

Based on final figures, this fall's enrollment at UT Martin is a 4.5 percent increase over fall 2009. Final figures are compiled by the university's Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

The fall enrollment also reflects 1,255 freshmen on the UT Martin campus. Fall enrollment indicates that first-time freshmen have an average 3.4 high school grade-point average, up from 3.39 in 2009. There are 360 more undergraduate students returning, which represents an 8.3 percent increase. The university also experienced growth in on-campus undergraduate students and online at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Compared to last year's totals, UT Martin has 368 more undergraduate and graduate students. There are 112 additional dual-enrollment students, a 12.1 percent increase; and 44 more transfer students, a 7.9 percent increase.

UT Martin began the 2010-11 school year with the announcement that the university advanced in the top-tier ranking for master's level public universities in the South in the 2011 edition of America's Best Colleges compiled by U.S. News & World Report. Also, it was announced in August that UT Martin again earned the designation as one of the best colleges and universities in the Southeast, according to The Princeton Review's 2011 Edition.

UTM SMACCS chapter to help scouts earn chemistry merit badge November 6

The Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor a clinic November 6 to help area Boy Scouts earn the chemistry merit badge. The activity is part of the National Chemistry Week celebration. Registration deadline is October 27.

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

Scoutmasters and/or parents may register their Boy Scouts by calling 731-881-7454. Registration also is available by fax at 731-881-7443; e-mail at smacs@utm.edu; or by mail at UT Martin SMACS, Department of Chemistry, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. Scouts will be charged $5 for light refreshments; the merit badge manual and materials on their arrival.

To register include the name of each Boy Scout, his scoutmaster's name and his troop number.

Under the leadership of UT Martin SMACS students, scouts will perform experiments related to pollution, chromatography, determining vitamin C in juices, determining household acids and bases, corrosion and its prevention and more.

For more information, contact the UT Martin SMACS adviser, Dr. S.K. Airee, at 731-881-7454, or the Department of Chemistry, office, at 731-881-7450.
UT Martin launches All-Steinway campaign, welcomes new pianos

The event sparked a brief impromptu performance as Dr. Elaine Harris, professor of music, and Michael Singleton, one of her students, showed what piano enthusiasts do when they see a new piano – they play.

Harriss, University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music interim chair, and Singleton, of Dyersburg, were among the group of donors, administrators, faculty, staff and students who attended a ceremony for the university’s All-Steinway Campaign announcement.

The focus was the delivery of two grand pianos and six vertical faculty studio and student practice room pianos, part of the campaign to become an All Steinway institution that is being funded primarily by private donations.

Dr. Jerald Ogg, UT Martin vice chancellor for academic affairs, represented Chancellor Tom Rakes at the ceremony, and noted that the designation will help recruit and retain the best students and faculty.

The distinction of All Steinway, he said, “is about changing students’ lives.”

In introducing and expressing appreciation to Bill Blankenship, who chairs the All Steinway steering committee, Ogg said, “You don’t just end up as an All Steinway School.”

Blankenship and his wife, Roberta, of Sandestin, Fla., along with Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson, of Union City, attended the ceremony and signed the Steinway grand pianos they donated as part of the campaign.

Other donors, including Ed Williamson, of Pemecola, Fla., and Harriss, along with additional faculty, staff, and students, signed the vertical pianos.

“This university has had many great days,” said Blankenship.

“I put this one right up there at the top.” Noting that one or two people don’t make a project such as this happen, Blankenship thanked other individuals who have donated to the campaign.

“These individuals have also committed to make contributions to this All Steinway school,” Blankenship praised the foresight of the music department in reconditioning Steinways that positioned the school for Friday’s announcement.

“Bob and I are so happy to be able to put our names on a Steinway concert grand piano,” said Virginia Gibson.

“We also are pleased to give this in honor of Michael Yandell, who is a senior music major at UT Martin. We have known Michael many years at Union City First Christian Church, where he has played the piano.”

“I am very thankful for the investment in UT Martin’s Department of Music to convert the program into an All Steinway school,” said Andrew Moore, a piano and chemistry double major from South Fulton.

“By providing students with the finest pianos available, this shows the department’s commitment to artistry and musicianship. As a piano student in the department, having top-quality pianos at my disposal will certainly enhance my musical abilities and allow me to critique my skills at the piano.”

Other students in the department will benefit by being accompanied by superior, well-maintained pianos.

Overall, this investment will improve the quality of the UT Martin Department of Music and will allow the program to promote a higher level of artistry among the students,” he added.

During the past seven years, the UT Martin Department of Music has returned nine of the university’s Steinway 7-foot grand pianos to “like-new” condition.

A 9-foot Steinway D and a Steinway Boston were purchased during 2009-10. The Steinway D was signed by Henry E. Steinway and housed in Carnegie Hall for five years as part of the Steinway and Sons Concert and Artists Program.

The replacement of 18 faculty studio and practice room uprights will need to be purchased in order to fully complete the ongoing project.

Following the arrival and assembly of the pianos Friday morning, there was an evening program with a performance of Irving Berlin’s “I Love a Piano” and other pieces by Harriss and UT Martin students.
SIMPLY GRAND — Dr. Elaine Harris (left), UT Martin Department of Music interim chair and professor of music, did not waste any time before sitting down to play one of the new Steinway vertical pianos delivered to UT Martin as part of the All Steinway Campaign. Bill Blankenship, chair of the University of Tennessee at Martin All Steinway steering committee, takes out time in order to sign the Steinway grand piano he and his wife, Roberta, donated as part of the All Steinway Campaign.

UTM Pre-Vet Club plans pet show

University of Tennessee at Martin Pre-Vet Club will have a pet show Saturday Oct. 16 in front of Brehm Hall on the UTM campus.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m., and the show will start at 11 a.m.

There will be 10 categories available for your dog to participate in.

First place gift baskets will be awarded for each category and ribbons will be presented to the 2nd and 3rd place.

There is a $10 entry fee.

For more information contact Melissa Housley at melahous@utm.edu.

All proceeds benefit the UTM Pre-Vet Club.

NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK — Martin mayor Randy Brundige recently proclaimed Oct. 16-23 as National Chemistry Week in the community. Seated with Brundige are Kayla A. Poindexter, left, University of Tennessee at Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society president, and Westview High School chemistry teacher Jessica Hightower. Standing left to right are Dr. S.K. Airee, SMACS adviser and KLS councilor; Dr. Robbie Montgomery, KLS chain-elect; Mary Lee Grossner and Julie Langford, Martin Elementary School teachers, and Dr. Charles R. Thomas, UT Martin Department of Chemistry and Physics chair.
UT Martin to host concerts

Oyama x Nitta Duo will be performing a Japanese Togaru-Shamisen concert at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 17, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center, as part of the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the exchange partnership between the University of Tennessee at Martin and Hiroasaki University. Oyama x Nitta is a duo formed by two of Japan's foremost shamisen performers, Yutaka Oyama and Masahiro Nitta. They perform classic and original scores that display the versatility of the shamisen, a Japanese stringed instrument resembling a banjo with a long neck and three strings. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Kyoko Hammond, lecturer of Japanese, at 731-881-7484 or kyhammond@utm.edu.

Local chapter recognizes National Chemistry Week

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) and the Kentucky Lake section of the American Chemical Society (KLS-ACS) are sponsoring a series of programs at UT Martin to celebrate National Chemistry Week (NCW) from Oct. 16-23. Also, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige proclaimed Chemistry Week in Martin. The NCW theme for this year is "Behind the Scenes with Chemistry." UT Martin SMACS will present special chemistry programs for Martin Westview High School, Martin Elementary School, Boy Scouts of America and at UT Martin homecoming. The SMACS will make ice cream with coolant liquid nitrogen and present other demonstrations at the homecoming booth Saturday during Quad City. The booth will be shared with nursing students, who will provide free blood glucose and blood pressure checks.

At 7 p.m., Oct. 18, SMACS will host the monthly meeting of the Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society in Room 206, Boling University Center, UT Martin, where collegiate chapters of SMACS from Bethel University, Murray State University, Lambuth University, Union University and UT Martin will present a variety of chemistry demonstrations. High school and middle school science teachers who attend this event will be awarded a copy of the Merck Index for their school.

Teachers from any schools in Northwest Tennessee and Western Kentucky can receive copies of the Merck Index for free during the National Chemistry Week by contacting Dr. Airee, UT Martin SMACS adviser, at 731-881-7454, or Dr. Harry Fannin, at MSU, at 270-809-4490.

The Merck Index is an internationally recognized handbook of chemical, pharmaceutical and biomedical information. Each book is valued at approximately $125.

On Oct. 28, the chapter will also sponsor a seminar, "Vaccines for Cancer Therapy," by one of its former members, Dr. James W. Hodge, who is a National Institute of Health senior scientist.

UTM's Department of Music will also present a guest piano duo recital with pianists, Jungwon Anne Shin and Jung-Won Shin, at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 19, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin. Jungwon Anne Shin received a Master of Music degree in piano from the Manhattan School of Music in New York and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She currently teaches at her private studio in Basking Ridge, N.J. Jung-Won Shin earned degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Indiana University and Seoul National University. She currently serves as assistant professor of piano at Delta State University in Mississippi. The recital will feature works for two pianos by Mozart, Chopin, Ravel and Youngchae Kim. The recital is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harris, professor of music, at 731-881-7411 or elaineh@utm.edu.
Longtime Prosecutor Weirich Embraces New Role as Deputy DA

In August, veteran prosecutor Ann Weirich made history when she was appointed Shelby County's first female deputy district attorney.

Like many who have worked as an assistant district attorney for nearly two decades, she’s never felt she was treated any differently from her male colleagues during her career.

“I don’t dwell, and never really have, on being a woman,” she said. “The female prosecutors I’ve worked with here, we just don’t generally think about it. It’s more about being the best prosecutor you can be.”

As for her new role as second in command, Weirich said she’s “honored and humbled that (District Attorney General) Bill Gibbons felt that confident in my ability to do the job. I guess I don’t really think of it in terms of being the first female; I just think in terms of doing the best job for the office and for the people of the state of Tennessee.”

Weirich replaces James J. Chalen III, who retired after 32 years in the DA’s office, 12 of which he served as deputy district attorney.

“As long as I’ve worked in this office, the person who held this job has always been an individual who was looked up to not only by those within the office, but by the community, by the defense, by the judges, and by law enforcement,” Weirich said. “I hope to continue that tradition.”

Born in Minnesota, Weirich spent time in Fargo and Kansas City before moving with her family to Memphis in 1977 — “The week Elvis died,” she said.

As a girl, her interests varied, but she was always captivated by the idea of the courtroom.

“For a while I dreamt of being a veterinarian, until I realized all the organic chemistry that I’d have to take to make that happen,” she said. “But my other dream job was a prosecutor. Growing up, it just always seemed like an interesting, exciting career choice.”

After graduating from Germantown High School and earning her bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin, Weirich enrolled in the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis.

“Law school is grueling and horrific and all the things that you hear about that are all true,” she said. “But at the same time, that’s where I met my husband, and we still have great friends from our law school years. So, in between the misery, there was much fun and friendship forming and relationship building.”

After receiving her law degree, Weirich knew exactly how she wanted to use it.
UT Martin launches all-Steinway campaign

The University of Tennessee Martin has launched its All-Steinway campaign and welcomed new pianos to its campus.

Two grand pianos and six vertical faculty studio and student practice room pianos were donated as part of the campaign to become an all-Steinway institution, according to a news release. The campaign is being funded primarily by private donations.

At the culmination of the campaign, UT Martin will become one of more than 110 conservatories, colleges and universities worldwide and the third public institution in Tennessee to be designated an all-Steinway institution, the release said. Students in these institutions perform and are taught only on Steinway pianos.

Jerald Ogg, UT Martin vice chancellor for academic affairs, said in the release that the designation will help recruit and retain the best students and faculty.

The distinction of all-Steinway, Ogg said, "is about changing students' lives."

UTM named among nation's best buys

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

"The University of Tennessee at Martin continues to provide educational affordability and high quality in an atmosphere focused on student success," said Lewis Lindsey Jr., BIE president.

"It offers exactly what every serious college student should seek and expect." Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, said that the university continues to offer students and their families excellent value for their higher education investment.

"We're working hard to combine exceptional value and quality for students who choose UT Martin," he said.

"A college education is more important than ever, and I'm pleased that our university is being recognized externally for successfully meeting the higher education needs for this region and beyond."

The listing in America's 100 Best College Buys is UT Martin's third major recognition for the current academic year.

Earlier, UT Martin continued its top-tier ranking for southern master's institutions in the 2011 edition of America's Best Colleges, compiled by U.S. News & World Report. Also, The Princeton Review named UT Martin "A Best College in the Southeast" for 2011, the eighth consecutive year for the university to earn this designation.

Memphis Photos

Barrett Scott, a student at Faith Heritage Christian Academy in Millington, attended the recent University of Tennessee at Martin Preview Day. More than 175 students were in attendance and received information about a variety of topics, including scholarships, financial aid, college and housing costs and various university academic programs.
UTM, Japanese university celebrate long partnership

Martin — Dr. Masahiko Endo, president of Hiroasaki University in Japan, will visit the University of Tennessee Martin today to celebrate a 30-year exchange partnership between the two schools, according to a news release.

Endo will be presented with a Chancellor's Medallion today at the Alumni Awards Banquet as UT Martin celebrates homecoming. He will be honored for his professional manner, support and dedication to international engagement through multiple partnerships and involvement of faculty and student exchanges.

University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes traveled during the summer to Japan for the first of several events celebrating the partnership.

Thirty-five UT Martin students and 21 faculty members have participated in the exchanges. "Our university has and continues to benefit from this partnership and others that serve to link UT Martin with people and cultures around the globe," Rakes said in the release. Rakes received an honorary doctorate presented by Endo in August at a formal ceremony held at Hiroasaki University.

UT Martin and Hiroasaki University entered into a formal university relationship in 1980 to foster educational exchanges, improve understanding between the United States and Japan, promote and support the exchange of faculty, administrators and students and subsequently develop cultural exchange programs.

Math conference honors top minds

BY BILL AUSTIN
Special to My Life

Approximately 350 mathematics teachers at all levels, from pre-school to the university, attended the 55th annual Conference of the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association on Sept. 24 and 25, at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The featured speaker for the conference was Dr. Colm Mulcahy of Spelman College in Atlanta.

More than 100 other sessions and workshops were presented by mathematics teachers and educators from across the nation.

Each year TMTA administers mathematics contests in Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Statistics, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus and advanced topics across the state. In the spring of 2010, more than 5,000 of the top mathematics students in the state participated in the contests. Students with the top 10 scores in each of the contests were invited to the conference and recognized at an awards banquet.

The top three finishers in each of the TMTA contests and the schools they represented received plaques. The student with the top score also received a cash award.

Local students placing in one of the top three spots per category were:

**Algebra I:** 1. Richard Ouyang, Memphis University School. 2. Yunhua Zhao, Memphis University School.

**Geometry:** 2. Garret Sullivan, Memphis University School.

**Pre-Calculus:** 1. (tie) Eli Goldstein, Memphis University School. 3. (tie) Andrew DeMaio, Evangelical Christian School in Cordova. and Lawrence Hoang, White Station High School in Memphis.

Bill Austin is Professor Emeritus at the University of Tennessee at Martin and a past president of the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association.

Award recipients included Garret Sullivan (top left) for second place in Geometry. Yunhua Zhao (top right) for third place in Algebra I. Lawrence Hoang (bottom left) for third place in Pre-Calculus and Richard Ouyang (bottom right) for first place in Algebra I. Presenting the award is Eddie Keel, president of the Tennessee Mathematics Teacher's Association.
WestStar accepting applications for program

Applications to participate in the largest and oldest regional leadership development program in Tennessee are now available from WestStar, which serves the 21 counties of West Tennessee and is operated by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The deadline for application is Nov. 14. Anyone can apply to participate in the program; Nominations are accepted, but not required. Class members will be competitively selected to participate in the 2011 program.

To receive an application or more information, contact WestStar at (731) 881-7298, or write WestStar, Room 321, Hall Moody Administration Building, University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN 38238-5011.

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

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

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

The WestStar program consists of eight specially-designed seminar programs addressing contemporary major issues important to the development of West Tennessee. Each seminar takes place over a 1½-day period, with a graduation program in June.

The program begins Jan.

Small business seminar to be offered Oct. 26

A small business loan seminar — featuring how to start a business, the various sources of financing offered by the Small Business Administration and the criteria required to obtain a small business loan — is set for Oct. 26.

The event is being offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Tennessee Small Business Development Center and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center.

There is no fee for the seminar, which will be offered from 2-4 p.m. at the REED Center, located at 406 South Lindell St. in Martin. Seating is limited.

The instructor will be Saundra Jackson, U.S. Small Business Administration senior area manager.

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

SERVICE-LEARNING AND VOLUNTEER FAIR

The Department of Behavioral Sciences and the Institute for Civic Engagement at the University of Tennessee at Martin recently sponsored a Service-Learning and Volunteer Fair that included organizations from surrounding Northwest Tennessee, Memphis and Jackson. Seventeen diverse organizations were able to recruit many student volunteers who stopped by to discuss service opportunities.

A growing number of courses at UT Martin are including services service learning or a community service component. Jessica Butkovic, left, ICE program coordinator, talks to Betty Baker, of We Care Ministries, during the fair.
Students integrating mobile apps and classrooms

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Engineering is integrating the mobile application world into the classroom. Dr. Somsak Sukittanong, assistant professor of engineering, and his students have created the m.UTM project, which focuses on enhancing engineering students’ knowledge of their coursework by using mobile applications.

With an increase of cloud computing and wireless broadband networks, mobile apps have become the newest trend in accessing the Internet. This year, there are more than two billion application downloads that are expected to grow exponentially each year. While a majority of the downloaded programs are games, there are millions of educational programs.

The program at UT Martin began in 2009 for Apple’s iPhone. Currently, students within the department are working on two of the market’s most popular platforms, Apple’s iOS and Google’s Android. There are five engineering students working on mobile application development this year. Two electrical engineering students, Josh Potts, of South Fulton, and Nick Moore, of Martin, are currently working on Android applications. They can program the new application, post it on app marketplace, and students can download it automatically.

“Working on mobile apps will be useful in my career because the ever-growing demand for new and better services on mobile devices will ensure a need for my experience in developing these apps,” said Potts.

This fall, applications are being developed for two engineering classes, ENGR 231 and 361, with more applications expected in the future. One of the software programming classes, taught by Sukittanong, will teach students to make mobile applications.

“To get more students involved in developing mobile apps, the university could offer an elective class. This way the student can obtain hours toward graduation while doing something new and exciting,” said Moore.

When an application developed for the m.UTM project is opened, a game generates questions pertaining to the coursework. The score results are sent to the instructor’s email automatically when the game is completed. While students play with the m.UTM app, they are actually learning the subjects and getting to compete with classmates. Students also can learn anytime or anywhere, in or outside of the classroom.

Sukittanong’s work has been funded by the William and Roberta Blankenship Undergraduate Research Endowment in the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the Stanley Jones Endowment, funded by Gordon and Jeanie Jones. The Blankenships reside in Sandestin, Fla., and the Jones reside in South Fulton.

For more information, contact Sukittanong at 731-881-7571 or ssukitta@utm.edu.

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MOBILE APP – University of Tennessee at Martin students, Devon Hutchins, left, Union City sophomore engineering major; Josh Potts, South Fulton senior engineering major; and Nick Moore, Martin, senior engineering major; are playing with the m.UTM mobile app on an iPad and Android phone.
OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE – Janet Bonar, University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources program resource specialist, received the non-exempt UT Martin Fall 2010 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to the university, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of her nomination were comments such as, “With the merger of geosciences with the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Janet acquired six new faculty and staff to ‘care for’ in addition to the growing number of geosciences majors and minors with all the accompanying demands and needs. Janet is the best recruiting tool our department has ... Prospective students and their parents are Janet’s specialty. She has a way of making them feel they’ve made the right decision to come to UT Martin. In addition, Janet was the one who built the administrative structure from the ‘ground up’ for the (Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources) Parker Chair of Excellence during its formative years, and that structure is still accomplishing the Parker Chair’s goals today.”

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE – Steve Holt, left, University of Tennessee at Martin Instructional Technology Center director and webmaster, received the exempt UT Martin Fall 2010 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to the university, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of his nomination were comments such as, “In his university roles, Steve coordinates numerous activities and works with many faculty, staff and students. The various training opportunities give faculty the chance to learn new technology in a fun and exciting atmosphere. He has done an outstanding job in developing computer hardware and software solutions to assist our faculty. He creates the training materials and trains PEP leaders to teach incoming freshmen the basics of how to use the technology on campus. Steve is always willing to accept new responsibilities and take on new challenges with enthusiasm and energy. He has a gift of helping others comprehend and experience new technologies. Steve is also a top-notch speaker for the university and is actively involved in various community organizations and initiatives.”

Reward offered in horse shooting case

The University of Tennessee at Martin is offering a $1,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the shooting death of an equestrian team horse.

The horse, named Cash, was found injured by a student worker who was feeding animals early Sunday morning, Oct. 10, in a university-owned pasture.

Due to the severity of the injuries, the horse was euthanized, and a post-mortem examination at the university’s West Tennessee Animal Disease Laboratory found that the injuries were caused by a gunshot. A deer that died from a gunshot wound was found near where the horse was discovered.

Anyone who heard gunshots last weekend in the Gardner-Hyndesway Road or Old Fulton Road area is asked to contact the UT Martin Department of Public Safety, 731-881-7777, or the Martin Police Department, 731-587-5355.

Persons with information can also call Crimestoppers at 587-2611 or text a tip anonymously at utm@tipnow.org.

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Brockwell recognized for performance in math contest

By Bill Austin, Special to My Life
Posted October 20, 2010 at 10:40 p.m.

William Brockwell, a mathematics student of David Offerle at Arlington High School, received a certificate for his sixth-place finish in the pre-calculus competition in the recent Tennessee Mathematics Teachers’ Association 53rd annual High School Mathematics contest.

Tests in the areas of algebra 1, geometry, algebra 2, statistics, precalculus and calculus and advanced topics were administered to approximately 5,000 of the top mathematics students in Tennessee.

Statewide winners for the contest were recognized at an awards ceremony during the TMTA annual conference Sept. 24-25 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

William is the son of Randy and Sandra Brockwell of Lakeland.

Bill Austin is a member of the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers’ Association.
Local chapter celebrates National Chemistry Week

Martin mayor Randy Brundige recently proclaimed October 16-23 as National Chemistry Week in the community. Seated with Brundige are Kayla A. Poindexter, left, University of Tennessee at Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society president; and Westview High School chemistry teacher, Jessica Hightower. Standing left to right are Dr. S.K. Airee, SMACS adviser and KLS councilor; Dr. Robbie Montgomery, KLS chair-elect; Mary Lee Grossner and Julie Langford, Martin Elementary School teachers; and Dr. Charles R. Thomas, UT Martin Department of Chemistry and Physics chair.

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) and the Kentucky Lake section of the American Chemical Society (KLS-ACS) are sponsoring a series of programs at UT Martin to celebrate National Chemistry Week (NCW) from October 16-23. Also, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige proclaimed Chemistry Week in Martin.

The NCW theme for this year is "Behind the Scenes with Chemistry." UT Martin SMACS will present special chemistry programs for Martin Westview High School, Martin Elementary School, Boy Scouts of America and at UT Martin homecoming. The SMACS will make ice cream with coolant liquid nitrogen and present other demonstrations at the homecoming booth Saturday during Quad City. The booth will be shared with nursing students, who will provide free blood glucose and blood pressure checks.

On October 18, SMACS hosted the monthly meeting of the Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society, where collegiate chapters of SMACS from Bethel University, Murray State University, Lambuth University, Union University and UT Martin presented a variety of chemistry demonstrations. High school and middle school science teachers who attended this event will be awarded a copy of the Merck Index for their school.

Teachers from any schools in Northwest Tennessee and Western Kentucky can receive copies of the Merck Index for free during the National Chemistry Week by contacting Dr. Airee, UT/Martin SMACS adviser, at 731-881-7454, or Dr. Harry Fanlin, at MSU, at 270-809-4490. The Merck Index is an internationally recognized handbook of chemical, pharmaceutical and biomedical information. Each book is valued at approximately $125.

On October 28, the chapter will also sponsor a seminar, "Vaccines for Cancer Therapy," by one of its former members, Dr. James W. Hodge, who is a National Institute of Health senior scientist.

Small business seminar offered

Learn the ins and outs of starting your own business, the various sources of financing offered by the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the criteria required to obtain a small business loan at a seminar on October 26.

Offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Tennessee Small Business Development Center and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center, there is no fee for the seminar that will be offered from 2-4 p.m. at the REED Center, located at 406 S. Lindell St. in Martin. Seating is limited. Instructor will be Sandra Jaekson, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) senior area manager.

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

UT Martin earns fifth listing among America's 100 Best College Buys

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

"The University of Tennessee at Martin continues to provide educational affordability and high quality in an atmosphere focused on student success," said Lewis Lindsey Jr., IRE president. "It offers exactly what every serious college student should seek and expect."

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, said that the university continues to offer students and their families excellent value for their higher education investment. "We're working hard to combine exceptional value and quality for students who choose UT Martin," he said. "A college education is more important than ever, and I'm pleased that our university is being recognized externally for successfully meeting the higher education needs for this region and beyond."

The listing in America's 100 Best College Buys is UT Martin's third major recognition for the current academic year. Earlier, UT Martin continued its top-tier ranking for southern master's institutions in the 2011 edition of America's Best Colleges, compiled by U.S. News & World Report. Also, The Princeton Review named UT Martin "A Best College in the Southeast" for 2011, the eighth consecutive year for the university to earn this designation.
Hodge to present ‘Vaccine for Cancer Treatment’ October 28

The University of Tennessee at Martin chapters of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) and Sigma Xi are sponsoring the seminar, “Vaccine for Cancer Treatment,” with guest speaker Dr. James W. Hodge at 7 p.m., October 28, in Room 230 of Boling University Center.

Hodge is a senior scientist and director of the Recombinant Vaccine Group in the Laboratory of Tumor Immunology and Biology, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Bethesda, Maryland. He received his doctorate in comparative and experimental medicine from the University of Pennsylvania, his Master of Business Administration from George Washington University and his Bachelor of Science degree from UT Martin, where he was an active member and an officer of the SMACS chapter.

Hodge will focus on the efforts being made on the development of vaccine strategies for cancer treatment. This event is free and open to the public.

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

Winner of MP3-video player

University of Tennessee at Martin freshman, Lauren Bean, won the MP3-video player from Frontier during the August 28 Student Organization/City of Martin Picnic held at the Elam Center. Pictured (left to right) are: Shunta Moore and Kim Powell, both Service Representatives with Frontier Communications, and Lauren Bean.

UT Martin, Hirosaki University celebrate 30-year partnership

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“Our university has and continues to benefit from this partnership and others that serve to link UT Martin with people and cultures around the globe,” said Rakes. In August, at a formal ceremony held at Hirosaki University, Rakes received an honorary doctorate presented by President Endo.

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As a result of the success of the relationship, UT Martin went on to use this original agreement as a model for other partnerships in Europe, Brazil, China and Korea. Today, UT Martin has agreements with 17 university education groups in eight countries.

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President Endo and a delegation from Hirosaki University will be guests at the Alumni Awards Banquet, October 15, as UT Martin celebrates homecoming. He will be presented with a Chancellor’s Medallion for his professional manner, support and dedication to international engagement through multiple partnerships and involvement of faculty and student exchanges as reflected in the 30-year partnership between UT Martin and Hirosaki University.

Evans awarded John W. Koehn Memorial Scholarship

Benita Evans, of Dresden, received the John W. Koehn Memorial Scholarship, presented by the Michigan-based Lenawee Broadcasting Company.

A senior broadcasting student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Evans also serves as the news director for the campus radio station, WUTM. The $1,000 scholarship was recently presented at the convention of the International Broadcasters Idea Bank. Paul Tinkle, president of Thunderbolt Broadcasting, accepted the award on her behalf.
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UTM students to assist Boy Scouts

The Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor a clinic, Nov. 6, to help area Boy Scouts earn the chemistry merit badge. The activity is part of the National Chemistry Week celebration. Registration deadline is Oct. 27.

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

Scoutmasters and/or parents may register their Boy Scouts by calling 731-881-7454. Registration also is available by fax at 731-881-7443; e-mail at saacs@utm.edu; or by mail at UT Martin SMACS, Department of Chemistry, UT Martin, Martin, Tenn. 38238. Scouts will be charged $5 for light refreshments, the merit badge manual and materials on their arrival.

To register include the name of each Boy Scout, his scoutmaster’s name and his troop number.

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Egyptian travel-study scheduled

A University of Tennessee at Martin travel-study trip to Egypt is planned for Dec. 28-Jan. 9.

As part of this tour, participants will visit historical sites in Cairo, Luxor, Aswan and Alexandria and explore the cultures, arts and sciences of each area, including museums, Sphinx, Pyramids and Mt. Sinai.

The trip will also include visiting the Valley of the Kings, a three-day cruise up the Nile River and a visit to the stock exchange in Cairo.

The approximate cost is $3,790. Group leaders are Dr. Mahmoud Haddad, professor of finance, and Lorrie Jackson, administrative coordinator for the Center of International Education. They may be contacted at mhaddad@utm.edu or (731) 881-7249; and ljackson@utm.edu or 881-3582.

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CLEAN SWEEP — Union City High School Golden Tornado Band field commander Erica Sturkie showcased the multiple awards won by the band recently at the Skyhawk Invitational at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The marching unit won the Division I Grand Champion trophy and Class AA Champion, plus first place awards for percussion and color guard in Division I.

LOCAL STUDENTS ATTEND UT MARTIN PREVIEW DAY — Breanna Pitcher and Marlee Taylor, students at Westview High School, attended the recent University of Tennessee at Martin Preview Day. More than 175 students were in attendance and received information about a variety of topics, including scholarships and financial aid, college and housing costs and various university academic programs.
Matchless music

U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander, The Jackson Symphony, local university choirs to present 'Ode to Joy'

BY ASHLEY EDWARDS WALKER
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The Jackson Symphony Orchestra is partnering with choirs from four area universities to bring the final movement of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony, “Ode to Joy,” to West Tennessee at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Carl Perkins Civic Center.

Sen. Lamar Alexander will also be performing on piano with the symphony during the first part of the concert.

“‘Ode to Joy’ is one of those grand, majestic masterpieces of all time,” Jordan Tang, symphony music director, said. “Just that could be an event in itself. But with the combined chorus, which is required to perform the piece, it is an unusual occasion.”

The Jackson Symphony Orchestra, a 200-person chorus and four vocal soloists are required to perform “Ode to Joy.”

“It is somewhat of a rare occasion for the piece to happen because it involves so many people and so many different elements,” Tang said.

The symphony looked to students from the University of Tennessee at Martin, Lambuth University, Brescia College and Union University to make up the 200-person choir. About 120 U.T. Martin students are participating and the university even created a 2-hour class for the current fall semester to assist students in preparing.

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Simmons said the high notes and multi-language vocals in “Ode to Joy” have been challenging for students, motivating them to push themselves as artists.

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Prior to “Ode to Joy” Sen. Lamar Alexander will open the concert by playing piano alongside the symphony on four pieces. One is a variation of the tune “Twinkle, twinkle little star” by Mozart, followed by “Prelude in C Minor” by Chopin.

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Following Alexander’s performance the orchestra will play “Symfonia Sarda,” meaning the sacred symphony, by Polish composer Andrzei Panufnik. It was written for the millennium of Poland’s statehood when Poland officially became a state and adopted Christianity as its primary religion.

“It is a very, very powerful work written in the later part of the 20th Century,” Tang said.

Tickets are $25 for adults, $15 for students and seniors age 60 and older. They can be purchased at the Jackson Symphony Orchestra office, 207 E. Lafayette St. in downtown Jackson, or online at www.jacksonsymphony.org

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UTM’s Homecoming Week celebrated

in the community

HOMECOMING FUN – Sheila Patterson, above, Elizabeth Johnson and Johnson’s children, Alexis and Madison, of Martin, were among those enjoying the Homecoming 2010 Quad City at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Quad City featured a variety of activities for children and adults, including musical entertainment, games, concessions and reunions. Kay and Richard Stegall, (top right) and their daughters, Alyssa, left, and Rachel, of Martin also enjoyed Quad City. Hirotsuki University President Masahiko Endo and David Belote, UTM assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and alderman, plant a cherry blossom tree in recognition of Martin and UTM’s 30-year partnership with Japan’s Hirotsuki University. The cherry blossom tree was planted in the Salute to America area of the Martin Rec Complex.

UT MARTIN HOMECOMING AWARD – Dr. Jan Simelk, left, University of Tennessee interim president, and Dr. Thomas Rakes, right, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor, are pictured with Dr. Masahiko Endo, Hirotsuki University president, who visited UT Martin during homecoming and marked a 30-year exchange partnership between the two universities. President Endo was presented with the Chancellor’s Medallion during the annual Alumni Awards Banquet, Oct. 15.
Painting and Excel classes begin in Nov.

Fall non-credit classes planned by the University of Tennessee at Martin offer area residents the opportunity to learn new skills. The courses get under way in November. Advance registration is required.

Painting for Beginners will be offered from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, Nov. 4-Dec. 2. The registration fee is $75 plus an additional $25 supply fee paid to the instructor the first night of class. Participants will learn different approaches to start and develop a painting and will look at composition and different styles of painting and brushwork. Students will also explore some of the qualities and techniques of acrylic paints and mediums, and basic color theory. The instructor of the course is Sherry Moore, a recent graduate of UT Martin with a BFA in studio art.

Intermediate Excel will be offered from 9 a.m.-noon, Nov. 16 and 18. The registration fee is $85.

Participants will expand their knowledge of spreadsheets, work through complex functions and formulas, use statements and conditional formatting and customize graphs. Students will also learn about using relative and absolute referencing, create detailed examples and executive summaries, import data into a spreadsheet from an external source and integrate spreadsheets into word processing documents. This course will also help participants practice planning and design skills. The instructor is Doug Bloodworth, UT Martin analyst and programmer.

To register for these courses, call the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7082. Register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php.

Phi Kappa Phi recognizes top first and second-year students

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society chapter will meet to recognize the top 3 percent of the university’s first- and second-year students. The meeting will be at 7 p.m., Nov. 1, in Watkins Auditorium of Baoling University Center. This year’s Phi Kappa Phi lecturer, Dr. Nancy A. Warren, UT Martin professor of nursing, will speak to the group on “The Life and Times of Florence Nightingale.” Brian Johnson, lecturer of psychology and Phi Kappa Phi president, will preside at the meeting.

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

For more information, contact Mary Carpenter, 731-881-7070 or marye@utm.edu.

BEHAVIOR PLAN — As part of its reward system for the Martin Middle School Positive Behavior Plan, weekly drawings recognize students for being responsible, respectful, kind and safe. Winners for the past three weeks include (from left) Josh McCaleb, Jasmine Evans, Chelsea Thswatt, Charlie Vowell, Morgan Curlin, Hannah Simpson, Tucker Bigham, Chesney Ross and Collin Stricklin. Thanks to the athletic departments at UT Martin and Westview High School for their support of our program. If your business or organization is interested in helping sponsor this program, please call the school at 587-2346 or email Keith Unger at ungerk@k12tn.net.
Alumni center named for Dunagans

GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT – Nick and Cathy Dunagan are intricate members of the community having contributed not only to the University of Tennessee at Martin, but giving back to the county overall. That generous spirit was honored last week when the campus’s alumni center was named in the family’s honor.

Chancellor Emeritus Nick Dunagan served the University of Tennessee at Martin in a number of leadership roles through the years, capping his career as chancellor from 2001-2007. On Friday, Dr. Dunagan and his wife, Cathy, were honored with the naming of the Nick and Cathy Dunagan Alumni Center.

Constructed in 1969 as the Chancellor’s Residence, the structure was repurposed in 2008 to accommodate the Chancellor’s Suite and the Office of Alumni Relations.

“The Dunagan family has a connection with UT Martin that spans more than 50 years,” said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, at the dedication ceremony. “The family legacy began with Horace and Sara Dunagan, who first came to UT Junior College after WWII.”

Rakes went on to say that through the years, the Dunagan family has supported business, honors, agriculture, education and student travel, among other programs.

Their support included the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking. Rakes also recognized all the Dunagan family members in attendance, many of whom are UT Martin alumni.

“It’s hard to welcome them back because they never really left,” said Rakes about Nick and Cathy Dunagan and their service to the university, community and county. He noted that Cathy is serving on the UT Development Council, and Nick currently chairs the Weakley County Economic Development Board and served on the Ned Ray McWherter Monument Commission. “We talk about servant leadership, it’s right in front of us.”

“It’s also fitting that the alumni center be named in honor of Nick and Cathy for their service, not only to the university, but their commitment to the students and alumni for several decades,” Rakes said.

Dunagan thanked Chancellor Rakes and the UT Board of Trustees for making the dedication possible. “It’s been a wonderful day, and we are very appreciative of this honor.”

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He also received the 2006 Otis L. Floyd Award for Excellence in Administration, presented by the Tennessee College Public Relations Association. A native of Caruthersville, Mo., Dunagan is a 1968 UT Martin graduate.

A 1971 graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law and received a doctorate in higher education administration in 1990 from Vanderbilt University. He is a retired colonel in the Tennessee Army National Guard and is an active member in the Martin First United Methodist Church. Cathy Porter Dunagan, a Humboldt native, also is a UT Martin graduate. They have four grown children and six grandchildren.

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The fourth, Casey, and his wife, Elizabeth, live and work in Washington, D.C.

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Four area business professionals have been named to the WestStar Board of Trustees. Joe Barker, Dr. Tom Payne, James Ross and Emily Sullivan will serve three-year terms through 2013.

- Barker is a 1997 WestStar graduate from Hardin County. He is the executive director of Southwest Tennessee Development District in Jackson.
- Payne is a 2005 WestStar graduate from Weakley County. He is the Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking at the University of Tennessee Martin.
- Ross is a 2004 WestStar graduate from Madison County. He is the chief operating officer of West Tennessee Healthcare in Jackson.
- Sullivan is a 2002 WestStar graduate from Gibson County. She is the director of energy services and economic development at Gibson Electric Membership Corporation in Trenton.

They join 15 other trustees in shaping the future of WestStar at UT Martin. Celebrating its 21st year, WestStar serves the 21 counties of West Tennessee and is the state’s oldest and largest regional leadership development program.

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MBA SPOTLIGHT: PRESSBOX1.COM

By Youlanda Allen
Special to The Press

Pressbox 1.com is a sports website that features local middle school, high school and college sports in West Tennessee. The company was started two and a half years by local sports writer and photographer, Joey Guest. A former sports editor for The Weakley County Press, Guest left Martin in 2001 and went to work for NASCAR, eight years later he moved back to Martin, upon his return,

He ran into a former associate, Jim Steele, who had started Pressbox 1 in McKenzie and wanted to branch out. After several meetings, the two men went into partnership and Joey started the Martin branch. Having played football at Westview, he remembers how special it made him feel seeing his name in newspaper and wanted to give that same sense of pride to other local athletes.

Guest says, “My site different from other sports websites in that it gives a more comprehensive coverage and can be accessed 24 hours a day so you can see photos, get stats, and read stories any time you want to. He says Press box 1.com has a face book account and that I often get comments from grandparents, telling me how much they enjoy going to the site and seeing their grandchild. Although they can’t be there in person to share in the glory with their loved one, the website provides a means for them to keep up with what’s going on from a distance. Guest says this is very gratifying for him because being able to give back to the community which gives him a sense of pride.

Although its main source of revenue comes from paid sponsors and advertisements, the site has done very well since it started two and a half years ago. It can be accessed 24 hours a day, has low advertising rates, ad up-dates or changes are always free, has bonus cross promotions on ESPN Radio with approximately 600,000 listener radius, and if you are a paid advertisement, your ad links directly to your website or face book page. This also helps promote business for their sponsors.

Achievements of Mr. Guest include receiving the Sportswriter of the Year Award while working at The Weakley County Press and being awarded several photography awards. He says his most memorable experience was a few weeks ago when he and a partner went to Knoxville to cover the UT Martin, Tennessee game. There were approximately 99,000 people there and the biggest crowd that UT Martin had ever played for. Guest says he was just amazed to look up in the crowd and see how many people from the Martin community had come out to support them. He says it was also special for him because it was the first time that he had been back to Knoxville in 10 years. Another memorable moment for Guest was just a few weeks ago when Westview beat Milan. Milan had not lost a regular season game since 2007, and the Chargers broke their winning streak.

Editor’s note: Youlanda Allen is a UT Martin junior majoring in communications with an emphasis in public relations.
UT Martin projects are on the horizon

Several University of Tennessee at Martin capital outlay and capital maintenance priorities and self-funded projects were among those approved at this week’s University of Tennessee Board of Trustees meeting. Also OK’d were two gifts of property to UT Martin and the university’s master plan.

“The board meeting was very successful for the UT Martin campus in that a number of capital outlay and maintenance projects and land acquisitions were approved,” said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes.

Three of UT Martin’s capital outlay projects will receive state funding when funds are available. Within a total request of $665 million from UT institutions, UT Martin’s Fine Arts Building renovation and addition phase II project request for $11.8 million was ranked 11th; a new classroom building request for $46 million was ranked 15th; and the Joseph E. Johnson Engineering and Physical Sciences Building addition and renovation request for $32 million was 19th.

As part of $175,680,000 in systemwide requests for capital maintenance priorities for state appropriations, the board approved UT Martin requests, including the following projects, amounts and rankings:
campus elevator upgrades, $3,750,000, fourth; building envelope upgrades for four buildings, $1.6 million, sixth; steam line upgrade, $1,840,000, 16th; Sociology Building heating, ventilation, air-conditioning improvements, $2.7 million, 21st; Johnson EPS building HVAC upgrades/phase I, $3,870,000, 24th; and Clement Hall HVAC and electrical improvements/phase I, $2.3 million, 26th.

Also OK’d were $6.5 million in proposed self-funded projects in Fiscal Year 2011-2012, including $2,800,000 for sorority lodges; $965,000 for tennis courts upgrade; $780,000.

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for Elam Center bleacher replacement; and $2 million for a Business Administration Building addition.

In other action, the board approved two gifts of property to UT Martin.

A total of 20 acres and a 3,492-square-foot building in Hornbeak, from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, will be used as part of the Reelfoot Lake Research and Education Initiative.

Finally, the board OK’d the UT Martin master plan that reflects placement for new buildings, expansion of existing buildings, parking, landscaping and land acquisition during the next several years.

The plan was last revised in 2003.
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4-Hers selected for Roundup

Two Obion County 4-Hers received intensive training in their project areas at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

4-H All-Stars Nancy Davis and Mary Helen Driver were delegates to the State 4-H Roundup held this summer. They were selected to attend based on their project work. They studied under the supervision of university scientists and specialists during the five-day program.

Round-up is held to enable senior 4-H members to become better acquainted with their state university and career opportunities offered by the University of Tennessee; to offer opportunities for senior 4-H members to become more familiar with new research-verified principles in agriculture, family and consumer sciences and related fields; to help senior 4-H members receive due recognition for their outstanding project work and leadership accomplishments; and to provide senior 4-H members satisfying civic and social experiences based on their needs and interests.

In addition to subject matter training, 4-H Roundup featured a performance by the Tennessee 4-H Performing Arts Troupe, recreational and service-learning activities on campus, and an afternoon at Venture River in Eddyville, Ky.

The 4-H program is the youth development component of UT Extension and is also the state’s largest youth organization. With more than 301,000 participants statewide, 4-H is available to young people in every county in Tennessee.
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SERVICE-LEARNING AND VOLUNTEER FAIR:
The Department of Behavioral Sciences and the Institute for Civic Engagement at the University of Tennessee Martin recently sponsored a Service-Learning and Volunteer Fair that included organizations from surrounding Northwest Tennessee, Memphis and Jackson. Seventeen diverse organizations were able to recruit many student volunteers who stopped by to discuss service opportunities. A growing number of courses at UT Martin are including service-learning or a community service component. John Schommer, UT Martin Habitat for Humanity Chapter adviser and Weakley County Chapter treasurer, talks to Crystal King, a senior international studies major from Medina, and Chris Palmer, a senior sociology major from Dyersburg.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN HOMECOMING:
UT Martin students Brandy Behrens (left) and Courtney Countess (right), both of Dyersburg, join David Belote, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, at the Leaders-in-Residence Program display Oct. 16 during the university’s 2010 Homecoming activities. The display was part of Quad City, an annual Homecoming celebration held in the university’s quadrangle. Brandy is a freshman engineering major and also participates in the Leaders-in-Residence Program, while Courtney is a biology major. Leaders-in-Residence students participate in special leadership development activities and are involved in a community service project.

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UT MARTIN HOMECOMING AWARD: Dr. Jan Simek, left, University of Tennessee interim president, and Dr. Thomas Rakes, right, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor, are pictured with Bob and Nancy Hurt, of Trimble, during the annual UT Martin Homecoming Alumni Awards Banquet, hosted Oct. 15. The Hurts received the Chancellor's Award for University Service.

FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN TENNESSEE:
Dr. Jan Simek, University of Tennessee interim president, recently spoke about “The Future of Higher Education in Tennessee,” at the University of Tennessee at Martin. His presentation was part of the UT Martin Academic Speaker Series. Prior to his presentation, he met with Honors Programs students to discuss his work. With Simek is Brittany Sturgill, of Newbern, a freshman pre-dental biology major.
Nick and Cathy Dunagan honored with center naming

Chancellor Emeritus Nick Dunagan served the University of Tennessee at Martin in a number of leadership roles through the years, capping his career as chancellor from 2001-07. Recently, Dr. Dunagan and his wife, Cathy, were honored with the naming of the Nick and Cathy Dunagan Alumni Center.

Constructed in 1969 as the Chancellor’s Residence, the structure was repurposed in 2008 to accommodate the Chancellor’s Suite and the Office of Alumni Relations. "The Dunagan family has a connection with UT Martin that spans more than 50 years," said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, at the dedication ceremony. "The family legacy began with Horace and Sara Dunagan, who first came to UT Junior College after World War II."

Rakes said through the years, the Dunagan family has supported business, honors, agriculture, education and student travel, among other programs. Their support included the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking. Rakes also recognized all the Dunagan family members in attendance, many of whom are UT Martin alums.

"It's hard to welcome them back because they never really left," said Rakes about Nick and Cathy Dunagan and their service to the university, community and county.

He noted Mrs. Dunagan is serving on the UT Development Council and Dunagan currently chairs the Weakley County Economic Development Board and served on the Ned Ray McWherter Monument Commission.

"We talk about servant leadership; it's right in front of us," Rakes said.

"It's also fitting that the alumni center be named in honor of Nick and Cathy for their service, not only to the university, but their commitment to the students and alumni for several decades," he added.

Dunagan thanked Rakes and the UT Board of Trustees for making the dedication possible. "It's been a wonderful day and we are very appreciative of this honor," he said.

Dunagan added that this year marked the 42nd UT Martin homecoming he and his wife attended.

"Homecoming 2010 will be very, very special in our hearts for a long, long time," he said.

"None of us get to where we are on our own merits," continued Dunagan, who thanked his wife and family for their support of the university. "A day like today makes you appreciate the people who helped you along the way."

Reflecting on his UT Martin career, he said, "I really never felt like I had a job." He said he got up each morning and "the No. 1 purpose was to go out and make a better world for the students."

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UT-Martin honors top young alumni

BY RITA MITCHELL
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Rita Mitchell is with the University Relations Office at UT-Martin.
Joe DiPietro elected 24th President of the University of Tennessee

Joe DiPietro has been elected the 24th president of the University of Tennessee. The Board of Trustees elected DiPietro (dee-pie-AY'-troh) during their fall meeting recently. He will replace Jan Simek, who has served as interim president since 2009.

The president of the University of Tennessee leads a system consisting of campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Martin; the Health Science Center based in Memphis; the statewide Institutes of Agriculture and Public Service, and the Space Institute in Tullahoma, which is managed by UT Knoxville.

DiPietro currently is chancellor of the UT Institute of Agriculture, a position he has held since 2006. His title was changed from vice president to chancellor in July.

With the help of the search firm Witt/Keiffer, the university developed several key qualifications and expectations of the next president. The president advocates for the university and is a spokesperson for all higher education in the state; works with state and federal legislators and promotes the university to secure appropriations and in decision-making that affects the university; is the chief fundraiser for the university; and has a connection to or prior knowledge of the university and the state.

“This has been a rigorous several weeks, but we are pleased the Board of Trustees has appointed a very capable individual to lead the University of Tennessee,” said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. “I look forward to working with Dr. DiPietro and anticipate we will experience continued prosperity and success through the leadership of the Board of Trustees and our new president.”

As chancellor of the UT Institute of Agriculture, DiPietro oversees UT Extension, Ag Research, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the College of Veterinary Medicine. DiPietro also served as dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida from 1997 to 2001.

He rose to tenured professor of veterinary clinical medicine and veterinary pathobiology at the University of Illinois, Urbana, and held administrative positions there including assistant director of the Agriculture Experiment Station and associate dean for research of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

DiPietro earned his bachelor's, doctor of veterinary medicine and master's degrees at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

DiPietro and his wife, Deb, have three children and six grandchildren. Deb DiPietro is a member of the Tennessee Museum Commission and is a volunteer for a variety of organizations in Tennessee.

DiPietro is the first candidate from within the university to be elected president since Joe Johnson, who was president from 1991 to 1999. Johnson was vice president for development and executive vice president and then acting president for a brief stint after Lamar Alexander left to be U.S. Secretary of Education. Eli Fly, who served as acting president from 2001 to 2002, also previously served as executive vice president. His title was retroactively changed to permanent president after he left office.

The Presidential Search Committee on Wednesday nominated Brian Noland and DiPietro to the board for consideration. The candidates were narrowed from a list of 71 applicants.

It has not yet been determined when the new president will likely take office.

Holt recognized at UTM

Steve Holt, left, University of Tennessee at Martin Instructional Technology Center director and webmaster, received the exempt UT Martin Fall 2010 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to the university, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of his nomination were comments such as, “In his university roles, Steve coordinates numerous activities and works with many faculty, staff and students. The various training opportunities give faculty the chance to learn new technology in a fun and exciting atmosphere. He has done an outstanding job in developing computer hardware and software solutions to assist our faculty. He creates the training materials and trains PEP leaders to teach incoming freshmen the basics of how to use the technology on campus. Steve is always willing to accept new responsibilities and take on new challenges with enthusiasm and energy. He has a gift of helping others comprehend and experience new technologies. Steve is also a top-notch speaker for the university and is actively involved in various community organizations and initiatives.”
Bonar recognized at UTM

Janet Bonar, University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources program resource specialist, received the non-exempt UT Martin Fall 2010 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Dr. Gerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to the university, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of her nomination were comments such as, “With the merger of geosciences with the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Janet acquired six new faculty and staff to ‘care for’ in addition to the growing number of geosciences majors and minors with all the accompanying demands and needs. Janet is the best recruiting tool our department has... Prospective students and their parents are Janet’s specialty. She has a way of making them feel they’ve made the right decision to come to UT Martin. In addition, Janet was the one who built the administrative structure from the ‘ground up’ for the (Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources) Parker Chair of Excellence during its formative years, and that structure is still accomplishing the Parker Chair’s goals today.”

UT Martin Homecoming Award presented

Dr. Jan Slimek, left, University of Tennessee interim president, and Dr. Thomas Rakes, right, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor, are pictured with Dr. Masahiko Endo, Hirosaki University president, who visited UT Martin during homecoming and marked a 30-year exchange partnership between the two universities. President Endo was presented with the Chancellor’s Medallion during the annual Alumni Awards Banquet, October 15.

McGehee dedication at UT Martin

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Phi Kappa Phi recognizes top 3 percent

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society chapter will meet to recognize the top 3 percent of the university's first-and second-year students. The meeting will be at 7 p.m., November 1, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center. This year's Phi Kappa Phi lecturer, Dr. Nancy A. Warren, UT Martin professor of nursing, will speak to the group on "The Life and Times of Florence Nightingale." Brian Johnson, lecturer of psychology and Phi Kappa Phi president, will preside at the meeting.

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

For more information, contact Mary Carpenter, 731-881-7070 or maryc@utm.edu.

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Presidential Visit

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Joe DiPietro was elected by the U.T. board of trustees last week to become their 24th president.

DiPietro has served as chancellor of the U.T. College of Agriculture for the past four years.

He now says he looks forward to serving Tennessee's Universities.

“One of the things I’m promising to do at this point is to get around to these campuses to look under the hood and check the air in the tires and get to know it better so I can figure out what the challenges are and how I can best help U.T. Martin and Chancellor Rakes,” said DiPietro.

DiPietro will replace the current President, Jan Simek on January 1.
Music enthusiasts keyed up about UT Martin Steinways

The event sparked a brief impromptu performance as Dr. Elaine Harris, professor of music, and Michael Singleton, one of her students, showed what piano enthusiasts do when they see a new piano.

They play.

Dr. Harris, University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music interim chair, and Singleton, of Dyersburg, were among the group of donors, administrators, faculty, staff and students who attended a ceremony for the university’s All Steinway Campaign announcement. The focus was the delivery of two grand pianos and six vertical faculty studio and student practice room pianos, part of the campaign to become an All Steinway institution being funded primarily by private donations.

Someone asked Dr. Harris prior to the ceremony about the importance of the Steinway distinction.

“I looked at him and I said, ‘What is the finest piano made,’ and he said, ‘Steinway,’” Dr. Harris said.

Dr. Harris said she added that “if it’s the finest instrument, that’s what this school wants for its students.”

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Dr. Jerald Ogg, UT Martin vice chancellor for academic affairs, who represented Chancellor Tom Rakes at the ceremony, noted the designation will help recruit and retain the best students and faculty. The distinction of All Steinway, he said, “is about changing students’ lives.”

In introducing and expressing appreciation to Bill Blankenship, who chairs the All Steinway steering committee, Ogg said, “You don’t just end up as an All Steinway School.” Blankenship and his wife, Roberta, along with Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson of Union City, attended the ceremony and signed the Steinway grand pianos they donated as part of the campaign. Other donors, including Newell and Bettie Graham of Union City, Ed Williamson of Pensacola, Fla., and Dr. Harris, along with additional faculty, staff and students, signed the vertical pianos.

“This university has had many great days,” said Blankenship. “I put this one right up there at the top.”

Noting that one or two people don’t make a project such as this happen, Blankenship thanked other individuals who have donated to the campaign.

“These individuals have also committed to make contributions to this All Steinway school,” he said. Blankenship praised the foresight of the music department in reconditioning Steinways that positioned the school for the announcement.

“Bob and I are so happy to be able to put our names on a Steinway concert grand piano,” said Virginia Gibson. “We also are pleased to give this in honor of Michael Yandell, who is a senior music major at UT Martin. We have known Michael many years at Union City First Christian Church, where he has played the piano.”

“I am very thankful for the investment in UT Martin’s Department of Music to convert the program into an ‘All Steinway’ school,” said Andrew Moore, a piano and chemistry double major from South Fulton.

“By providing students with the finest pianos available, this shows the department’s commitment to artistry and musicianship. As a piano student in the department, having top-quality pianos at my disposal will certainly enhance my musical abilities and allow me to critique my skills at the piano. Other students in the department will benefit by being accompanied by superior, well-maintained pianos.”

“Overall, this investment will improve the quality of the UT Martin Department of Music and will allow the program to promote a higher level of artistry among the students,” he added.

During the past seven years, the UT Martin Department of Music has returned nine of the university’s Steinway seven-foot grand pianos to “like new” condition. A nine-foot Steinway D and a Steinway Boston were purchased during 2009-10. The Steinway D was signed by Henry E. Steinway and housed in Carnegie Hall for five years as part of the Steinway and Sons Concert and Artists Program.

The replacement of 18 faculty studio and practice room uprights will need to be purchased to complete the project.

Following the arrival and assembly of the pianos, there was an evening program with a performance of Irving Berlin’s “I Love a Piano” and other pieces by Dr. Harris and UT Martin students.
MAKING MUSIC — Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson of Union City signed the Steinway grand piano they donated as part of the University of Tennessee at Martin All Steinway Campaign that is being funded primarily by private donations. The signing was part of a program that marked the campaign announcement. At the culmination of the campaign, UT Martin will become one of more than 110 conservatories, colleges and universities worldwide and the third public institution in Tennessee with the distinction as an All Steinway institution. Students in these institutions perform and are taught only on Steinway pianos.

PLAYING ALONG — Newell and Bettie Graham of Union City recently signed the Steinway vertical piano they donated as part of the UT Martin All Steinway Campaign, which is being funded primarily by private donations. The signing was part of a program that marked the campaign announcement. Newell Graham said “giving to the music department for this important initiative adds to the prestige of the entire university, one department at a time.”
Joe DiPietro elected UT President

Joe DiPietro has been elected the 24th president of the University of Tennessee.

The Board of Trustees elected DiPietro (dee-pie-AH troe) during their fall meeting today. He will replace Jan Simcox, who has served as interim president since 2009.

The president of the University of Tennessee leads a system consisting of campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Martin; the Health Science Center based in Memphis; the statewide Institutes of Agriculture and Public Service, and the Space Institute in Tullahoma, which is managed by UT-Knoxville.

DiPietro currently is chancellor of the UT Institute of Agriculture, a position he has held since 2006. His title was changed from vice president to chancellor in July.

With the help of the search firm Witt/Keifer, the university developed several key qualifications and expectations of the next president. The president advocates for the university and is a spokesperson for all higher education in the state; works with state and federal legislators and promotes the university to secure appropriations and in decision-making that affects the university; is the chief fundraiser for the university; and has a connection to or prior knowledge of the university and the state.

"This has been a rigorous several weeks, but we are pleased the Board of Trustees has appointed a very capable individual to lead the University of Tennessee," said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. "I look forward to working with Dr. DiPietro and anticipate we will experience continued prosperity and success through the leadership of the Board of Trustees and our new president."

As chancellor of the UT Institute of Agriculture, DiPietro oversees UT Extension, Ag Research, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the College of Veterinary Medicine. DiPietro also served as dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida from 1997 to 2006.

He rose to tenured professor of veterinary clinical medicine and veterinary pathology at the University of Illinois, Urbana, and held administrative positions there including assistant director of the Agriculture Experiment Station and associate dean for research of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

DiPietro earned his bachelor's, doctor of veterinary medicine and master's degrees at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

DiPietro and his wife, Deb, have three children and six grandchildren. Deb DiPietro is a member of the Tennessee Museum Commission and is a volunteer for a variety of organizations in Tennessee.

DiPietro is the first candidate from within the university to be elected president since Joe Johnson, who was president from 1991 to 1999. Johnson was vice president for development and executive vice president and then acting president for a brief stint after Lamar Alexander left to be U.S. Secretary of Education. Eli Fly, who served as acting president from 2001 to 2002, also previously served as executive vice president. His title was retroactively changed to permanent president after he left office.

The Presidential Search Committee on Wednesday nominated Brian Noland and DiPietro to the board for consideration. The candidates were narrowed from a list of 71 applicants.

It has not yet been determined when the new president will likely take office.

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**Lead renovator course being offered**

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies (ECOS) is offering a Certified Lead Renovator Course and a Lead Dust Sampling Technician Course that comply with the Environmental Protection Agency Renovation, Repair and Paint Rule.

The Certified Lead Renovator Course is scheduled from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break, on three dates - Nov. 6 and 20, both at UT Martin, and Dec. 4, at Union University in Jackson. The $250 fee includes: the textbook, Certified Renovator certificate from the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHHH) and EPA materials.

The eight-hour course will begin with "Why is lead-based paint a problem during renovations?" The following topics are also included: regulations, before beginning work, contain dust during work, during the course, page 4.

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work, cleaning activities and checking work, disposing of lead safely and documenting work.

This class meets EPA and Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements. Successful completion earns EPA Certified Renovator status for five years. Students will learn what EPA/HUD requires of certified firms and renovators, and how to work in a lead-safe manner while complying with the EPA RRP Rule. The EPA will begin enforcing the lead paint law, known as the RRP Rule, on Oct. 1. Anyone who renovates, repairs or paints any building built before 1978 must comply with the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule.

If a project will disturb more than two-six square feet of interior paint surface, then a certified professional must perform a lead test. Violators of the EPA RRP Rule can be fined up to $37,500 per day.

The Lead Dust Sampling Technician Course is scheduled from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break, on two dates - Nov. 13, at UT Martin, and Dec. 11, at Union University. The $250 fee includes: the textbook, LDST certificate from the NCHHH and EPA materials.

The eight-hour course will teach participants how to become a lead dust sampling technician, conduct visual inspections and documentation, collect dust samples for lab analysis, interpret lab results and write a lead dust clearance test report.

After renovation work, the EPA RRP rules require either a cleaning verification by a certified renovation or a clearance test by a Certified Dust Sampling Technician.

Successful completion of this training course completes certification process with a LDST certificate from NCHHH. The lead-safe housing rule requires a visual inspection, dust sampling, laboratory analysis and submission of a clearance report after work is covered by the RRP Rule is completed.

NCHHH is the EPA authorized training provider for all courses. Instructor will be H. Dale Forrier, NCHHH principal instructor.

To register, call ECOS at 731-881-7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/noncreditergistration.php.

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**New president visits UT Martin**

University of Tennessee President-elect Joe DiPietro will visit UT Martin today as part of a two-day tour of university campuses and units.

He will arrive in Martin for an 11:30 a.m. appearance in Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center, according to a news release. The public is invited.

DiPietro will give brief remarks regarding his interest in learning about the opportunities and challenges ahead, as well as his initial goals. Also attending will be UT Interim President Jan Simek and UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes. A live webcast of the event will be available at www.utm.edu/live.

A reception will follow at which UT Martin faculty, staff, students and community members can meet DiPietro. The reception will conclude by 1 p.m.
President-elect DiPietro visits UT Martin campus

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Currently serving as the UT Institute of Agriculture chancellor, he will begin his new role on Jan. 1. "When I look at this university, and I've gotten to know it very well, ... our mission is to educate, to discover and to connect," DiPietro said. "So, you do that very well here in Martin in many ways. You educate your students. Your enrollment is growing. It's a vibrant campus."

He also talked about UT Martin's "connected nature" with initiatives such as the off-campus centers that joined Thursday's event by webcast from the Martin campus and the WestStar Leadership Program that has been developing leaders across West Tennessee for 22 years. These connections, he said, "are key to our success and the bright future that we have together."

As he establishes his new administration, DiPietro said he will continue what he has always done — build teams. "... I can't tell you how humbly I am about that opportunity, but excited," he said.

He also will continue to foster relationships with the new governor and other elected officials in Nashville and Washington. Finally, DiPietro said he will push the Complete College Tennessee Act to increase the number of young adults in Tennessee who receive a baccalaureate degree and also support and promote the new UT Foundation, "because fund raising has become more critical for us."

DiPietro said he wants to be aware of what's happening and will spend time on the campuses. "I think that's the best way I'll be equipped to realize what challenges you have, what things you need and how I can best help you as the 24th president of this university," he said.

"People are what make this work and make us great. It's no one individual in a university that makes that happen. It's all of us collectively together. And the university needs to be the centerpiece, not the president."

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Simek also spoke and discussed the presidential search that culminated last week when the trustees elected DiPietro during the fall meeting.

"We really needed somebody who understands who we are — and that's exactly what the board of trustees did," Simek said. "He is perfect, I believe, for the future of the University of Tennessee."

Reflecting on his time as interim president, Simek thanked the UT Martin campus community for its support. He added that getting to know and work with the UT Martin campus community "has been really one of the very greatest parts of the experience that I've had. This is a terrific place. You do a wonderful job."

UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes welcomed DiPietro and his wife, Deb, and those attending the event, including Mrs. Tanner, who was accompanied by her husband, Congressman John Tanner, and Gallimore, who was accompanied by his wife, Nancy.

A reception was hosted for the new president following the program. (See related photo, Page 6.) DiPietro departed Martin for a stop at the UT Health Science Center in Memphis to end the first day of his two-day tour of campuses.

Technology symposium scheduled

Concurrent sessions dealing with technology on campus and in the classroom will be the focus of the University of Tennessee at Martin 2010 West Tennessee Technology Symposium from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday in Boling University Center.

There will also be a technology vendor showcase in Room 229 from 1-4 p.m.

Keynote speaker will be Lee Wetherington, director of strategic insight for ProfitStars. His speech, "The 5 Things You Need To Know," is about current technology.

The $40 early registration fee ends Sunday. Registration after Sunday will be $50. The fee includes lunch.

For more information or to register online, visit http://www.utm.edu/wtts/registration.php.

Army Capt. Kyle J. Maki has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal. The medal is awarded to the person who, while serving in any capacity with the Armed Forces of the United States, distinguishes himself or herself by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight.

Maki is an Apache helicopter pilot regularly assigned to the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C. The captain has served in the military for four years.

Maki graduated in 2002 from Kirby High School and received his bachelor's degree in 2006 from the University of Tennessee-Martin. He is the son of Anita Maki and Thomas J. Maki.
DiPietro visits UT Martin

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