**Schools welcome new educators and support staff for 2006-07 school year**

**SARAH HAMILTON**
Miss Hamilton makes her home in Martin, where she earned her degree in animal science from University of Tennessee at Martin. She is a graduate of Obion County Central High School and is teaching Environmental Science and Biology for Technology there.

She is engaged to Nick Frazier and will be married in October. She is a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church and enjoys attending sporting events. She has been employed at Reelfoot Animal Hospital and Pioneer International Hybrid and has been a substitute in the Obion County School System.

**RAY WILSON**
Ray Wilson is the new principal at OCCHS. He makes his home in Union City and has previously worked as assistant principal, coach and athletic director at UCHS. He enjoys hunting and fishing. Wilson is a graduate of Hickman County High School in Clinton, Ky., and has his master's degree from UTM. His undergraduate degree is from the former Memphis State University.

He is the father of adult children Brandi Jackson and Curt Wilson.

**KELLY NORTON**
Kelly Norton of Union City is a K-4 Title I teacher at Black Oak School. She is a graduate of Westview High School in Martin and UTM, where she earned a degree in elementary education. She has previously worked as a fitness instructor at the YMCA in Olive Branch, Miss. She is married to Brandon Norton and is the mother of Maddie, 5, and Mary Catherine, 2. She is a Southern Baptist.

**TOMMY YORK**
Tommy York lives in Union City and teaches freshman English at OCCHS, the school that is his alma mater. He is also a graduate of UTM, where he claims a bachelor of science degree in English at the secondary level.

He has been employed at Reelfoot Bank and enjoys travel, music and reading. He has been a volunteer for Hometown Walk of Hope and Chimes for Charity.

**JESSICA MOORE**
Jessica (Kirk) Moore of Rives is the librarian at Lake Road and Hillcrest schools. She is an OCCHS and UTM graduate and is married to Wesley Moore. She has previously been employed at the former Jill's Decorating in Union City and is a member of Union City J'Cettes.

**CHAUNCEY LANE**
Chauncey Lane teaches fifth grade math and science at South Fulton Elementary School. He is a graduate of Memphis' Northside High School and UTM and makes his home in Martin.

He is pianist and choir director for his church in Sharon and is a member of Tennessee Education Association.

He has previously worked as a dispatcher for UTM public safety and will be in his first year as an educator.

His mother, Natalie Lane, lives in Memphis.

**TINA HILL**
Tina Hill of South Fulton is a first grade teacher at Lake Road School. She is a graduate of SFHS and UTM, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

She has previously taught at SFES and in Sharon School and a school in Sikeston, Mo. She is married to Shane Hill and is the mother of Alex Gallien, Audri Ann Hill and Avery Hill. She attends Southside Baptist Church in Martin and enjoys reading, spending time with her children and attending ball games.
Zeta Tau Alpha members pose at UTM

Pictured, left to right, are Leslie Bailey, Shari Whitaker, Allison Hopper, Anna Massey and Kristen Collins, all of Jackson. They are members of Zeta Tau Alpha at the University of Tennessee Martin. Parents are Bill and Rita Bailey, Joe and Betty Whitaker, Mark and Kathy Hopper, Greg and Olga Massey and Travis and Karen Collins.

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Information: 731-881-7436.

Writers workshop for students offered

MARTIN, Tenn. — Workshops led by visiting poet Allison Joseph and university faculty are featured in the Young Writers Conference from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Hands-on sessions in writing poetry, fiction and personal essays are designed for students in grades 9-12.

The conference also includes a luncheon, a featured reading by Joseph and an open mic reading for students who wish to share their work. Throughout the day, students will have the opportunity to write, connect with other young writers and learn from outstanding writers and teachers of writing.

Joseph teaches at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

She is editor of the Crab Orchard Review, a national journal of creative works, and director of the Young Writers Workshop, a creative writing conference for high school-aged writers. Her books include "In Every Seam," "Imitation of Life" and "Worldly Pleasures."

Registration is free and open to outstanding students recommended by their teachers on the basis of academic achievement and artistic promise. Teachers are encouraged but are not required to attend with their students.

A brochure and registration forms are available online at www.utm.edu/ywc or by contacting the UTM Martin Department of English at 731-881-7300. Participants should register by Oct. 1.
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ALISON BROWN
Alison Brown of Union City brings a great deal of experience working with children and youth to her job in the alternative school and in-school suspension program at UCMS and UCHS. She is a UCHS graduate who attended Dyersburg State Community College and University of Tennessee at Martin and is the administrative assistant at Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Tennessee-Union City, where she was previously the education director.

She is married to Marshall Brown and is the mother of Marshall Brown Jr., 16; Mykeya Brown, 12; and Tyren Brown, 10.

JOANNA WISENER
Joanna Wisener of Rives is the senior English teacher at UCHS. She is also teaching the challenging Advanced Placement English class. Mrs. Wisener is the wife of Clark Wisener and the mother of Claire, who is 6 years old and a first-grader at UCES, and Leah, who is 3 years old.

She is a graduate of Obion County Central High School and UTM and has taught at Dresden High School and OCCHS before electing to spend time at home with her children. She is a member of Union City J’Cettes and is the owner of Kate-Elise Scrapbooks. Mrs. Wisener attends Union City First United Methodist Church.

ANGIE MORROW
Angie Morrow of Tiptonville is the new special education teacher at both UCMS and UCHS. She is a graduate of Lake County High School in Tiptonville and UTM, where she majored in visual arts and special education.

She is married to Shane Morrow and is the mother of Meagen, 12 years old, and Carson, 8 years old.

She has taught previously at Camden Junior High School and has been a volunteer at Reelfoot Lake State Park. She enjoys black and white photography.

DAWN TAYLOR
Dawn Taylor of Union City is a kindergarten teacher at UCES. She is a graduate of UCHS and UTM, where she earned a degree in Human Learning K-8. She is married to Chase Taylor and is the mother of Dylan, 5, and Raegan, 2.

She has taught third grade and kindergarten at Fulton City School System.

Mrs. Taylor enjoys fishing, swimming and reading.

Carroll County Students Receive Scholarships to Attend UT Martin

MARTIN, Tenn. - Five Carroll County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

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* Justin Johns, son of Brandon and Marsha Johns of Huntingdon, will be a freshman. He received the Clarence Hillman Moody Scholarship.

* Ethel Powell, of McMinnville, will be a sophomore. She received the Carroll County Farm Bureau Scholarship.

* Mary Woods, daughter of Max and Janet Bybee of Huntingdon, will be a senior. She received the Clarence Hillman Moody Scholarship.

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WTQHA Youth Scholarship Awarded to McKenzian

The West Tennessee Quarter Horse Association, WTQHA, is proud to announce their 2006 Youth Scholarship has been awarded to Elaine Haw, the daughter of Reggie and Phyllis Haw, a honor graduate of McKenzie High School. The scholarship selection is based on involvement in the WTQHA Youth organization, academic performance including GPA and SAT scores and leadership skills with preference given to majors in animal science or agriculture. Elaine is currently a freshman at UT Martin majoring in Ag-Business and Accounting and a member of their NCAA Women’s Equestrian Team. The next WTQHA event will be an American Quarter Horse Association approved show on Sept. 15-17 at the McWherter Ag Complex on the UT Campus in Martin. For more information about WTQHA activities, contact Pat Kress at (662)890-9902.

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FACULTY WOMEN'S CLUB TEA — The University of Tennessee at Martin Faculty Women's Club fall membership tea recently was hosted at the chancellor's residence by Chancellor Nick Dunagan and his wife, Cathy. Annually the Faculty Women's Club makes $100 donations to local groups. Penny Moser, club president, made the presentations to the recipients for this year. Those pictured include (front, from left) Betty Baker, We Care Ministries; Roberta Peacock, C.E. Weldon Public Library; Cathy Dunagan; (middle, from left) Lori Hendon, Exchange Club, Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse; April Hall, Outback Victim Assistance; Penny Moser; and (back, from left) Dr. John Schommer, Habitat for Humanity; and Dr. Tim Johnston, Brian Brown Memorial Greenway.

Students receive scholarships

A Weakley County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions. Kenra Caldwell, daughter of Kenny and Pam Caldwell of Sharon, will be a freshman. She received the First State Bank Scholarship.

Nine Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Ashley Byrd, daughter of Gary and Angie Byrd of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Martin Rotary/James Corbett Scholarship.

Amber Carson, daughter of Stephen and Kathy Carson of Sharon, will be a freshman. She received the First State Bank Dresden Scholarship and the Health and Human Performance Freshman Scholarship.

Bethany Hazlewood, daughter of Craig and Donna Hazlewood of Martin, will be a junior. She received the Fred and Marie Colvett Family and Consumer Sciences Scholarship.

Amy Hodge, daughter of Gary and Lynne Hall of Sharon, will be a junior. She received the West Tennessee Young Farmers and Homemakers Leadership Development Scholarship.

Tara Newsom, of Sharon, daughter of Larry and Judy Newsom, will be a senior. She received the Lucille McWherter Scholarship and the Jessa Coe Stanford Scholarship.

Shannon Renslow, daughter of Lisa and Jim Hathcoat of Sharon, will be a freshman. She received the Rehabilitation Corporation Scholarship.

Tommy Seratt, son of Tom and Sarae Seratt of Martin, will be a senior. He received the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative Scholarship.

Susan Teal, daughter of Mike and Donna Teal of Martin, will be a senior. She received the Stan Gault Scholarship.

Stephanie Woods, of Martin, daughter of Billy and Peggy Pulley of Halls, will be a senior. She received the Rehabilitation Corporation Scholarship.
AAUW announces 2006-07 programs

The Martin branch of the American Association of University Women will be holding monthly meetings beginning in September and continuing through May 2007. The mission of the AAUW is to promote education and equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

All meetings begin at 6 p.m., except where noted. Attendees usually share the cost of a simple supper (approximately $5 per person). Students eat for free. Reservations can be made by contacting Dr. Sue Byrd at sbyrd@utm.edu or 881-7103 or Dr. Cherry Watts at cwatts@utm.edu.

The following is a list of the meetings:

Sept. 14 (potluck meal), location, C.E. Weldon Library; contact, Sue Byrd; hostess, Roberta Peacock.

Oct. 12, “Women in Sports”; speakers will include UTM female athletes and coaches; location, C.E. Weldon Library; contact, Sandra Baker; hostess, Georgia Baskett.

Nov. 9, International Women’s Panel; speakers will include international students and faculty; location, C.E. Weldon Library; contact, Sandra Baker; hostess, Jennifer Levy.

Dec. 8 (7 p.m.), Holiday Social Event; location, The White House, Troy.

Jan. 18 “Out with the Old, In with the New — Resolutions for 2007,” speaker, Lisa Smartt; location, C.E. Weldon Library; contact, Sue Byrd; hostess, Roberta Peacock.


March 8, “Women’s Self-Defense”; speaker, Teresa Van Cleave; location, to be announced; contact, Jennifer Levy; hostess, Maurine Hickman.

April 12, “Girl Scouts: What’s New?”, speaker, Reelfoot Council regional director; location, C.E. Weldon Library; contact, Jennifer Levy; hostess, Sandra Baker.

May 3 (noon), planning meeting for next year (2007-08); location, a nearby restaurant.

Local students get scholarships to UT Martin

MARTIN, Tenn. — Nine Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

-Branden Garcia, of Milan, son of Fred Garcia and Michelle Steele, will be a senior. He received the Tennessee Road Builders Association Scholarship and the UT Martin Gooch Transfer Scholarship.

-Ethan Vasquez, son of Mark and Kelly Vasquez of Humboldt, will be a freshman. He received the T.O. Lashlee Scholarship.

-April Braker, of Milan, daughter of Buck and Charlene Tanner of Union City, will be a junior. She received the Jean Altfeld Cohen and Shirley Altfeld Solomon Scholarship.

-Sarah Thomas and James Thomas of Humboldt, will be a senior. She received an Honor’s Music Award, Scholarship Assistance Award, and a Band Scholarship.

-Dusty Hopper, son of Robert and Jackie Hopper of Milan, will be a freshman. He received the Martha and Andy Holt Scholarship.

-Dylan Joyce, son of Kenny and Phyllis Joyce of Dyer, will be a freshman. He received the David Summers Memorial Scholarship.

-Jessica Mangrum, daughter of Teresa Hatcher and Jerry Mangrum, of Milan, will be a freshman. She received the Martha and Andy Holt Scholarship.

-Latasha Thomas, daughter of Lynsey Charlton, daughter of Dwayne and Barbara Charlton of Milan, will be a sophomore. She received the Golightly Foundation Scholarship.

-Dusty Hopper, son of Robert and Jackie Hopper of Milan, will be a freshman. He received the Martha and Andy Holt Scholarship.

-Dylan Joyce, son of Kenny and Phyllis Joyce of Dyer, will be a freshman. He received the David Summers Memorial Scholarship.

-Jessica Mangrum, daughter of Teresa Hatcher and Jerry Mangrum, Jr., both of Milan, will be a freshman. She received the Martha and Andy Holt Scholarship.

-Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, Tenn. 38238. In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
UTM band festival draws local bands

Area high school bands are continuing to register to participate in the fifth annual University of Tennessee at Martin Marching Band Invitational, Sept. 9. Deadline is Sept. 1.

The competition will begin at 4 p.m. and culminate with an exhibition performance by the UT Martin Marching Band and an awards ceremony at 9 p.m.

Each year, this event draws more than 750 high school students along with more than 500 spectators to Graham Stadium to enjoy the best of West Tennessee marching bands. Judges for this year’s competition are all seasoned judges on the Drum Corp International circuit. Tickets are $8 per person and may be purchased at the gate.

Participating schools include the following: Brighton High School, Halls High School, Southaven High School (Miss.), Union City High School, Peabody High School (Trenton), Dyersburg High School, Evangelical Christian School (Memphis), Covington High School, Gibson County High School, Riverside High School (Decaturville), Dickson County High School, McNairy Central High School, Crockett County High School, Camden High School and Huntingdon High School.

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Front ensemble

Peabody Band of Gold lieutenant Lauren Newell plays one of several musical instruments in the band’s front ensemble. Newell is one of 21 seniors providing leadership for this year’s band.

Norman plays trumpet

Evan Norman plays the trumpet part to the Peabody Band of Gold’s field show and contest theme “Love and War.” The band is preparing for its first contest, the Skyhawk Invitational, scheduled for September 9 at The University of Tennessee at Martin.
Weakley County students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

Ten Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

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Bowls remnants of sassafras tree damaged by Hurricane Katrina

Dr. Bill Ahlschwede, University of Tennessee at Martin instructor of English, explains the grain pattern in a sassafras bowl to Tom Johnson, international programs instructor. The bowl is one of a group Ahlschwede turned from parts of the UT Martin campus sassafras trees damaged by Hurricane Katrina a year ago. The tree was removed. Observers saw the shape of the tree in the grain pattern shown.

Brian E. Payne, Atlanta Peace Corps Recruiting Office recruitment manager, will be a guest speaker, September 14, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The presentation, “Peace Corps: Promoting Peace and Understanding,” will be from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Norman Campbell Lecture Hall in the Andy Holt Humanities Building. It is organized by the UT Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education and is free and open to the public.

Payne is responsible for coordinating and managing all recruitment activities within six states and two United States territories. Prior to assuming the recruitment manager position in June 2005, Payne served in various capacities within the Peace Corps.

A native of Thomasville, North Carolina, he attended High Point University in High Point, North Carolina, and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in physical education.

He completed a master’s degree at Howard University School of Divinity. While at High Point, Payne became a five-time track and field All-American and received an invitation to compete in the 1991 Olympic Track and Field Trials.

After graduating from High Point University, he worked for the YMCA of Thomasville as a youth fitness director, with an array of responsibilities ranging from teen health fitness to adult fitness. After one year, he entered the Peace Corps. He was assigned to the island of Antigua in the Eastern Caribbean to serve as a health and physical education curriculum specialist volunteer in July 1994. In Antigua, Payne was responsible for developing and implementing a physical education curriculum. He also worked as a Peace Corps trainer for incoming trainees, host country teachers, and host government community leaders.

In August 1996, Payne was hired for the position of program director for Carl Chavis YMCA in High Point. Under his leadership, the YMCA was active in community health and education outreach, youth and adult sports and fitness, child daycare and after school programs for at-risk populations.

He now resides in Decatur, Georgia, with his son, and he is working to complete his first book that will detail his life experience.

This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs, Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science, and Department of History and Philosophy/International Studies. For more information, contact the Center for Global Studies and International Education at 731-881-1023, or visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/globalstudies/utmspeakers.php.
Young Writers’ Clubhouse series to be held at UT Martin

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The afternoon session invites students to write creatively about whatever topics they choose. Students will share some of their writing during Read Aloud.

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Dyer County students receive UTM scholarships

Eight Dyer County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Justin Golden, the son of Randy and Pam Golden of Dyersburg, will be a junior. He received the Hughes Clardy Scholarship.

Kendra Hanlon, the daughter of Richard and Joyce Hanlon of Dyersburg, will be a senior. She received the White and Associates Scholarship and the Faculty Women’s Club Scholarship.

Adam McCall, the son of Charles and Willa McCall of Trimble, will be a sophomore. He received the Matt Barnes Scholarship.

Matthew Myers, the son of Mike and Linda Myers of Newbern, will be a junior. He received the Forcum-Lannom Contractors/Dor Pennington Scholarship and the Brayton Foundation Scholarship.

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Child and Family Services Grant Program hosts Back to School Staff Meeting

The Child and Family Services Grant Program has been awarded five grants to promote the highest standards for quality of life to children, family and community by offering education, training and support. The program is housed at the University of Tennessee at Martin and comprised of the Child Care Resource and Referral Center, Project REEL, Healthy Start Program, Infant Stimulation Program and Tennessee's Early Intervention System. UT Martin staff and students involved in the program recently held their “back to school” joint staff meeting. Pictured (front row, from left) are: Judy Davis, Julie Black, Amelia Coleman, Vickie Pruett, Sharon Wenz, Lalania Adkins, Renee Smith, Serena Blanton, Bonnette Palmer; (second row, from left): Sherree Sinclair, Jena Johnson, Kay Gallimore, Wanda Hall, Diana Luther, Anita Milbrath, Beverly Bryant, Wendy Freeman; (third row, from left): Debbie Walden, Vicki Olds, Dana Meyer, Jerri Donaldson, Jennifer Crouch; (back row, from left): Sharye Hendrix, Carrie Crouse, Chris C. Campbell, Jessica Pryor, Lisa Scarbrough, Sarah Sullivan, Lori Wilson, Sarah Harrison, Briana Jimenez, Rene Bard, and Heather Westphall.

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Endowment honors professors

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International students graduate from UTM

Sixteen international students were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent summer commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:
- Japan — Kazuma Itonaga;
- South Korea — Won Joon Lee, Min Ho Park, Tae Yoon Shim;
- Taiwan — Chung-Chun Ho, Li-Wei Kan;
- Turkey — Emre Serbest;
- United Kingdom — Daniel McGuire.

Among students receiving graduate degrees were:
- China — Song Lu;
- Congo — Housmane Sow;
- Japan — Azusa Mekaru;
- Taiwan — Ming-Yee Huang, Hee Gyu Oh, Tsui-Ling Wu, Yichun Yeh;
- Turkey — Devrim Hasanefendigilu.

Andrea Loughry, University of Tennessee Board of Trustees vice chair, was the keynote speaker, and Dr. John D. Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee, attended the ceremony and congratulated the graduates. Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, presided and conferred degrees.

UTM students graduate

Eighteen Weakley County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent summer commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:
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- Greenfield — Courtney Ann Bolton;
- Martin — Emily Nicole Anderson, Adrienne Renee Brent, Misty Leeshay Davidson, Kathleen Lynn Kempton, Lindsay Brooke Keen, Dianna Faye McMinn, Richard Shawn Nannen, Matthew Beck Ramsey, Julie Lynn Vantrease, Jenna Brooke Wade;
- Palmersville — Jeremy E. Donoho.

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The list for classes scheduled for this fall semester includes:

- Medical Spanish Part II
- Calligraphy
- Quilt 101: A Basic Beginner's Class
- "Bring Your Own Shirt" One Stroke Painting Class
- One Stroke Christmas Ornaments
- One Stroke Reverse Painted Snowman Plate
- ACT Help!
- Young Writers' Clubhouse — A series of writing experiences for third through eighth graders
- Medical Spanish Class for Medical Professionals
- Spanish for Everyone
- Private Beginning Horsemanship
- Ballroom Dance I
- Ballroom Dance II
- Yoga — All levels

For more information on registration or class details, contact the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at 731-881-7082 or 1-800-482-5199.
Former FBI director Freeh slated to speak at UT Martin

Louis Freeh, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1993-2001, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 18 in the Elam Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

After years of public service, Freeh was hailed as “a law enforcement legend” upon his appointment by President Bill Clinton, while New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani called him “the singularly best-suited person in America to run the FBI.”

Freeh’s presentation, “National Security and Civil Liberty: Pros and Cons,” is part of the Academic Speaker Series and sponsored by the UT Martin Honors Programs, First-Year Initiative, Office of Student Affairs, Student Activities Council and the American Democracy Project.

“As we pass the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks upon New York and Washington, we are locked in a national discussion over the issue of balancing our national security with our desire for protection of our civil liberties,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, honors programs director. “No one is better suited than Louis Freeh, longtime federal prosecutor and director of the FBI, to place these issues into focus and help us to understand how our nation can remain secure against attack while defending the rights and liberties of our citizens.”

After graduating from Rutgers Law School in 1974, Freeh joined the FBI as a special agent in the New York City field office. After six years with the FBI, Freeh joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York in 1981, becoming chief of the Organized Crime Unit and Associate United States Attorney. In these positions, he assumed the lead role in the investigation and prosecution of the New York Mafia, including his service as lead prosecutor in the famous “Pizza Connection” case, the largest and most com-

U.S. District Court judge for the Southern District of New York, serving in this position until his appointment as director of the FBI in 1993.

In his eight years as director, Freeh grappled with the question of law enforcement in a rapidly-changing world. With the rise of terrorism, both foreign and domestic, Freeh modernized and internationalized the bureau, doubling the number of FBI branches around the world, increasing focus upon counterterrorism and cybercrime, while expanding and enhancing the use of DNA technology and state-of-the-art electronic surveillance.

Since leaving the FBI, Freeh served as vice chairman of MBNA America Bank from September 2001 to January 2006, as well as served as general counsel for the bank and MBNA Corp., corporate secretary and ethics officer. In 2005, he published the bestselling book “My FBI: Bringing Down the Mafia, Investigating Bill Clinton and Fighting the War on Terror.”

Four local students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The recipients include:
• April Brake of Milan, daughter of Buck and Charlene Tanner of Union City, who will be a junior. She received the Mary Pellock Tucker Scholarship.
• Bradley Bugg, son of Alan and Nancy Bugg of Union City, who will be a sophomore. He received the University Scholars Award and the Culley Pre-Dental Scholarship.
• Matthew Clark, son of Jack and Ruth Ann Clark of Union City, who will be a senior. He received the Culley Pre-Dental Scholarship.
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DON’T RAIN ON MY PARADE — Though dark clouds and rain drops threatened to put a damper on the Tuesday night Soybean Festival events, the sun showed up at the last minute, making the annual parade a huge hit for hundreds of citizens lining the streets in anticipation. Among the variety of floats, bands and people taking part in the parade was Captain Skyhawk and an abundance of University of Tennessee at Martin athletes.
University's new faculty members introduced at annual fall session

Forty-one lecturers, instructors, assistant professors and associate professors have been appointed to the faculty at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the fall semester.

In addition to those who are joining the faculty, there are a number of others who have assumed new responsibilities.

Speaking at the annual fall faculty meeting recently, Dr. Thomas A. Rakes, UT Martin provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, cited quality programs and higher standards as hallmarks of the UT Martin campus.

"It just keeps getting better," said Rakes, who encouraged those in attendance to expect a continued "focus on quality instruction with consideration for the perspectives of others" as the new year begins.

Rakes noted the importance of a connection between the university and its students.

"But we also have to be connected to parents, the community and other stakeholders," he said. "Providing 'value-added service' is what makes this campus different. This will be an exciting year."

Among the University of Tennessee at Martin faculty members recognized at the recent meeting were Dr. Mira Ahn, assistant professor of interior design; Dr. Pamela S. Anderson, assistant professor of health and human performance; Diane L. Austin, assistant professor of nursing; Dr. Ervin Briones, assistant professor of psychology; John P. Bush, lecturer of mathematics; Dr. David Carithers, assistant professor of English; Dr. Eugene D. Carstea, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Christopher K. Coffman, assistant professor of English; Bradley G. Coker, instructor of music; Jennifer Hill Cook, lecturer of education; Dr. Becky J. Cox, assistant professor of education; Dr. Betty A. Cox, assistant professor of education and supervision; and Charyl A. Craddock, lecturer of mathematics.

Other faculty members recognized included Dr. Richard D. Dodgson, assistant professor of history; Brian W. Donavant, assistant professor of criminal justice; Dr. Stan P. Dunagan, assistant professor of geology; Gordon E. Elliott, lecturer of social work; Dr. C. Bryan Foltz, assistant professor of information systems; Dr. Jennifer L. Greenwood, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Charles Hammond, assistant professor of German; A. Melanie Hollis, lecturer of theatre; Dr. Nathan D. Howard, assistant professor of history; Dr. Arthur W. Hunt III, assistant professor of communications; Dr. Nola S. Jones, assistant professor of music and director of bands; Dr. Michael J. Kempf, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Ashley J. Kilburn, assistant professor of marketing; Dr. Linghong Li, assistant professor of physics; Linda W. Luther, faculty associate, department of nursing; and Dr. Elizabeth A. McClellan, assistant professor of geology.

Completing the list of those recognized at the University of Tennessee at Martin were Dr. Sandra S. Murray, assistant professor of education administration and supervision; R. Shawn Nanney, lecturer of political science; Sandy G. Orr, assistant professor of library science; Dr. Elizabeth A. Powell, assistant professor of English; Dr. Jeffery M. Ray, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Timothy A. Russell, assistant professor of political science; L. Jeffrey Seaton, instructor of management; Michael W. Spaulding, lecturer of instructional technology; Jason T. Stout, assistant professor of art; Dr. Kathleen M. Vandenberg, assistant professor of English; Dr. Brian C. Wagner, assistant professor of mathematics; and Dr. David M. Williams, lecturer of English.
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Visiting poet Allison Joseph lives, writes and teaches in Carbondale, Ill., where she is on the faculty of Southern Illinois University. She serves as editor of “Crab Orchard Review,” a national journal of creative works, and director of the Young Writers Workshop, a creative writing conference for high school-aged writers. Her books include “In Every Seam,” “Imitation of Life” and “Worlly Pleasures.”

Conference registration, including the luncheon is free and open to outstanding students recommended by their teachers on the basis of academic achievement and artistic promise. Teachers are encouraged, but are not required, to attend with their students. A brochure and registration forms are available online by visiting http://www.utm.edu/ywc or by contacting the UT Martin Department of English at 881-7300. Participants should register by Oct. 1.

Peace Corps recruitment manager to speak at UTM

Brian E. Payne, Atlanta Peace Corps Recruiting Office recruitment manager, will be a guest speaker, Sept. 14, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The presentation, “Peace Corps: Promoting Peace and Understanding,” will be from 4-5 p.m., in the Norman Campbell Lecture Hall in the Andy Holt Humanities Building. It is organized by the UT Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education and is free and open to the public.

Payne is responsible for coordinating and managing all recruitment activities within six states and two United States territories. Prior to assuming the recruitment manager position in June 2005, Payne served in various capacities within Peace Corps.

A native of Thomasville, N.C., he attended High Point University in High Point, N.C., and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in physical education. He completed a master’s degree at Howard University School of Divinity. While at High Point, Payne became a five-time track and field All-American and received an invitation to compete in the 1991 Olympic Track and Field Trials.

After graduating from High Point University, he worked for the YMCA of Thomasville as a youth fitness director, with an array of responsibilities ranging from teen health fitness to adult fitness. After one year, he entered the Peace Corps. He was assigned to the island of Antigua in the Eastern Caribbean to serve as a health and physical education curriculum specialist volunteer in July 1994. In Antigua, Payne was responsible for developing and implementing a physical education curriculum. He also worked as a Peace Corps trainer for incoming trainees, host country teachers and host government community leaders.

In August 1996, Payne was hired for the position of program director for Carl Chavis YMCA in High Point. Under his leadership, the YMCA was active in community health and education outreach, youth and adult sports and fitness, child daycare and afterschool programs for at-risk populations.

He now resides in Decatur, Ga., with his son, and he is working to complete his first book that will detail his life experience.

This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs, Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science and Department of History and Philosophy/International Studies. For more information, contact the Center for Global Studies and International Education at 881-1023, or visit http://www.utm.edu/departments/globalstudies/intlspeakers.php.
UT Martin ECCE courses tap many interests

Whether it’s improving computer skills for work or personal use or learning the art of quilting, the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) offers a slate of classes throughout the year aimed at appealing to a variety of interests.

To register for any of the non-credit courses, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.

“Beginning Excel” will be offered from 9 a.m.-noon Sept. 26 and 28, with Shannon Burgin, director of Information Technology Services, as the instructor.

The fee is $110. Participants in the class will learn to build useful spreadsheets using easy-to-use techniques. Also included as class topics will be functions, managing files, moving and copying and formatting. Students will learn how to use sample worksheets, multiple worksheets, easy-to-do graphs and drawing tools for special emphasis.

“Quilt 101: A Beginner’s Class” is planned from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays from Sept. 9-30, with Rhonda King as instructor. The fee is $165. This is a basic class about quilting not recommended for anyone above a beginner level. In this class, students will explore the basics of quilting, including but not limited to, color and fabric selection, cutting and piecing techniques and basic sewing machine usage. This knowledge will be put to use to complete a “Log Cabin” quilt top.

Students should take the following items to class: A sewing machine, thread and scissors. At the second class meeting, students will need a rotary cutter and mat, quilt ruler and 100 percent cotton fabric.

“Yoga — All Levels” will be taught by Ken Zimmerman, nationally-certified yoga instructor, from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays from Sept. 12-Oct. 10 plus Wednesday, Oct. 18.

The cost is $55. This course is designed to fit students’ needs whether or not they have previously studied yoga. Zimmerman will guide students through the ancient practice at a level tailored to serve each individual. Yoga can aid strength, endurance and flexibility, as well as increase energy. Many people find that a yoga practice can improve their concentration and at the same time help them deal more effectively with stress.

Yoga classes are done with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal) and in bare feet. Clothing should allow freedom of movement (shorts or tights).

Clubhouse series planned for young writers

The first workshop in the Saturday Young Writers’ Clubhouse series for third- through eighth-grade students, offered by the West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will be Sept. 30.

The Clubhouse meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Gooch Hall on the UT Martin campus.

Each Saturday will engage students in creative writing activities and reading events. Youth will be grouped by grade and each age group will have its own room. Some of the morning activities include writing to music, writing about space and art, and writing plays. Brittian Sutherland, Deborah Moss, Blair Chadwick, Nancy Crider, Annette Ferguson and Ani Neihoft are the WTP teachers who will lead the sessions.

The afternoon session invites students to write creatively about whatever topics they choose. Students also will share some of their writing during Read Aloud.

Each student should bring a sack lunch and a drink. Pizza will be available for $1 per slice and drink machines are located in the lobby of Gooch Hall. Children may bring snacks for their morning break.

Registration deadlines for the workshop series are: Sept. 30, Sept. 27 deadline; Dec. 9, Dec. 2 deadline; Feb. 10, Feb. 3 deadline; and April 21, April 14 deadline.

Each session is $30, which includes a writing notebook and pen.

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• Record enrollment growth. Dunagan has led the university during a period of record enrollment growth. UT Martin has achieved six consecutive semesters of record enrollments.

• The West Tennessee Higher Education Consortium. The organization concentrates on higher education initiatives in the state and serves as a catalyst for institutional change.

The presidents meet and discuss common issues, concerns and opportunities with the ultimate goal of expanding higher-education opportunities in the region.

• Student housing transformation. Dunagan’s long association with enrollment management and his familiarity with student needs focused his efforts to transform UT Martin student housing.

In the fall of 2005, University Village opened bringing apartment-style living to undergraduate students on campus. Phase II of University Village will open in fall 2008.

• The Student Success Center. Beginning its third year, the university’s Student Success Center is enhancing campus student-retention efforts by offering many student-support services.

• The Center for Global Studies and International Education. Dunagan is a believer in the internationalization of the undergraduate curriculum and this newly-created center is evidence of his vision for providing this educational experience. The center brings all aspects of the university’s international education efforts under one area and fosters travel-study opportunities never before available to UT Martin students.

• The Higher Education Summit. At the height of the state’s 2002 budget crisis, Dunagan united with other college presidents to tell higher education’s story and to stress the need for adequate funding.

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Campus Happenings

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"The Shadows Whisper" follows Colin as he reunites with his love from a former life," Outten noted.

A book signing and reading is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 12 at the UT Martin bookstore. Refreshments will be provided.

Outten, of Union City, stated, "I'm addicted to good stories. I have a fascination with quality love stories and suspense novels; I also love classic literature. One night I decided I wanted to tell an original love story that incorporated many of the elements from my literature courses, a tale that was unlike anything I had ever read."

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WBIR-TV: UT Homecoming creates conflict between one faith and football
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Atlanta Peace Corps manager slated to speak at UT Martin

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The event is free of charge and open to the public.

Payne is responsible for coordinating and managing all recruitment activities within six states and two United States territories. Prior to assuming the recruitment manager position in June 2005, he served in various capacities within the Peace Corps.

A native of Thomasville, N.C., he attended High Point University in High Point, N.C., and graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education. He completed a master's degree at Howard University's School of Divinity. While at High Point, Payne became a five-time track and field All-American and received an invitation to compete in the 1991 Olympic Track and Field Trials.

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In August 1996, Payne was hired for the position of program director for Carl Chavis YMCA in High Point. Under his leadership, the YMCA was active in community health and education outreach, youth and adult sports and fitness, child daycare and afterschool programs for at-risk populations.

He now resides in Decatur, Ga., with his son and he is working to complete his first book that will detail his life experience.

This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs, Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science and Department of History and Philosophy/International Studies.

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Devon Galey, daughter of Donna Galey of Greenfield, will be a freshman. She received the Weakley County student receives scholarship to attend UT Martin.

First State Bank Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
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One week after the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, UT Martin students and West Tennesseans will be able to hear a former FBI director share his thoughts on national security issues.

Louis Freeh, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1993 to 2001, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 18 in the Elm Center at the University of Tennessee Martin. His presentation, "National Security and Civil Liberty: Pros and Cons," is the first address in this year’s Academic Speaker Series.

"As we pass the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks upon New York and Washington, we are locked in a national discussion over the issue of balancing our national security with our desire for protection of our civil liberties," Dan McDonough, honors program director, said in a news release. "No one is better suited than Louis Freeh, longtime federal prosecutor and director of the FBI, to place these issues into focus and help us to understand how our nation can remain secure against attack while defending the rights and liberties of our citizens."

Freeh joined the FBI as a special agent in the New York City field office after graduating from Rutgers Law School in 1974, according to a UT Martin news release. He joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York in 1981, rising to lead its organized crime unit and to the rank of Associate United States Attorney.

Freeh was lead prosecutor in the "Pizza Connection" case, at that time the largest and most complex investigation undertaken by the federal government, according to the news release. He received the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service in 1987 and 1991.

In 1991, Freeh was appointed U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York, where he served until President Clinton appointed him director of the FBI in 1993.

Freeh’s term as FBI director saw him double the number of FBI branches around the world, increase focus on counterintelligence and cybercrime, expand and enhance the use of DNA testing and electronic surveillance, according to the news release.

Controversies also arose during Freeh’s tenure, surrounding an investigation into the bureau’s handling of the Branch Davidian siege in Waco, Texas, shortly before Freeh’s arrival at the bureau and the 1996 Olympic Park bombing case. He resigned in 2001, amid criticism and calls for stronger leadership after the arrest of 27-year FBI veteran Robert Hanssen on charges of spying for the Soviet Union and Russia since 1985, according to news reports cited in Freeh’s entry at online encyclopedia Wikipedia.

JSCC, UT Martin partner to benefit agriculture and natural resources students

The University of Tennessee at Martin is joining with Jackson State Community College to support the agricultural industry by providing a steady stream of graduates.

Beginning this fall, the two schools will partner to provide courses for an associate degree in agriculture at Jackson State. The initiative was announced at a press conference recently at Jackson State attended by JSCC, UT Martin, state and local officials. The arrangement will provide a full range of agriculture courses leading to the associate degree which will transfer seamlessly to UT Martin for the completion of a bachelor’s degree.

Because of low enrollment in its agriculture classes, Jackson State was considering phasing out the major. Loss of the program would have meant no community college agricultural education would have been offered in West Tennessee.

"We recognize the importance of agriculture to our region and we didn’t want to phase out the program," said Dr. Bruce Blanding, president of Jackson State Community College. "When UT Martin agreed to a new partnership, we realized we could continue the long-standing tradition of agriculture education in West Tennessee. We are excited to partner with UT Martin for the benefit of our students and the West Tennessee community."

Through this unique partnership, the required classes for an associate degree will be taught in Jackson by faculty from both institutions. Jackson State has hired new assistant professor, Sara Youngerman, a UT Martin alumna, who will be joined by professors in agriculture and natural resources from UT Martin.

"It is always a pleasure to partner with Jackson State," said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. "Both institutions win and most importantly, the students of West Tennessee win."

"UT Martin’s agriculture and natural resource management program is recognized as one of the best in the multi-state region, and we are excited about teaming with JSCC to create more opportunities for students who want to pursue this career path," said Dunagan.

"One of the new areas of emphasis for the University of Tennessee is creating greater access to higher education. This initiative is a step in the right direction of providing greater access."

UT Martin will benefit in the partnership by nurturing a constant flow of JSCC students with an associate degree in agriculture, who want to complete a four-year degree in West Tennessee.

"West Tennessee represents an important farm production and agribusiness center of the state, and it holds promise for new areas of agriculture like farm-based fuels. Governor Bredesen is a strong believer in the value of agricultural education and this is another important step as we strive to educate and train our young men and women for today’s ever-changing agricultural industry," said Ken Givens, Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture and UT Board of Trustees and state Board of Regents member.

"We did not want to see an agriculture program in West Tennessee be curtailed or dropped," added Dr. Jerry Gresham, UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources chair. "It’s just the right thing to do for the potential agricultural students in this region. There will be a place in Jackson where they can go to earn an associate degree. Those who want to continue will have the first two years of a bachelor’s degree in an agricultural-related field completed when they enroll at UT Martin."

Jackson State Community College also provides remedial and developmental services that help students be successful as they transition to college life from high school or the work force.

"The partnership is helping Jackson State and UT Martin, but also helping the agricultural industry as a whole thrive," said Gresham.

For more information on agriculture at JSCC at (731) 424-3520 or at UT Martin at (731) 881-7260.
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"The Shadows Whisper" follows Colin as he reunites with his love from a former life," said Outten.

"When I write, I'm being told the story for the first time," said Outten, of Union City. Writing a good story is like watching a movie - the events unfold, the characters develop, and by the end, you've experienced something beautiful.

"I'm addicted to good stories. I have a fascination with quality love stories and suspense novels; I also love classic literature. One night I decided I wanted to tell an original love story that incorporated many of the elements from my literature courses, a tale that was unlike anything I had ever read," said Outten.

When asked to whom he thought this story will appeal the most, Outten said, "Since this novel is a love story at heart, anyone who likes "The Notebook," or "Moulin Rouge" will enjoy it. It also incorporated suspense and intrigue, so if you're a fan of mystery, this novel also has something to offer...If you love applying academic principles to everyday life, "The Shadows Whisper" has something to offer you as well."
Wide variety of non-degree classes offered to the public

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering a variety of non-degree classes that begin in October.

Advance registration is required for all courses. To register for a non-degree class, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082. Payment for the courses may be made by credit/debit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover) or check.

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The registration fee for the class is $65.

Private, beginning horsemanship English/Western riding lessons will be offered by Meghan Cunningham (hunt) and Kristen McDonald (western), coaches of the UT Martin Women's Equestrian team. Individual lessons will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship and include handling, grooming, equipment and riding English/Western. The relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being also will be discussed.

Participants must provide long pants and boots with heel. Riding helmets will be required and are provided. No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least 7 years of age to participate.

To schedule a lesson(s), contact Coach Cunningham at 731-881-7273 or Coach McDonald at 731-881-7261.

The cost of each hour lesson is $35, and participants will have a half-hour riding time.

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The cost for the class is $55, and the instructor will be Ron Ramage.

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The fee for the class is $50, and the instructor will be Shannon Burgin, UT Martin director of information technology services.

A "bring your own shirt" one-stroke painting class will be held from 9:30-11:50 a.m. on October 7. Participants will be allowed to pick the shirt they want to paint. The shirt can be a sweatshirt, T-shirt or button-up. It can be light-colored or white and 100 percent cotton or cotton blend. Shirts need to be washed and dried without fabric softener prior to class. Students will paint a poinsettia and embellish it with dimensional paint and sparkles.

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The workshop is presented in cooperation with the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center, Dyersburg State Community College/Tennessee Small Business Center, Truckers' University and the I.C.E. (In-Cab Education) Programs.

Now about that 2x4: Brady urges all owner/operator to manage their trucks just like a small business - using the two-letter word "no" and the four-letter word "plan" to help their businesses deliver profits as well as products.

During the workshop, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., truckers will have the chance to learn from Brady in person. They've been listening to him on Sirius 'Road Dog' Radio's "Open Road Café" for more than three years, as Stream 147's Trucking Business Advisor. And, they've read his column in the industry's top magazines: American Trucking, driversmag.com, Directions, Land Line Magazine and others.

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For more information, call 800-292-8072 or e-mail Brady via his textbook publisher: tbrady@writeuptheroad.com.

Faculty Women's Club makes donations

The University of Tennessee at Martin Faculty Women's Club fall membership tea recently was hosted at the chancellor's resident by Chancellor Nick Dunagan and his wife, Cathy. Annualy the Faculty Women's Club makes $100 donations to local groups. Penny Moser, Club President, made the presentations to the recipients for this year. Those pictured include (left to right, front row): Betty Baker, We Care Ministries; Roberta Peacock, C.E. Weldon Public Library; Cathy Dunagan; (middle row): Lori Hendon, Exchange Club, Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse; April Hall, Outback Victim Assistance; Penny Moser; (back row): Dr. John Schommer, Habitat for Humanity; and Dr. Tim Johnston, Brian Brown Memorial Greenway.
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Couple adjusting to life in the ‘four lane’

Family, friends help
with chores that come
with quadruplets

By Chad Coffman
Staff Writer

If eight is enough, then
Chuck and Ann Rice of
Franklin, Tenn. are already
halfway there.

The couple, who are Fu-
ton natives, were in town
over the Labor Day weekend
visiting family with their 11-month-old
quadruplets in tow.

Born Oct. 17, 2005 at
Vanderbilt Medical Center
in Nashville, Tenn. follow-
ing a tough pregnancy, the
first Rice child out of the
womb was Charles Shep-
herd “Shep,” weighing in at
one pound, 11 ounces, and
was the “heavyweight” of
the four, so to speak. Next
to reveal herself was Eliza-
beth Grace, one pound, nine
ounces, followed by Laura
Frances at one pound, eight
ounces, and last and unfor-
unately least was Mary
Carter, weighing in at a
era one pound, two
ounces.

The children, who were
born 26 weeks premature
by emergency cesarean sec-
tion were attended by
approximately 25-30 doc-
tors and nurses, each spe-
cializing in high-risk ma-
ternal fetal medicine and
severe premature births.

According to the mother,
each child had his or her
own team of specialists
during the risky procedure.

Each child then experi-
enced long stays in Van-
debilt’s Neonatal Intensive
Care Unit (ICU) before
being transferred to Van-
debilt’s Children’s Hospi-
tal, where Shep and Eliza-
beth each stayed for three
months, with Laura
Frances spending four
months, while Mary Carter,
who suffered with extensive
lung issues – common in
premature births, -
remained for five
months before finally being
released. Housed together
in the same hospital room
during their stay in ICU,
the quad’s doctors and nurs-
es aptly designated it “The
Rice Bowl.”

“There was a lot of touch-
and-go during that time,”
said Ann.

She added the children
were kept in intensive care
while attempting to gain
weight, eat and breath on
their own, often having to
be intubated.

When all four finally

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Proud parents Ann and Chuck Rice hold their 11-month-old quadruplets. The children are, from left: Laura Frances, Mary Carter, Elizabeth Grace, and Charles Shepherd. (Photo by Chad Coffman)

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were able to return home, they
were all required to
wear apnea monitors in
order to keep constant
check on each child’s
breathing and heart rate.

Ann, who is the daughter
of Brenda Nanney of Fu-
ton, and John Shepherd of
Nashville, was assisted
throughout the pregnancy
and eventual births by her
mother, who basically
moved in with the new
parents, assisting in every
aspect with which a situa-
tion of such overwhelming
magnitude would require.

“It was really over-
whelming having to have
four of everything,” said
Nanney. “When we first
came home, each child was
on a different mixture of
baby formula and breast
milk, and all were on oxy-
gen. Ann also breast fed
the quadruplets for the first
eight months on doctor’s
advice.”

Nanney, who was affection-
ately designated laun-
dry attendant, said in order
to do the excessive amounts
of laundry, the family had to
purchase a super-duper
washer and dryer. Nanney
added even bath time has
turned into an assembly
line.

Space was also an issue
upon the newborn’s return.

Chuck, who is the son of
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Rice of
South Fulton, was assisted
by a former employer in
completing an upstairs
addition to the couple’s
home, with plans of one
day making it a room for
the girls. At first, all four slept
in the same crib in the par-
et’s bedroom, but have
since begun sharing two
cribs in the same room in
the downstairs portion of
the home.

Day-to-day life has slow-
y become more routine,
despite the tremendous
responsibility of raising
four infants.

“In the very beginning
there were many doctor’s
appointments, which some-
times required most of the
day to complete,” Ann said.

“The pediatrician finally
just started coming in on
his day off just to work on
my babies because each
check up can take up to
three hours.”

The couple said while the
uncommon situation has
turned out to be more rea-
sonable than they thought
it would, it is still difficult
to deal with. Both have had
to become more organized,
and said hand washing has
really become an issue in
the home since preemies
are very susceptible to
germ, and even a common
cold would be much more
serious than for a full-term
infant.

Neighbors of the family
have been very supportive
of the new additions, help-
ing with the constant
demand for diapers, and
also bringing food for the
Couple adjusting

family to eat. The couple said they have just now begun depleting their supply of diapers, and while they are very appreciative of everyone's generosity, they should be able to maintain the children's needs without any other additional outside support.

Chuck, 28, graduated from South Fulton High School in 1996, and from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 2000 with a bachelor's of science degree in business, and is also scheduled to graduate with a master's degree in business from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn. in December. He is currently employed as a senior accountant at Aim Healthcare Services in Franklin.

Ann, also 28, graduated from Fulton City High School in 1996, and from the University of Tennessee of Martin in 2000 with a bachelor's of science degree in interior design.

Ann, who was forced to place her career on hold for now, is focusing on being a stay-at-home mom.

The couple have recently started attending Sunday school again, following the births, with future plans to stay for the entire service once the children become older.

"We've received lots of prayers and support from churches," Chuck said.

"Considering they were so premature, I guess we were blessed they are all doing so well," added Ann.

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I would say these numbers are encouraging," said David Wright, THEC's associate director of policy, planning and research. "The growth is modest. It is about what we would expect given our demographics.

"And we are remaining optimistic about the future impact (See Page 10, Col. 5)

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(Continued from page one) of the lottery scholarship program as an incentive to motivate students to take a college preparatory curriculum (in high school) and participate," he said.

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UT-Knoxville recently announced its most academically qualified freshman class in history. About 4,200 freshmen were selected out of more than 12,000 applicants. A third of them had a 4.0 or "A" grade point averages in their core courses in high school.

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Consequences considered for governor’s education plan

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As Gov. Phil Bredesen on Tuesday outlined a strategy for improving high school graduation by 12 percent, higher education officials were suddenly handed a new issue to consider: how college and universities might handle a sudden influx of new students.

Speaking to the Madison-Goodlettsville Rotary Club, Bredesen said the next logical next step in his plan to improve education in Tennessee is raising high school graduation rates. He set what he characterized as an “aggressive but reasonable” goal to raise Tennessee’s high school graduation rate from 78 percent to 90 percent by 2012.

with the mission of ultimately reaching 100 percent.

Bredesen echoed statements by higher education officials who have said that improving education leads to a higher standard of living, lower crime rates and a more productive work force. If the governor’s goal is reached, however, there would certainly be a corresponding boom in college enrollment figures. Administrators of Tennessee’s public colleges and universities are beginning to ask a simple question: Where will we put these students?

“That is one of those problems higher education leaders talk about,” said Richard Rhoda, executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. “We have been saying that we need to get higher education more to the forefront of the public agenda.”

At present, there are approximately 250,000 students enrolled at Tennessee community colleges, universities and technical schools. If there was a corresponding 12 percent increase in college enrollment as a result of an improved high school graduation rate, an additional 25,000 students would be absorbed by state campuses. That would mean more professors would have to be hired to teach classes, more classroom space would have to be made available, more on-campus living quarters, more equipment, and so forth.

“A better educated citizenry is in the public good,” Rhoda said.

At the same time, education administrators and state officials should start immediately developing plans for the student-body boom at colleges and universities that is sure to result.

Nick Dunagan, chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Martin, has served at Northwest Tennessee’s largest four-year public university for more than 30 years. He said presidents and chancellors across the state are looking at four challenges that will stem from a burgeoning student body: the need for additional classroom and laboratory space; a demand for more faculty and staff; growth in technology and changing expectations of incoming students.

“I believe we are going to be right around 6,500 this fall. That is higher than ever,” Dunagan said. UT-Martin had 6,483 last year and that was a record brought on largely by lottery scholarships and the growth in dual enrollment between high school and college.

“One of the things is that space is getting tight,” Dunagan stated. “We are looking at our next major building being a classroom building.”

Currently, UT-M is preparing to build more apartment-style housing at present and a new Student Recreation Center; an important component for quality of life on a residential campus.

One of the ways colleges and universities could deal with the issue of space is to “diversify the method of delivery,” Dunagan said, by having more off-campus teaching sites and focusing more on Internet-based classrooms.

One of the greatest challenges for college administrators is finding faculty who are skilled in necessary areas of expertise. The largest segment of any college’s budget is personnel.

“We added nine new faculty positions this year, which was a tough decision to make,” said Dunagan, but he felt the increase was necessary to address the upward curve in students.

In the immediate future of higher education, it is technology that is likely to be the big-ticket item. Dunagan said he
back to their communities."

Rhoda said he was optimistic about the future. He felt the public and their elected representatives were coming to recognize the importance of education. He also felt there were ways to make better use of existing facilities and schedules to provide instruction to more students without overburdening state budgets.

Dunagan and Rhoda both praised the governor for his push to improve graduation rates. They both said they believed Tennesseans should weigh the long-term benefits of improved education - lower crime rates, better health care, higher standards of living - against the short-term costs of upgrading the infrastructure of public colleges and universities and hiring additional faculty and staff to handle more incoming freshman classes.

"What we are doing is making an investment in a productive society," Rhoda said.

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"This continued growth is a reflection of student satisfaction and the outstanding jobs that our faculty and staff are doing," Dunagan added.

The record enrollment also reflects 1,203 freshmen, the sixth largest freshman class on the UT Martin campus. Fall enrollment indicates that first-time freshmen have an average 3.34 high school grade-point-average, up from 3.30 in 2005, and an average ACT score of 21.82.

Compared to last year's totals, UT Martin will have 409 more undergraduates and graduates for a 6.2 percent increase; 260 additional dual-credit/concurrent students, a 73 percent increase; and 31 additional graduate students, a 57 percent increase.

The enrollment growth trend follows the recent notification from U.S. News and World Report that UT Martin is tied for 21st place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor's and master's degrees. UT Martin also was named a "Best Southeastern College" by The Princeton Review for 2007.
Schools fight childhood obesity, diabetes with more exercise during the school day

This summer some changes occurred at the state level that will have a positive impact on your child's health this school year. The Tennessee Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD) recently sent out the following information.

'Progress was made in the fight against inactivity, obesity, and diabetes in Tennessee children as House Bill 3750 passed the legislature late in May. This landmark legislation expands Coordinated School Health from 10 counties to all 95 counties in the state; creates the positions at the Department of Education of School Health Coordinator and Physical Education Specialist; and requires the incorporation of 90 minutes per week of physical activity into the instructional day for all schools, K-12.

This legislation was led by Senators Roy Herron and Bill Ketron and Representatives Craig Fitzhugh and William Baird and passed with a 29-1 vote in the Senate and a 96-0 vote in the House of Representatives. It is obvious to everyone that something needs to be done regarding the health and wellness of children.

According to the TAHPERD article, Tennessee ranks among the nation's worst for obesity, with childhood obesity having reached epidemic proportions. One of every three children entering kindergarten this fall will have Type 2 diabetes before they reach adulthood. Unless the obesity epidemic is reversed, the current generation of students in middle and secondary schools is predicted to not outlive their parents. TAHPERD supports this step in recognition of the role of physical activity in the prevention of disease and the promotion of good health.

TAHPERD President Sarah Adams says, 'A physical education/physical activity director in every school is the key to guiding children, their parents, and the community in the promotion of healthy, active lifestyles of all citizens of Tennessee.'

Parents can help with the 'healthy children' focus by encouraging schools to participate in fitness and health testing. Two familiar programs are The President's Challenge (www.presidentschallenge.org) and Fitness Gram (www.fitnessgram.net).

When I worked as an elementary school physical educator my students participated in The President's Challenge. This is a very user friendly program that is available with national standards for students ages 6 to 17. The students really enjoyed looking at the charts, finding out how many push-ups they should be able to do for their age and working towards their own personal goal. The entire family can participate in this program as it contains activity logs as well as links for adults and seniors.

As an educator and a parent, I am thrilled with House Bill 3750 that will allow my children to have an increased amount of physical activity while at school. However, it is important to remember that 90 minutes of physical activity per week is not the answer to having a healthy child.

Try to incorporate a family walk after dinner or 10 crunches into every commercial break for a one-hour duration. Whatever you do, make it fun. Fitness expert Dr. Kenneth Cooper said, 'Fitness is a journey, not a destination. It must be continued for the rest of your life.'

Create a progressive family fitness plan; burnout the first week is not optional! Exercising and spending time with your family simultaneously - what could be better?

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

Pocket pets are becoming more popular

We brought Herbie home when I was around 9 or 10 years old. I loved to watch him rolling around the house in his ball, and he would run for what seemed like hours on the wheel inside his cage. Remember the time Herbie escaped, and we found him later that day under the couch. He was fine, but I think my mother was exhausted since she had walked around the house all day on tiptoes - she didn't really appreciate Herbie. Herbie was a hamster, and while I was growing up, the only pet we had that lived with us in the house.

Pets like Herbie, also called pocket pets, have become more and more popular with all the budget, time and space constraints we have in today's society. There are many different types of pocket pets available. Most of these animals can make great pets, but one must realize that a ferret is not a rabbit, is not a guinea pig, is not a gerbil. As with any pet, education and forethought before purchase or adoption go a long way in making the pet's life and your life with the pet more enjoyable and fulfilling. Here are some things to consider before purchasing a pocket pet:

- Educate yourself through reliable sources about the particular pet you are interested in purchasing or adopting before you actually bring the pet home. There is a wealth of information out there on pocket pets, but not all of it is accurate and reliable. Books, pamphlets, and Internet sites may be great sources, but talk with your veterinarian or other pet care specialist to ensure that the information you have obtained is correct.

- Through reliable sources, try to choose the pocket pet that best fits your family's needs. Some pocket pets are not recommended for children under certain ages while others, under careful adult supervision, make welcome pets for smaller children. Nutritional, health and environmental needs of the pet also need to be considered along with the pet's social environment. Some pocket pets do better in pairs, while others do much better on their own. Consider all facts about the pocket pet before choosing the best fit for your family.

- Prepare for the pet before bringing it home. Any cages, exercise toys, special climbing or tunneling needs, bedding, food and feeding/watering equipment should be set up and ready before you take the pet home. You can't just let these little guys loose in the garage or a spare bedroom and feed them bread until the store opens the next day. Many of these pet's living spaces require time and patience to assemble. Having everything ready for your new pet makes it much easier on you and the pet.

- If you have other pets in the household, consider their natural behavior to the new pocket pet. If you are a cat lover and have three cats in the house, bringing home a pet mouse or gerbil may not be a good idea. I'm not saying it's not possible, just have precautions in place and remember, sometimes even the best thought-out plans go awry.

- Consult your veterinarian. Most of us, including me, don't know as much about pocket pets as we do about dogs and cats, but we do know how to get you started and special needs a pocket pet may have. Also, we are a good source for veterinarians who specialize in exotic and/or pocket pet medicine.

- I still remember the morning I woke up and found that Herbie had died during the night. We had a nice funeral and burial for Herbie, and I have never had another pocket pet. It's not that I didn't enjoy and love Herbie, I did. I guess I have always been more of a dog/cat person and also have always been fortunate enough to have the space and resources to care for a more traditional pet. Pocket pets can, however, make wonderful pets. Guinea pigs, ferrets, rabbits, hamsters chinchillas and all the others can definitely find a place in your heart and home. Please just take the time to educate yourself about these pets and their special needs, choose wisely, prepare beforehand and properly care for these little ones, so that
your family (even you, Mom) and the pocket pet can live happily together.

Dr. Janet Bailey is a veterinarian and assistant professor of animal science with a B.S. from Freed-Hardeman University and a D.V.M. from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Bailey, who is married to Jim "Crow" Bailey, has three dogs, Lacy, Bedford and Kate. Lacy, the senior citizen, runs the household. Dr. Bailey was formerly in private practice at the Huntington Animal Clinic before moving to UT Martin in January 2005.

Craft in progess: University of Tennessee-Martin student Justin Lyons, 24, of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., works with thrown and altered pottery Saturday as LaRue Crittendon of Mayfield and her great-grandson Connor Gilpin, 3, of Sedalia watch at the Gourd Patch Festival.

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UTM hosting nationally recognized expert on stress Oct. 9

Feeling a little stressed out? Learn how to "live in balance" when Dr. Kathleen Hall, a nationally recognized author and expert on the effects of stress, offers simple methods for reducing stress and increasing spiritual well-being.

The program will be held at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Boling University Center on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus.

The evening begins with registration and a reception at 6 p.m.

The event is being presented by the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Women's Council, UTM, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City and WestStar.

Activities and are requested by Oct. 2.

Hall is the author of "A Life In Balance: Nourishing the Four Roots of True Happiness" and "Alter Your Life: Overbooked? Overworked? Overwhelmed?" Her presentation will highlight the importance of women "living in balance" by offering simple methods for reducing stress and increasing spiritual well-being.

In addition to being a successful author, Hall has been featured by NBC's "Today" show, CNN, CBS, FOX and ABC's "Good Morning America." Her work has appeared in USA Today, the Wall Street Journal, Parents magazine, Woman's Day and Parade.

The mission of the UTTNA's Women's Council is to serve as the advisory council for educational seminars of the UTTNA. Women's Council seminars are another service of the UTTNA.

All alumni and friends of UT are welcome to attend the Oct. 9 event.
Constitution Day marks beginning of UT Martin’s new project

Project part of 32-state effort to register 40,000 state college students to vote

University of Tennessee at Martin students observed Constitution Day, Sept. 18, by kicking off participation in a nationwide voter registration project taking place on more than 70 college campuses. Constitution Day honors the signing of the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787.

Building on the historic young voter turnout in the 2004 elections, UT Martin joins a non-partisan project to register 277 young voters in the 2006 election cycle, part of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities’ (AASCU) 32-state project to register 40,000 students to vote nationwide. School administrators and students will register young voters using a mix of peer-to-peer outreach, encouragement from professors, email and direct mail. The AASCU and UT Martin projects are part of a larger nationwide, non-partisan effort to register 350,000 voters in 2006, coordinated by Young Voter Strategies and funded by a $3 million grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts.

“2004 proved that if you ask them, they will vote,” said Elizabeth Binninger, national project director. “Massive outreach efforts in 2004 resulted in young voter turnout increasing 11 percentage points over 2000 levels – more than four million more young voters in 2004.”

AASCU, which represents 430 state colleges and universities that enroll more than 3.7 million students, will register young voters at more than 70 colleges and universities through its American Democracy Project. An additional 100 campuses are expected to promote the voter registration link available on AASCU’s website. At UT Martin, administrators and student coordinators will team up to register young voters in class, in dorms and on campus.

Mike McCullough, American Democracy Project chair, and Student Government Association representatives, James Orr and Lori Mallari, are spearheading local events.

Two of the country’s leading voter mobilization researchers will work with AASCU to track and evaluate which of these techniques register the most state college students and find out which of them is most likely to result in a vote cast on Election Day. The results can be applied by future voter registration projects at all public colleges, which enroll more than six million students.

“State colleges and universities could be goldmines for nonprofits and political campaigns reaching out to register young voters. More than six million students attend state schools in the U.S., many on campuses with tens of thousands enrolled,” said Heather Smith, director of Young Voter Strategies. “Coming out of this project, we’ll have data to help create a comprehensive toolkit for future state college registration projects.”

The primary purpose of UT Martin is to provide a quality undergraduate education in a traditional collegiate atmosphere characterized at all levels by close relationships among students and faculty. In addition, the graduate and distributed learning programs meet life-long educational needs for all seeking knowledge. Appropriate technologies support research, scholarship, and creative endeavors which enhance teaching and expand knowledge. The university is committed to public service and applied research efforts to enhance the economic, educational, aesthetic and cultural life of the region. For more information, visit www.utm.edu.

AASCU members work to extend higher education to all citizens. AASCU represents more than 400 public colleges and universities in the U.S., which enroll more than three million students or 55 percent of the enrollment at all public four-year institutions. AASCU’s American Democracy Project is a multi-campus initiative that seeks to create an intellectual and experiential understanding of civic engagement for undergraduates enrolled at AASCU’s member institutions. The goal of the project is to produce graduates who understand and are committed to engaging in meaningful actions as citizens in a democracy. For more information on the AASCU, visit www.aascu.org.

Young Voter Strategies, a project of the Graduate School of Political Management at The George Washington University, with support from The Pew Charitable Trusts, provides the public, parties, candidates, consultants and non-profits with data on the youth vote and tools to effectively mobilize this electorate for upcoming elections. For more information, visit www.youngvoterstrategies.org. For a full list of the groups involved in 2006 young voter registration efforts, contact Kathleen Barr at Young Voter Strategies, 202-994-9528 or kbarr@gwu.edu.
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On each occasion, registration will be followed by a welcome and general information session, the university's academic fair, which will take place in the Duncan Ballroom in the university center Oct. 7 and in the Elam Center Nov. 4, academic department visits and campus tours.

For more information about Senior Preview Day activities and events, call the UT Martin admissions office at (800) 829-UTM1 or 881-7020.

Book signing set by mother/daughter

Nelda Rachels and daughter Jennifer Rachels Dix, featured authors in "Muscadine Lines: A Southern Anthology," will sign books from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 22, at the UTM Bookstore. They will also be signing books from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Palmersville Historical Society, by the Palmersville Fire Station.

The society will also be open at that time for the public to view the school pictures and other memorabilia.
UT Martin faculty members awarded research funds

The Faculty Research and Development Committee reviews proposals each year for the Faculty Research Program and chose to make awards to six faculty members for them to conduct research during fiscal year 2006-07. Those faculty awarded research money are Dr. Sue Byrd, Dr. Ann Gathers, Angelina MacKewn, Dr. Susan Buckelew, Dr. Norman Lillegard and Dr. Lucia F. Campos-Picanco.

Byrd, professor of textiles, clothing and fashion merchandising, will travel to China in fiscal year 2006-07 to research textile and apparel production techniques used by the Miao in Southwest China. She will photograph dyeing, printing, embroidery, weaving and pleating techniques. She will then visit textile production facilities in Beijing to broaden her knowledge of indigo batik and tie-dye techniques being used in China today and learn about finishing techniques currently being used to increase quality. Her research will lead to working with a regional antique textiles retailer to write and submit an article for publication in specialty retailers, textiles and apparel professionals.

Gathers, assistant professor of biology, will conduct “A Qualitative Analysis of Visual Processing in Autism Spectrum Disorders” during this academic year. Her research will identify the mechanistic derivations in face recognition development in the ASD population, a necessary first step in developing effective treatments and interventions for deficits in social interaction and communication. Completion of the work is expected to span two to three years.

MacKewn, assistant professor of psychology, will conduct a study titled “The Impact of a Sleep Education Program on First-Year Students’ Sleep Quality.” Her research will assess the effectiveness of a Sleep Education Program and examine the relationship between sleep and cognitive performance of 500 incoming freshmen enrolled in the Freshman Experience class.

Buckelew, assistant professor of psychology, will research “Sleep Deprivation Among College Students: EEG Patterning,” and will examine the daytime EEG patterning of college students with sleep deprivation to assess if an inability to shift to appropriate EEG brain wave activity may play a role in sleep impairments.

Lillegard, professor of philosophy and religious studies, will engage in discussions with colleagues at Cambridge (UK) and Hertfordshire (UK) and do research on the widely argued claim that ethical beliefs are “social constructions,” that is, depend entirely upon the beliefs of particular social groups, and thus do not pick out objective features of anything whatsoever.

Campos-Picanco, assistant professor of French, will conduct research aimed at separating fact from fiction about Dona Beja, Xica da Silva and Joaquina do Pompéu, renowned women from colonial Brazil.

NEW CITIZEN – Husein Atari, a University of Tennessee at Martin staff member, recently became an American citizen, Sept. 14, and was honored on campus with a surprise party Friday. Atari received dual master's degrees in accountancy and business administration from UT Martin in May. Atari has lived in Martin since 1987 and has two sons, Zayd 4, and Ibrahim 3. He owned Iman’s Diner and Café’ until 2002, when he decided to pursue a degree in mathematics from UT Martin. Atari worked as a math lab employee under Thomas Eskew, UT Martin instructor of mathematics, until graduation in May 2004. He was rehired by Eskew as a graduate assistant for the Department of Math in August 2004 and then was hired by the Student Success Center as a TRIO math learning specialist in September 2005. His parents are Azeefa Atari of Jordan, a homemaker, and the late Mohamed Atari, a project supervisor for Kuwait National Petroleum Co. who died in October 1986. The party was hosted by the UTM Student Success Center.
Dunagan Announces Retirement as UT Martin Chancellor

MARTIN, Tenn. — Describing his university chancellor's position as "the most wonderful honor of my life," Dr. Nick Dunagan, University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor since April 2001, announced his retirement Thursday evening to university faculty and staff. He will remain as UT Martin’s chief executive officer until his successor is chosen, with his official retirement effective in June 2007.

The announcement came during the university’s annual faculty and staff picnic held outside Hardy M. Graham Stadium before the home football opener with Urbana University. Joining him for the announcement were his wife, Cathy, and Dr. John Petersen, UT president.

"After a lot of thought and with a great deal of appreciation for the opportunities Cathy and I have had during our 33 years at UT Martin, we want to announce that this will be our final academic year," Dunagan told the crowd, adding, "But I want you to know that this has been the most wonderful honor in my life to be able to serve the great people that make up this campus."

Dunagan said that Cathy and he will remain in Martin and "be the most dedicated alums that this institution could have."

Petersen thanked the Dunagans for their service and wished them well in their retirement years. He expressed special appreciation for their support since he became UT’s 32nd president in July 2004. "Nick and Cathy are two of the most unselshless people that I’ve ever met," he said. "I think the exciting thing is the fact that we are in such good shape at this institution."

Dunagan, who was elected chancellor April 9, 2001, by the UT Board of Trustees, began his work in 1973 at UT Martin as director of development. Before becoming chancellor, he served UT Martin as executive vice chancellor, vice chancellor for student affairs, and vice chancellor for development and administration.

He also served as interim chancellor three times (1985-86, 1997-98, 2000-01), and he currently serves as executive director of WestStar, the university’s regional leadership program for West Tennessee. He is a member of the economic development councils for both Weakley and Obion counties, serves on the Volunteer Community Hospital Board of Trustees, and co-chairs the board for the Weakley County Reading Railroad.

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.

The Dunagans have four grown children and four grandchildren. The three married children and their spouses all graduated from UT Martin. Drs. Stan and Stephanie Dunagan live in Paris and work in Martin and Paris respectively; Cody and Glenn Dunagan live and work in Memphis; and Brett and Tracy Vander Meeden live and work in Paducah, Kentucky. The fourth, Casey, is in graduate school at the University of Maryland after spending three years in Luanda, Angola, as an international mobile engineer.

Highlights from the Nick Dunagan Administration

- Successful Accreditations - UT Martin achieved reaffirmation of accreditation in 2001 from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The re-accreditation covers 10 years. Other program accreditations achieved since then include business, communications, engineering, nursing and social work.
- Record Enrollment Growth - UT Martin has achieved six consecutive semesters of record enrollments. Current numbers point to a seventh consecutive record enrollment for fall 2006, which will eclipse the all-time record enrollment for any semester of 6,484 students set in fall 2005.
- WestStar Leadership Program - UT Martin is a major contributor to leadership development through WestStar, considered by many as the premier regional leadership program in Tennessee. Dunagan is one of the program’s founders, which now boasts more than 450 alumni from around West Tennessee. The program is a model for other leadership programs in the state and beyond.
- LEAD Academy - The LEAD (Leadership Education, Application and Discovery) Academy fosters leadership development for UT Martin undergraduates through special seminars, service opportunities and travel-study programs. Dunagan led the academy’s formation in 2002, which now incorporates leadership as part of the university’s academic experience.
- West Tennessee Higher Education Consortium - Seeing the value of higher education in developing West Tennessee, Dunagan organized the presidents of eight public and private colleges and universities to form the West Tennessee Higher Education Consortium. The presidents meet and discuss common issues, concerns and opportunities with the ultimate goal of expanding higher education opportunities in the region.
- Student Housing Transformation - Dunagan’s long association with enrollment management and his familiarity with student needs focused his efforts to transform UT Martin student housing. In fall 2005, University Village opened bringing apartment-style living to undergraduate students on campus. Phase II of University Village will open in fall 2006.
- Student Success Center - Beginning its third year, the university’s Student Success Center is enhancing campus student-retention efforts by offering many student-support services. Dunagan’s vision and support for this center are at the heart of his passion for student success, both inside the classroom and beyond. Besides benefits to students, the center is one reason that UT Martin has enjoyed record enrollment growth.
- Center for Global Studies and International Education - Dunagan is a believer in the internationalization of the undergraduate curriculum, and this newly created center is evidence of his vision for providing this educational experience. The center brings all aspects of the university’s international education efforts under one area and fosters travel-study opportunities never before available to UT Martin students.
- Higher Education Summit - At the height of the state’s 2002 budget crisis, Dunagan united with other college presidents to tell higher education’s story and to stress the need for adequate funding. He helped to organize the West Tennessee Higher Education Information Summit in Jackson, marking the first time chief executive officers of all five West Tennessee public higher education institutions had joined for a common cause.
Ary awarded FCS scholarship

Clint Ary of Greenfield, son of Glenn and Carol Ary, is the recipient of a scholarship to the University of Tennessee at Martin from Farm Credit Services of Mid-America (FCS), a $10 billion ag-financial lending cooperative serving farmers and rural residents throughout Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee.

Ary is majoring in animal science and currently holds a 4.0 GPA. After graduation, he plans to gain experience in an established veterinary clinic before setting up his own clinic. Because he grew up in a rural area, he wants to ensure that places like the ones he lived in are given proper support and that agriculture will remain strong in the future.

FCS awards scholarships at land grant colleges and other universities with agricultural programs throughout the cooperative’s four-state service territory each year.

The scholarships are given to deserving students pursuing an education in agriculture, finance or an agriculture-related field of study and are awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, leadership and potential contributions to the ag industry.

Anyone interested in learning more about qualifying and applying for Farm Credit’s ag scholarships should contact their university’s agricultural college or financial aid office.

For more information about Farm Credit or the nearest FCS office, call 1-800-444-FARM (3276) or visit them on the web at www.e-farmcredit.com.

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The Pacer: UTM sets record-breaking enrollment for fall semester
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BACK TO SCHOOL MEETING

The Child and Family Services Grant Program has been awarded five grants to promote the highest standards for quality of life to children, family and community by offering education, training and support. The program is housed at the University of Tennessee at Martin and comprised of the Child Care Resource and Referral Center, Project REEL, Healthy Start Program, Infant Stimulation Program and Tennessee’s Early Intervention System. UT Martin staff and students involved in the program recently held their “back to school” joint staff meeting. Pictured, front row, from left are: Judy Davis, Julie Black, Amelia Coleman, Vickie Pruett, Sharon Wenz, Lalanne Adkins, Renee Smith, Serena Blanton, Bonnette Palmer; second row, from left: Sherree Sinclair, Jena Johnson, Kay Gallimore, Wanda Hall, Diana Luther, Anita Milbrath, Beverly Bryant, Wendy Freeman; third row, from left: Debbie Walden, Vicki Olds, Dana Moyer, Jerri Donaldson, Jennifer Crouch; back row, from left: Sharye Hendrix, Carrie Crouse, Chrisee Campbell, Jessica Pryor, Lisa Scarbrough, Sarah Sullivan, Lori Wilson, Sarah Harrison, Briana Jimenez, Renee Bard and Heather Westphall. (Photo submitted)

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UTM sets record for fall enrollment

The University of Tennessee at Martin set six all-time enrollment records and, for the second consecutive year, had the largest enrollment percentage increase of any four-year public university in the state, based on preliminary fall enrollment figures. It was the seventh consecutive period UT Martin has enrolled a record number of students.

A total of 6,593 students are enrolled for the fall semester, an increase from 6,484 recorded for fall 2005. It also follows top numbers for spring and summer 2006.

The fall 2006 total includes all-time record fall enrollments for undergraduates, graduates, dual-credit / concurrent students, total full-time equivalent and undergraduate full-time equivalent students. Public higher education funding is based on fall semester full-time equivalency.

Based on final figures, this fall’s enrollment at UT Martin is a 6.3 percent increase over fall 2005. Final figures are compiled by the university’s Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

“This continued growth is a reflection of student satisfaction and the outstanding jobs that our faculty and staff are doing,” added Dunagan.

The record enrollment also reflects 1,203 freshmen, the sixth largest freshman class on the UT Martin campus. Fall enrollment indicates that first-time freshmen have an average 3.34 high school grade-point-average, up from 3.30 in 2005, and an average ACT score of 21.82.

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UT unveils campaign to market school

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

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

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

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—The Associated Press
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UT Martin graduate student and daughter to sign book on campus

Nelda Raehls, a University of Tennessee at Martin graduate student and staff member at the Hortense Parrish Writer Center, and her daughter, Jennifer Raehls Dix, each have selections of their writing included in the recently published anthology Muscadine Lines: A Southern Anthology.

Raehls, of Palermerville, and Dix, of Springfield, Illinois, will be signing and reading from Muscadine Lines: A Southern Anthology at various venues in Weakley County over the next few months including 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., September 22, at the UT Martin bookstore; 9:30 a.m.-noon, November 4, at the C.E. Weldon Public Library in Martin; and 10:00 a.m.-noon, November 18, at the Dresden Public Library.

A collection of 28 stories and 28 poems by 28 writers, Muscadine Lines: A Southern Anthology was released by Cold Tree Press, Nashville, Tennessee, in August 2006. The book is compiled by Editor Kathy Hardy Rhodes and features fiction, essays and poetry by veterans of the online magazine Muscadine Lines: A Southern Journal, also edited by Rhodes. Contributors to the book all have strong ties to the South, and their writing includes something for every literary taste.

Raehls’ essay, "Astronomy, Layman Style" humorously recalls a little attempt to interest her two children in astronomy on the night of the eclipse. Dix’s nonfiction “Small Town Reverie” is a nostalgic recollection of growing up in her hometown. Raehls’ poem titled “Mother’s Hands in Church” and Dix’s "Vanilla" are also published in the book.
Sleep deprivation, autism among faculty research projects

The Faculty Research and Development Committee reviews proposals each year for the Faculty Research Program and chose to make awards to six faculty members for them to conduct research during FY06/07. Those faculty awarded research money are Dr. Sue Byrd, Dr. Ann Gathers, Angelina MacKew, Dr. Susan Buckel, Dr. Norah Lillegard and Dr. Lucia F. Campos-Picano.

Byrd, professor of textiles, clothing and fashion merchandising, will travel to China in FY06/07 to research textile and apparel production techniques used by the Miao in Southwest China. She will photograph dyeing, printing, embroidery, weaving and pleating techniques. She will also visit textile production facilities in Beijing to broaden her knowledge of indigo batik and tie-dyeing being used in China today and learn about finishing techniques currently being used to increase quality. As a result of her research, she will develop step-by-step samples of two textile techniques used by the Miao to enrich the production of fabrics. Her research will lead to working with a regional antique retailers to write and submit an article for publication in specialty retailers, fabrics, and apparel professionals.

Gathers, assistant professor of biology, will conduct “A Qualitative Analysis of Visual Processing in Autism Spectrum Disorders” during her academic year. Her research will identify the mechanistic derivations in face recognition development in the ASD population, a necessary first step in developing effective treatments and interventions for deficits in social interaction and communication. The project will use a computer-based design to assess visual processing in typically developing children and ASD children by manipulating features, internal spacing, similarity, and orientation of face stimuli. Completion of the work is expected to span two to three years.

MacKew, assistant professor of psychology, will conduct a study entitled “The Impact of Sleep Education Program on First-Year Students’ Sleep Quality.” Her research will assess the effectiveness of a Sleep Education Program and examine the relationship between sleep and cognitive performance of 500 incoming freshmen enrolled in the Freshman Experience Class. This study will be the first phase in a longitudinal examination of sleep patterns from freshman to senior year.

Buckel, assistant professor of psychology, will research “Sleep Deprivation Among College Students: EEG Pattern,” and examine the daytime EEG pattern of college students with sleep deprivation to assess if an inability to shift to appropriate EEG brain wave activity may play a role in sleep impairments. Results of her research will lead to the development of research-based neurofeedback (EEG biofeedback) interventions to treat at least a subgroup of people who experience sleep deprivation; undergraduate students will have the opportunity to learn how to operate psychophysiological equipment and participate in well-designed research projects.

Lillegard, professor of philosophy and religious studies, will engage in discussions with colleagues at Cambridge (UK) and Hertsfordshire (UK) and do research on the widely argued claim that ethical beliefs are “social constructions,” that is, depend entirely upon the beliefs of particular social groups, and thus do not pick out objective features of anything whatsoever. The results will be presented at professional meetings and eventually published.

Campos-Picano, assistant professor of French, will conduct research aimed at separating fact from fiction about Dona Beja, Xica de Silva and Joaquina do Pompeu, renowned women from colonial Brazil. These women are viewed as precursors to feminist movements in South America. She will examine how the depiction of powerful women conveys a negative masculinity and an unstable temperament, as found in novels of Agripa Vasconcelos, a prominent author from Minas Gerais, Brazil. She will also investigate how Enlightenment concepts such as freethinking and cosmopolitanism manifested themselves through Beja’s and Xica’s fashions, beliefs and actions. Campos-Picano will conduct her research at the National Library and the National Archive in Rio de Janeiro and Minas Gerais, Brazil.

McLean receives scholarship

Heather McLean, the daughter of Lyn and Kathy McLean of Newborn, is the recipient of the $1,000 Tom and Patti Wade Scholarship at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2006-07 academic year. McLean is a graduate of Dyer County High School. She is a sophomore at the college and double majoring in agriculture communications and animal science.
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Math teachers to hold conference locally

The Tennessee Mathematics Teachers’ Association (TMTA) will conduct its annual conference Friday and Saturday in Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin campus.

Keynote speakers will be Edward Burger, a number theorist with the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., and Connie Campbell, director of human resources, planning and assessment for Jefferson County Schools in Dandridge.

Burger received the Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo National Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching in 2001 from the Mathematical Association of America and a Chauvenet Prize in Mathematics in 2004. He is the author of many research articles and books which address issues in number theory.

Ms. Campbell will speak on the many Internet resources available to teachers of mathematics. She maintains an award-winning Internet site for Jefferson County Schools, http://jc-schools.net.

In addition to keynote speakers, there will be more than 100 sessions for mathematics teachers at all levels from kindergarten through college level. Those on instructional sessions will be conducted by classroom teachers of mathematics from Tennessee and surrounding states.

Registration begins at 1 p.m. on Friday in the lobby of the university center. The first sessions are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., with additional sessions at 3, 4 and 5 p.m. There will be an awards banquet in Duncan Ballroom at 6:30 p.m., followed by Burger’s keynote address in Watkins Auditorium at 7:45 p.m. The winners of the 2006 TMTA High School Mathematics Contest will be recognized at the conclusion of the address.

Saturday sessions begin at 7:30 a.m. with Ms. Campbell’s presentation in Watkins Auditorium. There are sessions scheduled at all levels beginning at 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the University Center and the Andy Holt Humanities Building. Lunch and affiliate meetings are set for 12:30-1:30 p.m. The business meeting of the TMTA will be 1:45-2:45 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium.

A complete program and registration forms are available at http://www.tmta.info/ or http://www.utm.edu/departments/ems/math/meeting/.

UT Martin plans busy year of travel-study

The University of Tennessee at Martin has planned several international travel-study and study-abroad programs — which enable participants to combine exciting and challenging travel experiences with serious academic study.

This year, students and area residents may participate in two-week travel-study programs to the Odenwald of Central Germany, Southern Spain, Venezuela, Venice-Florence-Rome, London-Paris, Montreal-Ottawa-Quebec City, Eastern France-Western Germany, Egypt and the Alpine regions of Germany-Austria-Switzerland, or they may choose to sail to the Grand Bahamas or take a Tanzanian safari.

For complete information, contact Stan Sieber, coordinator of travel studies, (731) 881-7467 or the Center for Global Studies and International Education at (731) 881-1023.
UT unveils FUTURE Campaign, gathers employees for state-wide celebration

The University of Tennessee marked a momentous day in its history today by gathering nearly 3,475 employees for a first-time ever, six-way simulcast and university-wide celebration.

UT President John Petersen gave an overview of the university's strategic plan and unveiled a new image campaign that highlights the university's future, emphasizing the distinct attributes of each operation across the state.

Petersen addressed UT employees gathered on the Martin, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis and Tullahoma campuses as well as a group of agriculture, social work and public service employees in Nashville.

The history-making event culminates two long-term research efforts; one that gauged Tennesseans' perceptions and knowledge of the university; another that measured the strength of UT's internal communication with the goal of enhancing employee engagement.

"Whether you work in the classroom, an outreach program, or keep our daily operations running — your service makes a difference in the lives of others in some way," Petersen said. "And whether you've been with the university for one year or 30 years, you will always be our most credible spokespersons. That's because you see firsthand the incredibly positive impact that we have on lives, every day."

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During the celebration, Dunagan added, "As you look at the future of this campus and you look at what John Petersen has laid out — student access, student success, outreach, research, globalization — those things are all important to economic development. Those are all important to our campus. They are important to the region that we serve and they're important to the state. We have a valuable role to play, and we're going to play it well because of the people in this room."

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Young Voter Strategies, a project of the Graduate School of Political Management at George Washington University, with support from The Pew Charitable Trusts, provides the public, parties, candidates, consultants and non-profits with data on the youth vote and tools to effectively mobilize this electorate for upcoming elections. For more information, visit www.youngvoterstrategies.org.

For a full list of the groups involved in 2006 young voter registration efforts, contact Kathleen Barr at Young Voter Strategies by telephone at (202) 994-9528 or by e-mail at katbarr@gwu.edu.
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  - view school pictures and other memorabilia

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  - The Dixie in Huntington Sat., Sept. 23
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  - Bradford, $3 children free painted primitives, antiques, folk lore, buggy rides, English gardens, log cabins
  - Mon., Sept. 25
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- **Auditorium, UTM**
  - Wed., Sept. 27
  - UT vs. Murray State Blood Battle
  - Drive, Boling U.C.
  - UT, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
  - Thur., Sept. 28
  - Sat., Sept. 30
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  - Thurs., Sept. 28
  - 909 Comedian Will Marfori 9-9 p.m., Watkins Auditorium, U.C. at UTM Fri., Sept. 29
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  - Fri., Sept. 29
  - Sun., Oct. 1
  - WTCHA, 9 a.m. Ag Pavilion, UTM
Professor participates in exchange program

Dr. Takao Komatsu, an associate professor at Hiroasaki University in Japan, is at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the fall semester participating in an ongoing visiting professor exchange program. UT Martin and Hiroasaki University have maintained a sister-university relationship for more than 20 years.

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Things are looking good for Tennessee's freshwater prawn producers both in terms of this year's upcoming harvest and for the industry as a whole. Tennessee producers are feeling good both about this year's yields and about realizing their place in the state's parade of traditional fall crops.

"Anything you can do with crawfish and saltwater shrimp, you can do with freshwater prawn. You can replace them in recipes and freeze them for later use," Reese Blair, a fifth-year University of Tennessee at Martin student majoring in wildlife biology said.

UTM has six experimental ponds it uses to raise crops of freshwater prawns and harvests the crustaceans in early October for the general public.

"There are producers who have been in business long enough to provide a dependable, stable crop," Rob Beets, marketing specialist with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture said in a press release.

"Lots of people know what prawns are now, and producers have established relationships with communities, restaurants and processors. The producers know they'll have somebody to buy their prawns, and their customers can depend on the farmer to produce it."

Tennessee farmers first plunged into the freshwater prawn business in the 90s. Prawn pioneers faced raising a crop — similar to marine shrimp — they'd never even heard of, and worse, that the public had never heard of either.

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"But there was a lot to learn about how to raise this animal, and about how the industry was going to work. Farmers found out that prawns were very sensitive to their environment; a neighbor's dog who'd just been dipped for fleas could kill a whole pond of prawns by taking a swim, for example. Who would have guessed that? And as with any new venture, some people found they had a knack for this business while others ultimately realized it wasn't the crop for them."

Prawns are raised in controlled, chemical-free manmade ponds. Tiny "seed" prawns are placed in the carefully tended ponds in May and then harvested in late September and early October when the ponds are drained.

Mature prawns are very large, up to eight and even four to the pound, a result of being grown in a pampered environment with high quality feed.

The average yield for a one-acre pond is close to 1,000 pounds of prawns.

Prawns are completely interchangeable with marine shrimp in recipes, with some culinary and nutritional benefits. Taste tests have shown that prawns actually have a more favorable taste than marine shrimp and have been compared to the sweet flavor and meaty texture of lobster.

Prawns have particularly hard shells, which create more flavorful stock. They also freeze well and have no "mud vein" to be removed, so preparation is also simpler than for saltwater shrimp.

"An interesting aspect of this relatively new crop," Beets said, "is that the best place to find prawns is right on the farm at harvest time. Some producers have cars lined up waiting to get to the pond, where they can watch harvesting take place, which is really pretty interesting."

There's a sense of anticipation, because nobody really knows how many or how big the prawns will be until the nets are thrown and the prawns are exposed.

"And, of course, if you're right there at the pond, you get the benefit of the freshest prawns at a direct-from-the-farm price. Just be sure to call ahead before heading out to a prawn farm so that you'll know the harvest is happening on schedule or that there are prawns still available."

The Tennessee Prawn Harvest Association will sponsor a prawn harvest at UTM on Thursday, Oct. 5. The harvest is set to begin at approximately 10 a.m. that day.

The general public is invited to attend and can buy the freshwater prawns right out of the ponds on Farm Road. Farm Road connects University Street with Hyndsvy Road in Martin. Prawns will sell for $7 a pound.

For more complete information for nutrition, storage and handling of prawns, or for information about prawn producers, visit the TDA Market Development Web site at picktnproducts.org and click on "Food and Beverages," then click on "Freshwater Shrimp." Visit the Web site also for a list of farmers markets or to learn more about other Tennessee farm products, events and crop festivals.

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SIMMONS TO SIGN NEW CD — Dr. Amy Simmons, University of Tennessee at Martin assistant professor of music, has released a solo album, "The Clarinet Music of Russell Riepe." The CD was released on the Centaur label, and features Dr. Simmons on clarinet with the composer, Russell Riepe, on piano and electronics. From 1-3 p.m., Sept. 29, the UT Martin Bookstore will host a CD signing. Copies of the CD will be available for purchase, and Dr. Simmons will be performing live selections from the recording. Refreshments will be served.

UTM Blood Drive
You will have the chance to help save a life by giving blood during the 14th ANNUAL UTM/MURRAY STATE BLOOD BATTLE Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 26 and 27 at UTM from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (in front of the University Center.) Last year, the UTM Donors won the blood battle trophy and this year, the university wants to make sure Murray State donors don't steal it away. So, help save a life and help UTM win the Blood Battle by giving blood. All donors receive a special edition Blood Battle T-Shirt.

Travel-Study, Study-Abroad Programs extend walls of UT Martin
The University of Tennessee at Martin is committed to developing and implementing multicultural global opportunities for its students, faculty, staff, alumnus and area residents. One of the primary ways in which this goal is achieved is through international travel-study and study-abroad programs. These programs enable participants to combine exciting and challenging travel experiences with serious academic study.

Students and area residents may participate in the university's two-week travel-study programs this year to the Odenwald of Central Germany, Southern Spain, Venezuela, Venice-Florence-Rome, London-Paris, Montreal-Ottawa-Quebec City, Eastern France-Western Germany, Egypt, Alpine regions of Germany-Austria-Switzerland, or sail to the Grand Bahamas or take a Tanzanian safari.

For complete information, contact Stan Sieber, coordinator of travel studies, at 881-7467 or the Center for Global Studies and International Education at 881-1023.

"FREEH" SPEECH — Louis Freeh, former FBI director, was the first speaker in the University of Tennessee at Martin 2006-07 Academic Speaker Series. Following his presentation, "National Security and Civil Liberty: Pros and Cons," Freeh met with students and signed his book, "My FBI: Bringing Down the Mafia, Investigating Bill Clinton and Fighting the War on Terror." With Freeh is Dr. Nathan Howard, UT Martin assistant professor of history.
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Young Writers Conference hosted for students in grades 9-12

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Other events during the 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. workshop at Boling University Center include a luncheon, a featured reading by Joseph and an open mic reading for students who wish to share their own work. Throughout the day, students will have the opportunity to create pieces of writing, to connect with other young writers from the region and to learn from outstanding writers and teachers of writing.

Visiting poet Allison Joseph lives, writes and teaches in Carbondale, Ill., where she is on the faculty of Southern Illinois University. She serves as editor of "Crab Orchard Review," a national journal of creative works, and director of the Young Writers Workshop, a creative writing conference for high school-aged writers. Her books include "In Every Seam," "Imitation of Life" and "Worldly Pleasures."

Conference registration, including the luncheon is free and open to outstanding students recommended by their teachers on the basis of academic achievement and artistic promise. Teachers are encouraged, but are not required, to attend with their students.

A brochure and registration forms are available online by visiting http://www.utm.edu/ywc or by contacting the UT Martin Department of English at (731) 881-7300. Participants should register by Oct. 1.

Are you in love with horses and want to ride?

MARTIN - The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering a variety of non-degree classes that begin in October. One of them is for beginning horsemanship English/Western riding lessons.

Advance registration is required for all courses. To register for a non-degree class, contact ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or (731) 881-7082. Payment for the courses may be made by credit/debit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover) or check.

Private, beginning horsemanship English/Western riding lessons will be offered by Meghan Cunningham (hunt) and Kristen McDonald (western), coaches of the UT Martin Women's Equestrian team. Individual lessons will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship and include handling, grooming, equipment and riding English/Western. The relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being also will be discussed.

Participants must provide long pants and boots with heel. Riding helmets will be required and are provided. No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least 7 years of age to participate.

To schedule a lesson(s), contact Coach Cunningham at 731-881-7273 or Coach McDonald at 731-881-7281.

The cost of each hour lesson is $35, and participants will have a half-hour riding time.

Write an essay and win a trip to New York!

Pasta Tales essay contest starts Oct. 2

ORLANDO, Fla. - Olive Garden is asking students in first through 12th grade: If you could create a new holiday, what would you name it and how would it be celebrated?

Answers could be worth a trip to New York and a $2,500 savings bond, as part of Olive Garden's 11th-annual Pasta Tales writing contest, according to a press release.

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UTM consultant’s hours expand

MARTIN, Tenn. – Tennessee Small Business Development Center consultant Ron Acree has expanded the hours he will be available at the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center in Martin.

New hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 12 and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 19. Business owners learn about marketing, customer service or cash-flow issues. Budding entrepreneurs may receive advice on developing a business plan, marketing and record keeping.

Acree is knowledgeable about state and national resources that are available for businesses. The center also offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. Consultations are on-one-on, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by calling 731-387-REED (7333). The center is at 930 University St., Martin, Tenn. 38237. On the Web: www.utm.edu/reed.
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Ms. Wharton has two children, Chase, 13, and Libby, 1. 
Hirosaki professor teaching this semester at UT Martin

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Nationally-recognized expert to speak

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Additional sponsors are Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City, WestStar and UT Martin.


Included in Hall's presentation will be simple methods to reduce stress and live a balanced life of true happiness and spiritual well being. She will also explore the keys to wellness, stress prevention and successful aging.

Registration and a reception will begin at 6 p.m., with the program to begin at 6:30. The cost is $10 per person and includes the lecture, program materials and refreshments. Name tags will serve as the tickets. All registrations are requested by Monday.

For information, call the UT Office of Alumni Affairs at (865) 974-3011 or visit online at www.utalumni.utk.edu/women.html.

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Oberlander's recent appearances include the 2006 International Clarinet Association (ICA) Conference in Atlanta and the 2006 World Saxophone Congress in Ljubljana, Slovenia. In 2005, she toured Japan as a founding member of the Fountain City Ensemble and performed at the ICA conference in Tokyo. Other recent highlights include two performances of the Brahms Trio with internationally acclaimed pianist, Jon Kimura Parker. Oberlander recently recorded Eric Mandat's Concert Music for Clarinets, which featured Robert Spring as soloist, for release in summer 2007. She was featured as a soloist on Andrew Rindfleisch's Light Fantastic, released on the Summit label in 2005. She has performed with the Phoenix Symphony, the Phoenix Symphony Opera Orchestra, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and the Aspen Music Festival Orchestra, and she plays principal clarinet in the Columbus Ballet Orchestra. She has appeared live on WTVM (ABC) and her performances have been heard on Georgia Public Radio. She currently teaches clarinet, clarinet literature and clarinet pedagogy.

Griffiths is featured as a soloist with the Columbus State University Percussion Ensemble on its recent recording of Charles Griffin's "Fist Through Traffic" for alto saxophone and percussion. This CD is to be released in the winter of 2006.

As well as performing classical solo and chamber music, Griffiths frequently appears as a jazz soloist and annually hosts the regular meeting of the Columbus Jazz Society. She was featured as a soloist with the Maebashi Big Band in Japan in July 2006. For two years, she was a member of Orquesta Panamericana, a salsa band in Phoenix, Ariz. In Phoenix, she also was a founding member of the Dixie Devils, a group specializing in early New Orleans jazz. Since moving to Georgia, she has played in several soul bands, including Saints and Sinners and Maxwell Lummus.

Griffiths is on the faculty at Columbus State University's Schwob School of Music, where she maintains a dynamic saxophone studio and teaches saxophone quartets and chamber music, small-group jazz and woodwind methods.

While at UT M, Oberlander and Griffiths plan to teach several master classes for students on jazz saxophone, clarinet and other topics related to students' majors.

Oberlander and Griffiths' recital is free and open to the public.

Koch to speak at UT Martin

International lecture series

Malcolm Koch, First Tennessee Bank International Department vice president, is the next speaker in the University of Tennessee at Martin's International Lecture Series. "A Career in International Banking" will be presented at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 3, in Room 203 of the Business Administration Building.

Koch has held positions with National Commercial Bank of Saudi Arabia in Jeddah and Riyadh; Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank New York Branch; Chemical Bank in Chicago, Bahrain, Frankfurt and New York; and Chase Manhattan Bank in London and New York. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from Vanderbilt University, master of arts degree in international affairs from Fletcher School, Tufts University, and a doctorate in international politics from Brandeis University.

Koch, of Memphis, has been a member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Global Studies and International Education for three years and is a strong supporter of UT Martin's efforts to internationalize its students, faculty and curriculum. He serves on the U.S. Department of Commerce Tennessee Export Council and University of Memphis Wang Center of International Business Advisory Council. His lecture is co-sponsored by the College of Business and Public Affairs and the Center for Global Studies and International Education.

For more information, contact the Center for Global Studies and International Education at 881-1017.

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Do you need a speaker for a club or service organization meeting?

The University of Tennessee at Martin "Guide to Speakers and Sources" is an online guide to speakers and topics. It is designed to acquaint the public with the wide range of human resources available at UT Martin.

Various groups may find the guide useful in the selection of speakers or experts for various projects and/or meetings.

The guide, at www.utm.edu/departments/univrel/speakers.php, is prepared in alphabetical order by general topic and divided into subtopics. For assistance in making contacts with the speakers and sources or for assistance in finding campus experts for topics not listed, call the Office of University Relations at (731) 881-7615.
More Weakley County students choose UT Martin

Additional Weakley County students are part of a record enrollment at the University of Tennessee at Martin, which led four-year public universities in the state with the largest increase in preliminary fall student numbers for the second consecutive year. The fall 2006 enrollment reflected a 6.3 percent increase compared to fall 2005. There are 782 students from the county currently attending UT Martin, up from 746 last fall.

Total enrollment for fall 2006 was 6,893, compared to the fall 2005 total of 6,484 students.

“We are happy that more Weakley students have chosen UT Martin and are part of the university’s seventh consecutive record enrollment,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor. “Continued growth is a reflection of student satisfaction and the outstanding jobs that our faculty and staff are doing,” he added.