UT President to visit Ripley during grand opening celebration Sept. 6

MARTIN - A ribbon-cutting ceremony, Sept. 6, in Ripley, will mark the opening of the University of Tennessee at Martin/Ripley Center. The newly renovated facility will house classes that have been offered since early 2006 at the Tennessee Technology Center.

The ceremony is set for 1 p.m., at the center, 315 South Washington St., in Ripley. Among those attending the ceremony will be Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president, and Dr. Thomas Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. Joining them will be Bill Duffy, Extended Campus and Continuing Education executive director, and Youlanda Jones, UT Martin/Ripley Center director.

The center gained approval of the University of Tennessee board of trustees and Tennessee Higher Education Commission in fall 2006. Partnerships with area community colleges and technology centers were also a part of the development of the off-campus center.

For more information about the Ripley Center and the courses offered, contact: Jones, center director, at 731-221-8778, toll-free/1-866-285-8956, or e-mail: yjones@utm.edu.

Business consultant available

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

He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 13.

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

Appointments may be made by calling the REED Center at (731) 587-REED (7333). The center is located at 406 Lindell St. in Martin.

Graduates With Honors from UT-Martin

Ryan Drewry graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration on August 11. Ryan graduated Magna Cum Laude majoring in accounting. He was a recipient of the Faculty Scholar Award 2005 and 2007 from UTM and a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. He was also a recipient of the Robert (Pete) Vawter Scholarship Award 2006-2007 and on the Dean's List for eight semesters.

Ryan graduated from McKenzie High School in 2003. He is the son of Jerry and Ann Drewry of McKenzie. Pictured with Ryan is Dean Ernest R. Moser, right, Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs.
NEW OFFICER – Tara George, of Duck River and a University of Tennessee at Martin senior, recently joined the UT Martin Department of Public Safety as an officer. She is the daughter of William and Jewel George and a 2003 graduate of Hickman County High School. "Having been employed with our department while a student, officer George provides both academic and operational perspectives and will provide valuable insight to how our department can better serve the university," said Scott Robbins, Department of Public Safety director. In the most recent statewide crime statistics, UT Martin ranks as the safest among four-year public institutions. Additionally, for crimes that are committed, the UT Martin Department of Public Safety has a clearance rate that is substantially above the state average. George is pictured, from left, with Lt. Steve Sherfield, Chancellor Thomas Rakes and Robbins.

SAE Fraternity turns 35 years at UT Martin

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin will be celebrating their 35th anniversary on the weekend of Sept. 28-30. The Tennessee Tau chapter was chartered in 1972 and has initiated over 500 brothers into its chapter since its installation.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity was founded on March 9, 1856, at the University of Alabama and now includes more than 225 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Tennessee Tau will celebrate their 35th year in existence beginning with an initiation ceremony on Friday night followed by a reception for its newest members.

All alumni are encouraged to attend this special occasion. Saturday will include a lunch at the house and an alumni meeting later in the day.

A dinner and a special presentation from the SAE National Office will highlight Saturday evening. All events will be held at the fraternity house and are casual attire.

All brothers are invited to attend and are encouraged to make their reservations by contacting Tommy Legins at P.O. Box 436, Martin, TN, 38237, by enclosing their reservation fee of $40 for single or $50 for family by Sept. 7.

Registration fees will increase by $5 each after Sept. 7. The fee will cover all meal expenses and a souvenir of the occasion. Please include T-shirt size with registration fee information.

Hotel reservations will need to be made direct with local hotels in the Martin area. Anyone needing additional information should contact alumni advisor Tony Johnson at (731) 446-8439.

MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP – Martin City Lodge No. 551 F&AM presented their annual scholarship to James Kyle Chappel (left) of Martin. Presenting the scholarship is Worshipful Master Michael S. Youngblood. Chappel will be attending UT Martin this fall.

The Mirror Exchange, Tuesday, September 4, 2007

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UT Martin generated $118M in 2005-06

The Jackson Sun

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Cashdollar examined the economic impact of three categories: university specific, student, and visitor spending in the region.

UT Martin named one of ‘Best in the Southeast’

The University of Tennessee at Martin has again earned the designation as one of the “Best in the Southeast” in The Princeton Review for 2008.

“University of Tennessee at Martin is one of 146 schools ... receiving our “Best in the Southeast” designation, said Robert Franek, The Princeton Review publisher and editorial director. “We commend these institutions for their excellent academics, and we believe our choices offer applicants and their parents in these regions a wide range of fine schools to consider.”

The regions include the Northeast, Midwest, Southeast and West.

In the recently released student opinion data in The Princeton Review, one student noted that UT Martin, “is big enough to get the full college experience, yet small enough to get one-on-one attention from your teachers.” Another said that the school “offers a lot of additional help, when needed, to allow its students to excel.”

UT Martin is West Tennessee’s only public, four-year institution outside of Memphis. Despite being located outside a large metropolitan area, students cited the variety of activities available on campus. As one undergraduate said, “It all depends on how involved you want to get here. There is a Student Activities Council that makes sure there are things to do every week.”

Overall, students love that it’s “so easy to get involved.” Even the outdoors is a significant part of campus life at UT Martin. One student explained, “If you love to hunt, this is the place to come.”

And more than one student mentioned that there is a “general friendliness” on the campus. “Students feel like they belong here. The small-town atmosphere provides a safe environment in which to spend your four years.”

“We are delighted to again be recognized as one of the ‘Best in the Southeast’ designation. Our students and alumni are our best ambassadors,” said Dr. Thomas Rakes, university chancellor.

Skinner receives degree from UT Martin

A McNairy County resident was among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent summer commencement held in Skyhawk Fieldhouse on the UT Martin campus.

The student receiving a graduate degree was Julie Pearson Skinner of Eastview.

Dr. Bruce Blanding, Jackson State Community College president, was the keynote speaker, and Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, presided and conferred degrees.
ACT prep, horsemanship offered by ECCE

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering several classes of interest to youth.

"Making Sense of the ACT" is planned in two sessions to accommodate more students. Classes are limited to 20 students. Ron Ramage will be the instructor, and the fee is $50. Session I will be from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, September 8-29, and Session II, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, October 6-27.

Making the highest score you can on the ACT test makes sense and dollars these days. This course will help students plan a strategy to make the highest score they are capable of making. The course is designed for first-time test takers, as well as those planning to retake the test. Students will be using "The Real ACT Prep Guide" and should bring the book to the first class meeting. The cost of the text is not included in the registration fee. The book may be purchased on the UT Martin campus at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore. To reserve a copy, call 713-881-7760.

"Private Beginning Horsemanship English/Western Riding Lessons" will be taught by Meghan Cunningham, UT Martin equestrian coach. Individual lessons will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship to include handling, grooming, equipment, riding English/Western, and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being. No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least seven years of age to participate. There is a $35 fee per hour lesson and a half hour of riding time. Participants should wear long pants and boots with heels. Riding helmets will be provided. To schedule a lesson(s), contact Coach Cunningham at 731-881-7273 or 731-881-7261.

To register for a course, contact ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082 or visit the Web at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/courses_nondegree.php.

Study of nutrition, primes are topics of Reagan Leaves

Dr. Georgina Awipi (College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences) and Dr. Chris Caldwell (College of Engineering and Natural Sciences) have been awarded FY07/08 Reagan Leaves. Both leaves will occur during spring semester, 2008.

Awipi, professor of nutrition, in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, will collaborate with the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, to research relationships between lifestyle and health in urban and rural communities of South Africa. Her study will explore fields of cultural information through the collection of detailed data concerning aspects of food habits, food intakes, food beliefs, smoking, drinking, drugs, work and recreational practices in selected urban and rural communities.

"The results of the research," said Awipi, "will give students the opportunity to comprehend the essence of global interdependence and its relationship between variety in food selection and nutrition and health, which is a viable content area in nutrition courses for both the United States and South Africa." She added, "The factors and the processes influencing a better understanding of the relationship between nutrition and food choices and the prevention of certain diseases will be better defined. This information will help public health nutritionists to determine what steps to take for the improvement of and positive changes in lifestyle choices and attitudes and trends in eating habits."

Caldwell, professor of math, in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, has been involved in the study of primes for more than two decades and currently runs an active Internet site, The Prime Pages (primers.utm.edu), which contains the database of the 5,000 largest known primes. Dr. Caldwell will collaborate with G.L. Honaker, a teacher of at-risk high school students in Virginia to accomplish two goals: (1) write a book, "The Prime Curios!" based on a large subsection of The Prime Pages site and (2) change the way information for the Web site is gathered to allow multiple language versions of the key submission, bibliography and prime number record pages.

"English is the lingua franca of the Internet," said Caldwell. "However, The Prime Pages are viewed in about 140 countries each month, and I would like to address this clear need by adding a few languages." He has offers for translations into Spanish, French, German, Greek and Persian, and having the Reagan Leave will help him "actively pursue translators in other languages - especially Mandarin, Japanese and Hindi."

The UT Martin Hal and Alma Reagan Faculty Leave Program is designed to enable participants to become more effective teachers and scholars by engaging in a variety of academic/renewal experiences. Tenured faculty members with six or more years of full-time service at UT Martin are encouraged to apply for a one-year Reagan Faculty Leave at one-half salary or a half-year Reagan Faculty Leave at full salary. Completed application packages (application page and three-page proposal) are due in the Office of Research, Grants and Contacts February 1. The Faculty Research and Development Committee reviews the applications and determines awardees.
UT Martin names local students to summer semester Dean’s List

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Summer 2007 Dean’s Lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Public Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for dean’s list recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade-point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the dean’s list with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Local students include: Lance S. Legons, Dresden, with Highest Honors; Shelley C. Featherston, Greenfield, with High Honors; Kimberly K. Tharp, Greenfield, with Honors; Abdulla Abdulla, Martin, with High Honors; Cameron W. Chandler, Martin, with Highest Honors; Brent L. Hardin, Martin, with Honors; Bethany N. Hazlewood, Martin, with Highest Honors; Douglas B. Landrum, Martin, with Highest Honors; Lorie K. Mallari, Martin, with High Honors; Sara M. McIntosh, Martin, with High Honors; Stephen E. Rush, Martin, with High Honors; Teresa J. Sanfratello, Martin, with Highest Honors; Nicole T. Sudberry, Martin, with Highest Honors; Julie B. Vantrease, Martin, with Honors; Joshua S. Allen, Sharon, with Highest Honors; Amy L. Hall, Sharon, with Highest Honors; and Cassie M. Hickey, Sharon, with High Honors.

UT Martin improves in top tier of U.S. News rankings; enrollment increase expected

The University of Tennessee at Martin continued its top-tier ranking for master’s level public universities in the South in the 2008 edition of America’s Best Colleges compiled by U.S. News & World Report. The rankings, released this week, rate colleges and universities using information gathered from various sources.

UT Martin tied for 20th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor’s and master’s degrees - improved from a 21st-place tie in the 2007 rankings.

“We are pleased to be ranked in the top 20 for public universities in the South,” said Dr. Thomas Rakes, UT Martin chancellor.

Colleges are ranked against their peers using information submitted in a survey completed by the institutions and other sources. Categories used to determine the rankings and to measure academic quality include peer assessment, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and the alumni giving rate.

In the 2008 rankings, UT Martin improved its graduation rates and opportunities for faculty and students to interact.

“We take pride in the accomplishments of our faculty, staff, students and alumni who enable us to be rated highly by U.S. News and other publications,” Rakes said.

Early numbers for fall semester 2007 point to a continued enrollment increase at the university. Classes are set to begin August 27.
Have a blast at Martin’s Soybean Fest

The Jackson Sun

Singers Blake Shelton and Mickey Dolenz and bands including Rose Royce and Emerson Drive will headline the 14th annual Tennessee Soybean Festival, which began Saturday and continues through Sunday in Martin.

This year's theme is "The Crossroads of Good Livin'," based on attributes of the Tennessee Soybean Festival: good people, good food, agriculture, education, technology, good music and good times, according to a press release.

Here are some more highlights of this week's schedule:

**Today**

- 'The Crossroads' Luncheon — A Coming Together of Civic Organizations, noon, downtown stage, $4 per person; contact Steve Vantrease, 881-7710
- Martin Area Ministerial Alliance Faith and Community Night, 5:30 p.m. dinner/service organization fair and 6:30 p.m. Gold City concert; downtown stage; contact Morgan Owen, 887-2265

**Thursday**

- Grand opening of the Street Fair with food, entertainment and craft vendors, 4 p.m. to midnight, downtown
- Emerson Drive concert, 9:30 p.m., downtown stage

**Friday**

- 13th annual Chicken Crazy, Hog Wild Barbecue Cookoff, 5 p.m., Weldon Park, contact Sammy Lyles, 587-3355, ext. 238
- WCMT's 'The Singing Bee,' 6 p.m., Weldon Park, contact Chris Brinkley, 587-9526 or wcmt.com
- Rose Royce concert, 7 p.m., downtown
- Mickey Dolenz of the Monkees, 9:30 p.m., downtown stage

**Saturday**

- 11th annual Soybean Festival Car and Bike Show, Martin Recreation Complex, 8 a.m. to noon registration, 3 p.m. awards, entry fee $20, free admission for spectators, contact Tony Harris, 587-4279.
- Hot Rocks (Rolling Stones tribute band), 7 p.m., downtown stage
- Blake Shelton, 9 p.m., downtown stage

**Sunday**

- Soybean Classic All Youth Horse Show, 10 a.m. opening ceremonies, West Tennessee Ag Pavilion at UT Martin, free admission, contact Nancy McKenzie, 587-4763
- Bicycle Rodeo, registration 1:30 p.m., events 2 p.m., Martin Recreation Complex, contact Keith Kennedy, 587-6788, or Lynn Gibson, 588-2570

**Find out more**

Complete festival information is available online at www.tnsoybeanfestival.org. For general information, call Karami Hagan at 888-2507 or e-mail mcd@martin.tennessee.org.

**Web Extra**

Visit jacksonsun.com later today to view a photo gallery from the 14th annual Tennessee Soybean Festival parade.
Mason Smith, 6, waves his hands as he tries to direct the University of Tennessee at Martin's marching band as the Tennessee Soybean Festival parade passes him on Tuesday in Martin.

STUDENTS COMPLETE COURSE - Employees of MTD, Martin, Tenn., students at the Weakley County Campus of the McKenzie Technology Center have completed the Industrial Electricity Course. Pictured, from left are: Ryan Connor, Robert McCord, Michael Beal, Keith Parks, Jody Powell and Trent Rutkowski, maintenance supervisor. MTD has been supporting the class with equipment and its participation. (Photo submitted)
UTM announces Fall faculty assignments

A number of 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 several others who have assumed new responsibilities.

"This is an exceptional group of new professionals, and I am excited about the contributions they will make — both in and outside of the classroom," said Dr. Jerald Ogg, UT Martin interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, at the annual fall faculty meeting, Aug. 21. "I look forward to working with each of them in what is shaping up as another banner year for our campus."

Among faculty members recognized at the meeting were: Mary Vaughan Carpenter, director and assistant professor of library science, Paul Meek Library; Dr. John M. Coons, assistant professor of exercise science, Department of Health and Human Performance; Terra M. Davenport, lecturer of health and human performance, Department of Health and Human Performance; Pamela L. Fiedler, assistant professor of graphic arts, Department of Visual and Theatre Arts; John V. Glass III, lecturer of English, Department of English; Dr. Paul I. Higgs, assistant professor of chemistry, Department of Chemistry; Dr. Michael J. Kempf, assistant professor of biology, Department of Biological Sciences; Dr. Mark D. Keränen, assistant professor of chemistry, Department of Chemistry; Dr. Brandon R. Kilburn, assistant professor of management, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science; Dr. Malcolm G. Koch, lecturer of political science, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science; Dr. Curtis J. Kunkel, assistant professor of mathematics, Department of Mathematics and Statistics; Anna J. Lasota, assistant professor of library science, Paul Meek Library; Linda W. Luther, assistant professor, Department of Nursing; Yelena A. Meadows, lecturer of mathematics, Department of Mathematics and Statistics; Ann Y. Mulhearn, lecturer of history, Department of History and Philosophy; and Alissa R. Parrish, lecturer of nursing, Department of Nursing.

Others were: Neena W. Patterson, laboratory instructor of nursing, Department of Nursing; Kiattisak Phongkusolitch, assistant professor of management, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science; Dr. Matthew A. Pritchett, assistant professor of biology, Department of Biological Sciences; Tracy M. Rutledge, instructor of communications, Department of Communications; Sandipan S. Sen, lecturer of marketing, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science; and Donald Shaw, assistant professor of biology, Department of Biological Sciences; Dr. Nancy K. Sonleitner, assistant professor of sociology, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice; Dr. Matthew L. Spangler, assistant professor of animal science, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Michael W. Spaulding, assistant professor of instructional technology, Department of Educational Studies; Ethel B. Spivey, assistant professor of nursing, Department of Nursing; Dr. Somasak Sukitthanan, assistant professor of engineering, Department of Engineering; Gwendolyn M. Tomlin, lecturer of education, Department of Educational Studies; Dr. F. Wesley Totten, assistant professor of plant and soil science, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Dr. Chara K. Van Horn, assistant professor of communications, Department of Communications; Troy A. Voelker, lecturer of management, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science; Dr. Gregory Washington, associate professor of social work, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice; and Cherry Watts, assistant professor of education, Department of Educational Studies.

'Surveillance, Terrorism and the Constitution' topic of free lecture this month at UT Martin

Award-winning author and Constitutional scholar Roger K. Newman will speak at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17 in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

"Surveillance, Terrorism and the Constitution" will be his lecture topic.

The presentation is co-sponsored by Honors Programs and the American Democracy Project. The event is free and open to the public.

With master's degrees from the University of Virginia and New York University, Newman has achieved a national reputation as a constitutional scholar. While teaching at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and serving as New York University Research Scholar from 1985-2001, Newman has published and lectured extensively, from one end of the country to the other, on major constitutional issues.


Noting that "if the first casualty of war is truth, civil liberty is second," Newman warns that "the reaction to 9-11 threatens to restrict civil liberties on a far greater scale and in ways we do not yet know." Prime among these threats is the "unparalleled extent" to which the government is monitoring and recording private conversations.

Newman will discuss personal freedom, technology and the role of the Constitution.

"As we celebrate the 220th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, we are again locked in conflict over the issue of personal liberty vs. security in time of war," said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honors Programs director.

"Constitutional scholar Roger Newman has been studying these issues for decades and can be relied upon to present an enlightening discussion of the constitutional implications of our current situation."

For more information, contact McDonough by e-mail at danmc@utm.edu or by telephone at (731) 881-7436.
UTM professor releases studies' results

It is hard to dispute the value of the product: a four-year college degree. Each year, hundreds of University of Tennessee at Martin graduates prove that by maximizing the benefits of a college education. In fact, approximately 95 percent of UT Martin graduates find jobs or are accepted to graduate schools within six months of graduation.

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The $118 million local income total included expenditures in all three categories. All total amounts include the multiplier effect. The $48,413,664 payroll, in the UT Martin specific-expenditures category, was the greatest contributor to income, generating a total of $91,985,962 in the region.

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UT Martin’s boost to economy value added to education mission

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“We recognize the level of involvement UT Martin has on our region and we are proud to participate as a meaningful partner with a significant impact upon our stakeholders,” said Dr. Thomas Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. “We also realize the importance of growth and economic development as a necessary linkage that serves to improve the quality of life for us all.”

LEGACY LUNCHEON — University of Tennessee at Martin alumni and their children who are enrolled at the university for the fall semester were invited to the annual Legacy Luncheon recently hosted as the students moved into their residence halls. Among those attending the luncheon at Paul Meek Library were Lori Hendon (1987) and her son, Dale Hendon, of Union City.
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Plant pigment use topic of seminar

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) is sponsoring a seminar by Dr. Paul I. Higgs on the isolation, syntheses and possible pharmaceutical use of plant pigments.

The presentation will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 in Room 317 of the Johnson Engineering and Physical Science Building.

Higgs is a UT Martin assistant professor of chemistry. Previously, he was an assistant professor of chemistry at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla.

He received a bachelor of science and master of science in chemistry and a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand. He was a post doctoral research fellow at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va., the University of Florida at Gainesville and the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla.

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UTM offers teachers online Spanish course

A new online course offered by the University of Tennessee can help bridge the language gap between teachers and their Spanish-speaking students.

Spoken Spanish for the Teaching Professional, a non-credit course, is designed for the teacher, principal or school secretary who needs to communicate directly with students and families.

“I’m excited about this course being available to the schools in our state,” said Robert Hodge, course developer and instructor.

“There’s a myth that you have to be either a certified ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher or a bilingual educator to teach a Spanish-speaking student,” Hodge added.

“A complete set of vocabulary cards puts practice at their fingertips, and a glossary will satisfy both the beginner and advanced learner, with quick access to translation and additional words for reference and future study.

Also, participants will receive a customized workbook that will accompany them in their learning and serve as a long-term resource once the course is completed.

The workbook contains its own instruction, 12 written exercises, and ideas to help stimulate each person’s language-learning.

Participants may enroll online at www.anywhere.tennessee.edu/ or by calling UT’s Department of Distance Education and Independent Study at (865) 974-5134 or (800) 670-8657.

Spoken Spanish for the Medical Professionals ($295) is also available online.
Agriculture hot topic at Mayor's Kickoff Luncheon

To show appreciation for the sponsors and other community members that help make the Tennessee Soybean Festival a success every year, a luncheon was held in their honor Tuesday afternoon in the University of Tennessee at Martin's Bowling Center Ballroom. There was praise for the “good people” that help make the festival happen and praise to the soybean farmers who play a role in providing a way of life.

Distinguished guest Gov. Ned Ray McWherter offered a kind word to those on hand for the Mayor’s Kickoff Luncheon.

“...Love thy neighbor is practiced and preserved and the end result is the community foundation of good livin’. The key ingredients that make it work are willing people and city employees who believe in what we are doing from the police to the fire and the public works department,” Belote said.

“We’re going to have a doggone good time,” Belote added.

UTM Dean of Agricultural Sciences Jim Byford took the stage during the luncheon with a presentation highlighting the “best of times and worst of times for agriculture.”

With technology, farmers have learned to produce more on less land, Byford explained. He also said global competition as well as increasing costs have posed challenges for rural farmers.

Fears of consumers and competition for land through development are also challenges faced by the agricultural community.

“There are always the good and the bad with anything, but if you choose to look at the good side, you’ll be happier and get more accomplished,” Byford stated.

“Today our mission is shifting. We are looking at ways to take care of ourselves and then, if we can, we can take of other countries’ needs. ... The face of rural America is changing,” Byford said.

The Mayor’s Kickoff Luncheon is only one of the many events set for this week. Tonight, the opening season game for the UT Martin Skyhawks will kick off at Hardy-Graham Stadium at 6 p.m. A grand opening for the street fair and carnival is set for 4 p.m. and will run until midnight. Emerson Drive will take the stage at 9:30 p.m. tonight.

This weekend will offer the Super Retriever Series, more concerts, plenty of food and a full slate of other activities.

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Senior Art exhibit on display at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will begin its season of student art exhibitions with an opening reception, slated from 5-7 p.m., Sept. 11. This first exhibition features the cumulative works of Adam McCammon, Ashland City, and Mary Margaret Boyd, Lewisburg, both senior art education students, in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. The exhibition will run through Sept. 21.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 881-7400.
Consultant will be at REED Center

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will be available in September at the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center in Martin. He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sept. 13.

This is an opportunity for existing business owners to get advice on 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 UT Martin REED Center is a service of the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and the Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Free Enterprise.

The REED Center also offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at 587-REED(7333). The REED Center is located at 406 Lindell St., Martin.

For additional services offered by the REED Center go to www.utm.edu/reed.
Ex-Monkee Dolenz makes stop in Martin

By TRACIE SIMER

Four decades after the popular '60s band The Monkees first appeared on TV, Micky Dolenz will perform in Martin during the Tennessee Soybean Festival.

Dolenz will sing the band's most popular songs to fans at 9:30 p.m. today on the Downtown Stage. Admission is free.

Born in Los Angeles on March 8, 1945, Dolenz was the drummer for The Monkees. He got a part on The Monkees TV show in the fall of 1966. By Sept. 10, 1966 their debut single, "Last Train to Clarksville," which featured Dolenz on lead vocals, hit the charts. The band went on to sell more than 65 million records worldwide.

Dolenz

Today, Dolenz is an actor, director, producer and performer. He has a small role in Rob Zombie's remake of "Halloween" and appeared on a recent episode of "American Idol."

Q: You will be performing with your sister Coco. What can West Tennessee fans expect to see if you see you tonight?

A: You can assure people that I will perform all Monkee songs in their entirety. I don't want to change the old material. I sing it like it was recorded. It's important to me to fulfill the contract made with the audience. They expect you to sing songs the way they know them. Some people redo songs or do things different, but I don't.

I'm bringing my sister. We've been singing together since we were kids, so we'll sing songs we grew up with. I'll also sing some other things, like the Chuck Berry tune I had to sing for the Monkees' audition.

Something else I always do is tell stories. It creates a connection with the audience. Especially when I'm about to do a non-Monkee tune, I like to explain what I'm about to sing before I perform it. When I sing 'Good Morning, Good Morning,' from 'Sgt. Pepper's' I tell the story about being in the recording session with The Beatles. It's going to be lots of fun. I'm looking forward to it.

Q: You appear in Rob Zombie's remake of "Halloween,"

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which was number one at the box office Labor Day weekend. How do you feel about your part? What was it like working with Rob Zombie?

A: It's a small part in the movie. Really. But Rob's apparently a fan. He called my agent and booked me. It was great working with him. He's a great director and the movie is an interesting story. I don't get killed and I don't kill anyone. It was nice to be a part of the biggest movie of the weekend.

Q: You made an appearance on "American Idol's Idol Gives Back" show during the Bee Gees number. How did you get involved with the show? Who were you rooting for to win?

A: I was actually visiting the set during a taping and the producer — who I know — asked if I would do the Bee Gees thing.

My favorite was Jordin Sparks. She has a great voice and good presentation. It's not just about the voice. You have to have a style and presentation.

Q: You released "Micky Dolenz' Rock n' Rollin' Trivia" in 2006 to coincide with the 40th anniversary of The Monkees. A lot of people were expecting a book about The Monkees, but you came through with trivia about a lot of artists. How did you gather all of that information?

A: I didn't do it all myself, that would've been too much. All The Monkees trivia came from me, but not for the other acts. When the publishers approached me about doing the book they asked me to provide them with whatever I had.

Q: Which piece of trivia was the most surprising?

A: A lot of it did surprise me, but the one that stuck in my head was 'Name the group with the most number two records who have never had a number one.' Know the answer? Creedence Clearwater Revival.

Q: Who is your favorite rock n' roll trivia subject?

A: Well, I'm a huge Beatles fan, always have been, always will be. They're just the best. I'm fairly good friends with Ringo and I was also with John in L.A. Paul was the first Beatles I met, and he invited me to some of their sessions while they were recording 'Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.' It was pretty intense.

Q: On your Web site, there is a petition to get The Monkees inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Why do you think the band isn't already in there? Why do you think The Monkees deserve a spot in the hall?

A: I'm grateful to the fans for trying to get this in action. But I've never been one who chases awards. It's not my place. And the hall's not an officially recognized organization in the industry anyway. It's more like a private club started by some in the industry and it's their preference.

Q: How do you think The Monkees affected rock and roll?

A: Well, I wasn't necessarily a fan of myself. But I'm still doing shows, the songs are still played, the shows are still on TV — so obviously there has been some influence. There weren't any long-haired kids on TV back then unless they were getting arrested. We made it all right to have long hair.

Q: Do you still keep in contact with the other Monkees Peter Tork, Davy Jones and Mike Nesmith? Are there any plans to get back together, since 1996's "Justus" reunion?

A: We keep in touch through e-mails every once in a while. Everyone lives in different places. As for reuniting, I've learned to never say never. But right now, I just don't know.

Visit jacksonsun.com and share your thoughts.

— Tracie Simer, 425-9629

Other artists performing at the Soybean Festival this weekend:

- Today:
  - 7 p.m. — Ross Royce
  - 7:45 p.m. — Bluegrass in the Park
  - 9 p.m. — Cookoff Karaoke Vender Competition
  - 9:30 p.m. — Micky Dolenz

- Saturday:
  - 3 p.m. — Nashville Songwriters Acoustical Jam
  - 7 p.m. — Hot Rocks Stones Show
  - 9 p.m. — Blake Shelton

Local

HEY, HEY IT'S
A MONKEE: Micky Dolenz, of the popular '60s band The Monkees, will sing the band's most popular songs to fans today at the Tennessee Soybean Festival, IB.
Athletes, take precaution in the heat

Last week I was driving in the car with my son when he said, 'Let's go golfing after lunch.' Well, under normal circumstances I would have said, 'Okay, Let's go.' However, I looked at the temperature gauge located on my rear view mirror and it read 108 degrees.

 Needless to say, my response was not one that my son wanted to hear. I tried to explain to him that it was too hot and it was actually dangerous for us to be out in the hot weather for extended periods of time.

With the temperature being excessively hot, it is always helpful to review precautions that should be taken with exposure to heat related incidences. The National Athletic Trainers Association deals with a variety of heat related illnesses including, heat cramps, heat syncope, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and exertional hyponatremia. Symptoms range from thirst, dizziness, irrational behavior, weakness, nausea and an increase in core body temperature.

In an attempt to find out how athletes are able to beat the summer heat during practice for late summer sports, such as football, I spoke with Bart Belew, Head Athletic Trainer for the University of Tennessee at Martin. Plain and simple Bart's response was, "Hydration, hydration, hydration." Bart recommends that if you are going to spend more than one hour in the heat, then it is best to drink some type of sports drink, anything less than one hour then drink water.

Bart went on to say that often athletic trainers focus on prehydration (in case you haven't figured it out yet! drink plenty of fluids!). Interestingly enough, my interview with Bart was done in the 'cool zone' on the sidelines of the Skyhawk football field. The cool zone consisted of industrial size fans and large tubs of ice water which were used to cool the athletes and aid in decreasing the body temperature more efficiently.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2006) it is important to wear lightweight and light colored clothing. Additional accessories include a wide brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Now that we look good and are hydrated we must remember to only go outside as needed.

For example, those pesky weeds in your flower beds can wait until later in the evening to be pulled. Also, we should think of others, especially the young and old. Keep an eye out for your elderly neighbors by bringing in their trash cans or hand delivering their mail. Young individuals are also a high risk; never leave children, or pets, in the car, not even for a few minutes with the windows cracked.

Be wise, don't go out in the heat of the day and be aware of the duration of your exposure to the heat. If you only remember one thing, remember HYDRATION. It is the most important thing that you can do to help prevent the onset of heat related illnesses.

If you take care of yourself, instead of going to the golf course for 18 holes, you can go to the driving range for a bucket instead. That's what we did!

On the web:
- www.USA.gov
- www.journalofathletictraining.org
Teach pets to be good 'family' members

The new academic year is here, and whether they like it or not, students are in the classroom. Even though the vast majority of students groan and moan about education, most do realize its importance.

In school we learn valuable information that helps us function in society, not only in helping us to prepare for our future in the work force, but also in helping us learn how to interact with and respond to others. Our furry friends aren't that different. If left untrained or shall we say 'uneducated,' our loving, little animal friends can turn into big and sometimes, even dangerous, problems.

Let's take, for instance, a cute, 8-pound, 6-week-old large breed dog. We'll call him Brutus. When we first bring Brutus home, he seems so lost. He looks up at us with that sweet, little face and those big, brown eyes, and we positively can't say no to any of his requests.

You want to greet everyone who comes in the door by jumping up on them? Okay.

You want to play rough and growl and bite? Isn't that cute? Look how aggressive he is, and he's only 10 weeks old now!


What's that, Brutus? You don't like walking beside me on the leash? Okay, you just run on ahead, and I'll try to keep up with you.

Jump forward in time about a year. Brutus does not have a cute, sweet little face any more, but he still has rather large brown eyes because his head is bigger than yours. Brutus weighs around 90-100 pounds. He still jumps on everyone who comes in the door, but now, he's not the little puppy that barely comes up to your knee. You have to be careful or he'll knock you down.

He still growls and is aggressive, but now it's not just when he's playing. He growls and barks any time he doesn't get what he wants or any time your friends or neighbors decide to come over. He still doesn't come when you call him. In fact, he hardly even looks around when you try to give him a command.

You can't take him out for a walk because, with his strength and speed, you can't hold on to him. He's not so sweet and cuddly anymore, is he? He's actually kind of scary, isn't he?

You are afraid to take him anywhere. You are afraid for him to be around neighbors and friends because you never know what he might do. In fact, you are pretty sure that if he was pushed just a little, he would probably bite, and with his size and strength, you can foresee a potential disaster.

You begin to contemplate giving Brutus away because he has gotten way too much for you to handle. Maybe someone out in the country might want him. Maybe a local humane society might be able to find him a good home.

Hmmm, who might want a biting, surly, out-of-control, 90-pound dog? Think about it.

Brutus is not necessarily a lost cause. With some help from the right people, he probably can be taught acceptable behavior, but not if you don't change. When he comes home, he'll take all his clues from you, and if you haven't changed, he won't.
Wouldn't it been easier if you had started teaching Brutus about rules of behavior when he was small? What if you had been consistent in your training and your commands? What if you had not allowed Brutus to behave in such a way when he was little? Is Brutus just a bad dog or could it be, perish the thought, that your 'schooling' of Brutus has made him this way?

Imagine a child that is always given exactly what he wants, acts any way he pleases with no consequences whatsoever, and never receives any education of any sort. How do you think he would act?

The point which I think you've probably already figured out is that to be a good pet and more so than that, a happy pet, an animal must have some education. There are numerous training manuals, Web sites, obedience classes and animal behaviorists out there who can help anyone learn how to train and educate a pet. Your veterinarian is also a wonderful source on how to train your puppy or kitten and in dealing with behavioral issues in adult animals.

As a veterinarian, I have seen animals of all sizes and ages misbehave, so I don't want to leave the impression that only big dogs need an education. No matter what the size or breed, every animal needs to learn how to behave acceptably and interact appropriately with other animals and with people.

Just like our students starting back to school, your pet may moan and groan about its education. Depending on your pet's age and attitude, some lessons may be harder learned than others. But, in the end, a well-behaved, educated pet can usually be assured a bright and productive future. Not, of course, in the work force, but more importantly in a loving home with a long-lasting relationship which is beneficial to the pet, to you and to your family.

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

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UT Martin Ripley Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

OFFICIALS with the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. Sept. 6th at the new center at 315 S. Washington St. The newly renovated facility will house classes that have been offered since early 2006 at the Tennessee Technology Center. Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president, Dr. Thomas Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, and Bill Duffy, extended campus and continuing education executive director, are scheduled to attend the ceremony. Youlanda Jones will serve as the UT Martin/Ripley Center director. The center gained approval from the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees and Tennessee Higher Education Commission in the fall of 2006. Partnerships with area community colleges and technology centers were a part of the development of the off-campus center.
University of Tennessee at Martin

UT Martin is a primary campus in the University of Tennessee System. UT Martin serves approximately 6,900 students, offering more than 100 different program areas involving undergraduate and graduate levels of study.

"The University of Tennessee experience at Martin is available in a residential setting at regional center locations and online through UTOnline," said Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor. "The faculty and staff at UT Martin provide personal attention offering instructional programs and leadership opportunities in a technology-enhanced learning environment. Many students also participate in more than a dozen different travel-study programs throughout the world."

Extended-campus sites include Jackson, Parsons, Ripley and Selmer.

The 250-acre main campus is recognized for being located in one of the nation's safest college communities. New construction includes the second phase of University Village housing. Approved for construction are a new student recreation center and an expansion of the Fine Arts Building.

UT Martin tied for 21st place among public master's universities in the South in the 2007 edition of America's Best Colleges, compiled by U.S. News & World Report. Recently, UT Martin was listed among America's 100 Best College Buys, a listing compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc.

For more information, visit www.utm.edu or call (731) 881-7020 or (800) 829-UTM1.

This attention to detail is one reason that Rhodes earned the distinction in 2005 as the youngest CEO of a Fortune 500 company.

Jerry Reese, 1988
Former UT Martin assistant football coach and player Jerry Reese was named senior vice president and general manager of the New York Giants in the National Football League in January. Reese played football at UT Martin from 1981 to 1984.

A select group of area high school students got a taste of college life during the recent fifth annual Young Scholars Academy at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event was sponsored by UTM's Office of Minority Affairs and students attended a competitive, weeklong summer residential program, designed for upcoming high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. The noncredit program introduced students to the college experience by focusing on special aptitude development, personal and social development, and college/major exploration.

Daryl Anderson Jr. of Cordova was among the participants.

Micky Dolenz, a former member of The Monkees, performs with his sister, Coco, during the Tennessee Soybean Festival on Friday in Martin.

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Daryl Anderson Jr.
Port, I-69 plans put Weakley County on the road to growth

By RITA MITCHELL
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Weakley County begins each day with an advantage only one other West Tennessee county shares. The county is home to the only four-year public higher education institution in West Tennessee outside Shelby County. The University of Tennessee at Martin gives the county a valuable asset and multiplies its opportunities for growth and development.

Add to that foundation, the county’s strong agricultural base, preparation for and pursuit of industrial and commercial growth, a diverse population and numerous cultural and recreational offerings, and it almost sounds too good to be true.

County officials continue to develop ways to maximize assets that are planned within the region. Port of Cates Landing is a public port on the Mississippi River with facilities capable of handling various raw and finished products onto and off barges. The port will be accessible to barge traffic year round. The planned construction of I-69 finds Weakley County in an optimum location.

Weakley and Obion counties are working together to transform Everett Stewart Airport into a regional facility. The two counties will jointly fund and operate the airport located between Martin and Union City. “Improvements are on the way,” said Jimmy Westbrook, Weakley County Economic Development Board chairman. “With the assistance of federal and state grants, the runway will be extended to 6,500 feet, making it one of the longest runways enjoyed by a non-commercial airport in the state or region. New T-hangers are in the bid process. Ten new hangars are being built, and they have all been leased before construction even starts.”

A new entrance to the airport is planned, with construction to start in July 2008. “This will greatly enhance the accessibility and attractiveness of the airport.” He added, “A new airport manager assumed duties in July. She has been with the airport for years of aviation experience and has some new ideas to promote the use of the airport.”

The Tennessee Valley Authority chose Weakley County as one of three pilot counties to receive a grant to have a strategic plan study completed to advise county officials about strengths and weaknesses. According to the consultant, Boyette-Levy of Atlanta, Weakley County should work to attract biofuel entities, retail businesses and retirees. Committees have been appointed and are meeting to discuss how to best follow up on these suggestions.

“In June, Weakley County completed a 100,000-square-foot spec building in Martin,” said Westbrook. “It is very attractive and functional, and several companies have already expressed an interest in it. After several years of not making much progress in the area of economic development, Weakley County has the tools in place to begin much needed economic development.”

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, said, “A recently completed economic impact study, conducted by Dr. Parker Cashdollar, UT Martin professor of economics, documents the multimillion-dollar impact our institution has on Weakley County and the surrounding area. I expect this impact to increase substantially over the next 10 years as the number of our graduates and university partnerships grow.”

He added, “UT Martin continues to be a catalyst for the region and beyond with efforts involving biofuels, business development, artistic talents, athletics and an assortment of creative and professional studies. We have the collective knowledge to enhance a number of initiatives. The challenge will be to focus on those opportunities that will improve the quality of life and educational opportunities for our students, faculty, staff, stakeholders and citizens throughout the region and beyond.”

Movers and shakers

Clarence Junior Moore
Dresden resident Clarence Junior Moore has spent his life being true to a philosophy. He believes that everyone should give of their time and efforts to make Dresden and Weakley County a better place to live. Moore was employed by Weakley County Municipal Electric System from 1955 to 2000 and also has been engaged in farming from 1945 to the present.

He is Weakley County Industrial Board chair, former West Tennessee Industrial Board member and vice president, past Tennessee Iris Festival treasurer and Dresden Park Commission member. He has served almost 20 years as a First State Bank Community Bank Board member, has been a Weakley County Chamber of Commerce board member since 1984 and is a member of the Dresden Foundation and Dresden Elks Lodge. He was named Dresden Citizen of the Year in 2005 and Weakley County Citizen of the Year in 2002.

Audrey Roberts
Audrey Roberts, of Martin, is the retired president of Martin Manufacturing Company Inc., a manufacturer of uniform shirts for all branches of the U.S. military, Postal Department and security forces such as Tennessee State Patrol, firemen and airport security. Roberts has always been busy in the community and finds serving on several local boards is a way to “give back” to the community she enjoys so much.

She is a member of the Martin Rotary and serves as a Rotary District chair; a charter member of the WLJT-TV Channel 11 board of directors; president of the Martin Twentieth Century Club; member of the Martin Philharmonic Music Club; incoming chair of the Volunteer Community Hospital Board; and a member of Martin Beautiful Committee, where she assists with the Home, Garden and Sporting Expo held each spring.

Roberts serves on the Federal Prison Industry Board appointed by the president of the United States. She is a graduate of WestStar and Martin Citizens Police Academy.

County offices
- Population: 34,895
- County Mayor: Houston Patrick, 364-5413
- County Clerk: Pat Scarborough, 364-2285
- Circuit Court Clerk: Pam Belew 364-3455
- Election Commission Administrator: Diane Cashon, 364-5654
- Sheriff: Mike Wilson, 364-5454
- Chamber of Commerce Executive Director: Barbara Virgin, 364-3787, www.weakleycountychamber.com

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- Dresden: Population 3,100, City Hall: 117 W. Main St., 364-2370
- Gleason: Population 1,450; City Hall: 101 College St., 648-5547
- Greenfield: Population 2,200; City Hall: 222 N. Front St., 235-2230
- Martin: Population 10,515; City Hall: 101 University St., 587-3126
- Sharon: Population 989; City Hall: 143 E. Main St., 456-2122
University of Tennessee Martin

The following is a list of events that are open to the public at the University of Tennessee at Martin. All events are subject to change. For more information, call (731) 881-7020 or (800) 829-UTML, or visit www.utm.edu and select the "Event Calendars" link. Find sports schedules at utmsports.com.

Fall 2007
- **Aug. 25**: Drumline Tuneup, Fine Arts Building
- **Aug. 26**: Guest artist, exhibition opening, 5 to 7 p.m., LaQuita Thomson, photography; (Aug. 20-Sept. 9), Fine Arts Building
- **Sept. 1-9**: Tennessee Soybean Festival, "Crossroads of Good Livin,'" www.tnsoybeanfestival.org
- **Sept. 7**: Community exhibition opening, Tennessee Soybean Festival art exhibition and competition, downtown Fairview
- **Sept. 8**: Zildjian Cymbal Clinic, 2 to 5 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Sept. 11**: Senior exhibitions, opening, 5 to 7 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Sept. 15**: Skyhawk Marching Band Invitational
- **Sept. 17**: Academic Speaker Series, Roger K. Newman, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism faculty member, 7:30 p.m., Boling University Center
- **Sept. 23**: Senior tuba recital, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Sept. 24**: Faculty recital, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Sept. 25**: Senior exhibitions, opening, 5 to 7 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Oct. 6**: Senior Preview Day, Boling University Center
- **Oct. 8-14**: Homecoming, "Reunion of Friends ... Celebrating the '90s"
- **Oct. 8**: Academic Speaker Series, Dr. Thomas P.M. Barnett, senior management director, Enterra Solutions, University of Tennessee Baker Center Distinguished Scholar and Author, 7:30 p.m., Boling University Center
- **Oct. 9**: Senior percussion recital, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Oct. 9**: Senior exhibitions opening, 5 to 7 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Oct. 10**: Chamber ensembles concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Oct. 14**: Electronic percussion masterclass, Tom Roady, 2 to 5 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Oct. 25-27**: Dessert Evening, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building, admission
- **Oct. 25**: Academic Speaker Series, John Bul Baul, leader of the "Lost Boys of Sudan," 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 25-Nov. 4**: Vanguard posters exhibition and senior exhibition, opening, 5 to 7 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Oct. 30**: English Film Festival, 7 p.m., Boling University Center
- **Nov. 1-4**: Vanguard Theatre production, "Little Shop of Horrors," main stage, Fine Arts Building. Evening performances at 8 p.m., Sunday matinee at 3 p.m.
- **Nov. 5**: Academic Speaker Series

Ronald Chapman, right, works on a drill during University of Tennessee Martin football practice in this 2006 file photo.

Frank Deford, senior contributing editor at Sports Illustrated and correspondent on HBO's Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel, 7:30 p.m.

- **Nov. 6**: Faculty art exhibition opening, 5 to 7 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Nov. 6**: Faculty showcase, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Nov. 8**: Wind ensemble concert with guest artist Ney Rosauro, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Nov. 10**: Senior art exhibition opening, 5 to 7 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Nov. 15**: Senior piano recital, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Nov. 17**: Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Nov. 18**: Percussion ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Nov. 27**: Group exhibition opening, 5 to 7 p.m., Visual Arts Society Disgruntled Artists Exhibition, Fine Arts Building
- **Nov. 27**: English Film Series, 7 p.m., Boling University Center
- **Nov. 28**: Jazz band concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Nov. 29**: Piano ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Dec. 2**: Fall choral concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Dec. 3**: Wind ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Dec. 4**: Gospel choir concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Dec. 6**: Chamber ensembles concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Dec. 15**: Fall commencement, 11 a.m.

Spring 2008

- **Jan. 16**: High school art exhibition, opening, 5 to 7 p.m., College Art Day, Fine Arts Building
- **Jan. 24-26**: Honor band, Fine Arts Building
- **Jan. 28**: Academic Speaker Series, Dr. Kerry Emanuel, professor of atmospheric science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 7:30 p.m., Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
- **Jan. 28**: Montage concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Feb. 1-2**: Honor choir
- **Feb. 17**: J. B. Smith percussion masterclass, 2 to 5 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Feb. 18**: J. B. Smith and Bob Spring guest recital, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Feb. 19**: Senior exhibitions opening, 5 to 7 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **Feb. 28-29**: Vanguard Theatre production, "Sylvia," Fine Arts Building
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- **April 6**: Spring choral concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **April 14**: Piano ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **April 15**: Group art exhibition, visual/theater arts students, opening, 5 to 7 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **April 15**: Gospel choir concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **April 19**: Spring orientation and registration
- **April 22**: Wind ensemble and concert band concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
- **April 24**: Jazz band concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building
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LINDSAY MCDONALD/The Jackson Sun
$118 million boost to region's economy is value added to education mission

It is hard to dispute the value of the product: a four-year college degree. Each year, hundreds of University of Tennessee at Martin graduates prove that by maximizing the benefits of a college education. In fact, approximately 95 percent of UT Martin graduates find jobs or are accepted to graduate schools within six months of graduation.

And, while educating students is the primary mission, there is a value-added aspect that extends UT Martin’s benefits beyond the campus borders or Martin city limits.

UT Martin generated $118 million in income in the region during the 2005-06 fiscal year, according to a recent study by a UT Martin professor. Of that amount, about 75.6 percent, or $89,359,790, was generated in Weakley and Obion counties.

Dr. Parker Cashdollar, professor of economics, recently updated studies he has released at intervals since 1985, that examine economic impact of three categories - university specific-, student- and visitor-spending in the region.

“The economic impact study provides a concise measure of the short-term impact of UT Martin that benefits more than those with direct ties to the university such as students, employees and contractors,” said Cashdollar. “Persons and businesses in the region with no direct ties to UT Martin can see the impact, especially through the multiplier impact, that benefits the overall economy of the region.”

As part of the study, expenditure categories were multiplied by personal income factors (the same as those used in previous studies) to determine the local income impact. Personal income factors show the percentage of the expenditure that becomes local income, and the PIF ranged from 1.0 (100 percent) for payroll to only .04 (4 percent) for supplies purchased by the university. Multiplying each category of spending by the appropriate PIF yielded the direct contribution to income of that category of expenditures. Then an income multiplier of 1.9 was used to estimate the total impact in the region of the given expenditure category. The multiplier takes into account the fact that a dollar spent locally generates additional income by turning over in additional transactions.

“There were no major surprises,” said Cashdollar of the outcomes. “UT Martin payroll continues to be the major contributor to income impact for several reasons. Virtually all of the payroll goes to UT Martin employees living in the region.

Payroll is the largest single component of spending. And, unlike the other components of spending that have personal income factors that are less than 1.0, each one dollar of payroll spending immediately creates a full one dollar of income in the region.”

The $118 million local income total included expenditures in all three categories. All total amounts include the multiplier effect. The $48,413,664 payroll, in the UT Martin specific-expenditures category, was the greatest contributor to income, generating a total of $91,985,962 in the region.

UT Martin off-campus student expenditures had the greatest impact in rent with an expenditure of $4,657,957 and generating a total income impact of $7,080,095. This was followed by grocery spending of $8,124,167 that generated a total income impact of $1,234,873. Restaurant spending was $7,771,661, generating an income impact of $3,543,877.

UT Martin off-campus visitor expenditures for the time period was $2,824,565, which generated an income impact of $1,073,334. Most visitor off-campus spending was on food, vehicle expenses and lodging.

During a period from 2000 to 2006, state appropriations decreased from 57 percent to 48 percent as a percentage of the overall UT Martin budget. Tuition and fees increased from 39.4 percent of the UT Martin budget in 2001 to 47.6 percent of the UT Martin budget in 2006.

Grants and scholarships over this same period rose from $10.3 million to $21.2 million or by $10.9 million, a 106 percent increase, which offset tuition increases for many students. Grants and scholarships as a percentage of tuition and fees increased from 56 percent in 2001 to 73 percent in 2006.

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ed by lottery scholarships which began in fall 2004, reached $6.3 million in 2005-06 and comprised 30 percent of total grants and scholarships.

“We recognize the level of involvement UT Martin has on our region, and we are proud to participate as a meaningful partner with a significant impact upon our stakeholders,” said Dr. Thomas Rakes, UT Martin chancellor.

“We also realize the importance of growth and economic development as a necessary linkage that serves to improve the quality of life for us all,” he added.

Students receive degrees

Several Gibson County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent summer commencement held in Skyhawk Fieldhouse on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:

- Humboldt - Adam Lee Ragan, Joseph Duane Shepherd
- Jackson State Community College president, was the keynote speaker, and Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, presided and conferred degrees.
New faculty introduced

A number of 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 several others who have assumed new responsibilities.

"This is an exceptional group of new professionals, and I am excited about the contributions they will make — both in and outside of the classroom," said Dr. Jerald Ogg, UT Martin interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, at the annual fall faculty meeting, Aug. 21. "I look forward to working with each of them in what is shaping up as another banner year for our campus."

He added, "Hiring quality faculty who support our mission is arguably the most important thing we do as administrators. I commend the department chairs and deans for all of their hard work recruiting this team of scholars."

Among faculty members recognized at the meeting were Mary Vaughan Carpenter, director and assistant professor of library science, Paul Meek Library; Dr. John M. Coons, assistant professor of exercise science, Department of Health and Human Performance; Terra M. Davenport, lecturer of health and human performance, Department of Health and Human Performance; Pamela L. Fiedler, assistant professor of graphic arts, Department of Visual and Theatre Arts; John V. Glass III, lecturer of English, Department of English; Dr. Paul I. Higgs, assistant professor of chemistry, Department of Chemistry; Dr. Michael J. Kempf, assistant professor of biology, Department of Biological Sciences; Dr. Mark D. Keränen, assistant professor of chemistry, Department of Chemistry; Dr. Brandon R. Kilburn, assistant professor of management, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science; Dr. Malcolm G. Koch, lecturer of political science, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science; Dr. Curtis J. Kunkel, assistant professor of mathematics, Department of Mathematics and Statistics; Anna J. Lasota, assistant professor of library science, Paul Meek Library; Linda W. Luther, assistant professor, Department of Nursing; Yelena A. Meadows, lecturer of mathematics, Department of Mathematics and Statistics; Ann Y. Mulhare, lecturer of history, Department of History and Philosophy; and Alissa R. Parrish, lecturer of nursing, Department of Nursing.

Others were: Neena W. Patterson, laboratory instructor of nursing, Department of Nursing; Kiattisak Phongkulsolchit, assistant professor of management, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science; Dr. Matthew A. Pritchett, assistant professor of biology, Department of Biological Sciences; Tracy M. Rutledge, instructor of communications, Department of Communications; Sandipan S. Sen, lecturer of marketing, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science; Dr. Donald Shaw, assistant professor of biology, Department of Biological Sciences; Dr. Nancy K. Sonleitner, assistant professor of sociology, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice; Dr. Matthew L. Spangler, assistant professor of animal science, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Michael W. Spaulding, assistant professor of instructional technology, Department of Educational Studies; Ethel B. Spivey, assistant professor of nursing, Department of Nursing; Dr. Somsak Sukittanan, assistant professor of engineering, Department of Engineering; Gwendolyn M. Tomlin, lecturer of education, Department of Educational Studies; Dr. F. Wesley Totten, assistant professor of plant and soil science, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Dr. Chara K. Van Horn, assistant professor of communications, Department of Communications; Troy A. Voelker, lecturer of management, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science; Dr. Gregory Washington, associate professor of social work, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice; Dr. Cherry Watts, assistant professor of education, Department of Educational Studies.

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Student artwork to be displayed

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will present a student art exhibition with an opening reception 5-7 p.m. Sept. 25.

This first exhibition features the cumulative works of senior graphic design and art education students Natalie Carroll of Linden, Kelly Church of Martin and Anesa Inman of Trenton in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. The exhibition will run through Oct. 5.

Online courses available

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

All instructor-facilitated courses last six weeks (with a two-week grace period at the end). Courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas and supplementary links.

Students can complete any of these courses entirely from home or office and at any time of the day or night.

New course sessions begin on the third Wednesday of each month.

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

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

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‘Surveillance, Terrorism and the Constitution’ academic speaker’s topic

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Foreign Film Series offers movie

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“The Host” is one of the most successful monster movies of the past 20 years, with many critics comparing it favorably to the original “Jaws.” Nevertheless, there is much more to this film than suspense, unexpected humor and dazzling special effects. In a Seoul, South Korea, laboratory, bottles of old formaldehyde are dumped in a sink. After a few years, a chemical reaction – well understood by all fans of B-grade horror flicks – creates an elephant-sized, man-eating tadpole in the Han River. The protagonists of “The Host” are members of a close-knit family that run a snack shop on the banks of the river. The youngest of the family, Hyun-seo, is returning from school when she is abducted by the monster. Her family decides that the authorities are of little help and attempt to rescue her themselves from the monster’s lair, deep in Seoul’s labyrinthine sewer system.

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VanDenburg came to the Martin campus in 1952 after serving as director of the crafts center at Syracuse University in New York. She had previously worked for the Norcross Greeting Card Co., the Arthur Kudner Advertising Agency and Tower Artists, all in New York City. She held a bachelor of fine arts degree from Syracuse University and a master’s degree from the University of Tennessee.

Besides teaching various art courses, VanDenburg released seven folk-song albums, the best-known of which was titled “Folk Songs for Children - Young and Old.” She was self-taught on the autoharp and both sang and played on all of the albums.

She also owned and operated The Green Tree art supply and craft store from 1964 to 1985 in Martin.

Outside of these ventures, VanDenburg was known for her commitment to community service. She was honored for her community service contributions by receiving the Jefferson Award, a humanitarian award given by WPDS-TV in Paducah, Ky.

VanDenburg is survived by a sister-in-law, Dorothy VanDenburg Harris, a nephew, Peter Derek VanDenburg, a niece, Kristen VanDenburg Wycoff, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be at 6 p.m., Sept. 14, at Murphy Funeral Home in Martin. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Burial will be in Syracuse, N.Y. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Aaltje J. VanDenburg Scholarship at UT Martin.
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SAACS sponsors seminar tonight

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) is sponsoring a seminar by Dr. Paul I. Higgs on the isolation, synthesis and possible pharmaceutical use of plant pigments.

The presentation will be at 7 p.m., tonight, in Room 317 of the Johnson Engineering and Physical Science Building.

Higgs is a UT Martin assistant professor of chemistry. Previously, he was an assistant professor of chemistry at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla. He received a bachelor of science and master of science in chemistry and a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand. He was a post doctoral research fellow at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg; University of Florida, Gainesville; and University of Miami, Coral Gables.

For more information, contact SAACS, at 881-7450, or e-mail saacs@utm.edu.

Young Scholars focus on education exploration

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OFFICIALS with the University of Tennessee at Martin, from left, Dr. Thomas Rakes, UT Martin Chancellor, and Dr. John Petersen, UT president, attended the ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday of last week at the newly renovated facility on South Washington with City of Ripley Mayor Jon Pavletic and UT Martin Ripley Center Director, Youlanda Jones, to celebrate the opening of the school. The ceremony drew an over-flow crowd to the 21,000 sq. ft. building. The event is a culmination of several years of collaborative planning and work by many local and state officials. "The primary service area is right around us. It includes not only Lauderdale, but Dyer, Tipton, Haywood, and Crockett counties. There will be some students from other areas, as well, so this really is a regional effort," said Dr. Rakes. He praised the center's higher education committee as a hallmark of the overall community involvement from providing input during planning and construction of the facility to raising funds for scholarships so that high school students can take dual-credit classes. Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, who was instrumental in securing funding for the center, said, "I hope it will be a beacon. You can get a four-year degree right here in this building. That's unbelievable. It's going to make us a better community and make our children better citizens." Mayor Pavletic has pursued the center's concept for years. He praised other local residents for their support and involvement in the center. After the ceremony, guests were invited to tour the facility, the former Wal-Mart building, which includes eight master classrooms, a technology transfer facility, science laboratory, library resource center, bookstore, conference room, administrative offices, and other amenities.

The University of Tennessee at Martin recently conducted the third annual Drum Line "Tune Up." More than 150 high school students were in attendance with clinicians, James Campbell and Dr. Julie Hill, UT Martin assistant professor of music (host), along with the UT Martin marching percussion section serving as staff. The UT Martin marching percussion section is pictured with the Munford High School Drum Line.
RIGHT ON TARGET — Autumn Hoffman, 8-year-old daughter of J.D. and Elizabeth Hoffman of Samburg, focused on the target and tried her hand at shooting an arrow with the help of Mike Thompson, Weakley County wildlife officer for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, during Saturday's West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree. The free event, in its 11th year, drew a huge crowd of children and adults to the Ned McWherter Ag Pavilion at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The jamboree originated in Kenton in 1996 under the direction of local outdoor writer and enthusiast Rob Somerville as a way to get parents and children involved in hunting and fishing in a safe and ethical manner. Attendance at the event grew to over 2,500 children the past three years. Additional photos from the jamboree will be featured on the cover of the Friends & Neighbors section in Wednesday's edition of The Messenger.
UTM sets 4 all-time enrollment records

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

A total of 7,173 students are enrolled for the fall semester — an increase from 6,893 recorded for fall 2006.

The fall 2007 total includes all-time record fall enrollments for undergraduates, dual-credit/concurrent students, total full-time equivalent and undergraduate full-time equivalent students.

Public higher education funding is based on fall semester full-time equivalency.

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

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

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

The record enrollment also reflects 1,277 freshmen, the second-largest freshman class on the UT Martin campus.

Fall enrollment indicates that first-time freshmen have an average 3.37 high school grade-point-average, up from 3.34 in 2006, and an average ACT score of 22.07, up from 21.82 in 2006.

Compared to last year’s totals, UT Martin will have 280 more undergraduates and graduates for a 4.1 percent increase and 118 additional dual-credit/concurrent students for a 19.2 percent increase.

The enrollment growth trend follows the recent notification from U.S. News & World Report that the university continued its top-tier ranking for master’s level public universities in the South in the 2008 edition of America’s Best Colleges.

UT Martin is tied for 20th place in the new rankings among public universities. The Princeton Review also named UT Martin a “Best Southeastern College” for 2008.

Business-related courses to be offered

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center will be offering “The Basics of Starting a Business and Writing the Business Plan” Sept. 25 from 9-11 a.m. at the Obion County Industrial Training Center at 204 South Second St. in Union City.

The instructor will be Ron Acree of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center and the fee is $10.

The session is designed to share information with those attending who are interested in developing a home-based business, a spokesman said.

All seminars are open to the public.

Participants may register online at www.utm.edu/reed or by calling the REED Center at (731) 587-7333.

The REED Center is partially funded by financial institutions, including First Citizens National Bank, First State Bank and Reelfoot Bank.

Yeung, Gorman, Easley open music faculty series

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GRADYS RECEIVE MARTIN BEAUTIFUL AWARD — Several individuals and institutions were honored with awards presented by the Martin Beautiful Committee during the recent 14th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival Mayor's Kickoff Luncheon. Among those recognized were Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Grady for residence honorable mention. Martha Morrison, accepted the award for her daughter and son-in-law.
FACULTY WOMEN’S CLUB OBSERVES 70TH ANNIVERSARY — Past presidents who attended the Faculty Women’s Club fall membership tea and 70th anniversary celebration included (front, from left) Donna Cooper Graves, Anna Clark, Donna McBeth, Bea Mohler, Annie Schommer and Lynn Patterson; (back, from left) Linda Luther, Penny Moser, Barbara Trenham, Betty Henson, Daryl Byford, Carla Field, Dottie Smith, Peggy Hadden, Cathy Dunagan, Betty Henderson, Evelyn Blythe and Mary Beard. The club members raised money through a “No Bake Sale” to make contributions to the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway Project, the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Habitat for Humanity, Outback Victim Assistance Program, We Care Ministries and C.E. Weldon Public Library. Additionally, the club scholarship endowment awarded three academic scholarships.

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Dually enrolled study for high school and university

BY LINDSAY MELVIN / lindsay.melvin@commercialappeal.com

EASING INTO LENGTHIER assignments and more in-depth class discussions, Chase Presson has just begun his freshman year of college even though he has yet to graduate high school.

"Everyone said freshman college English is the hardest," said the Collierville senior, who decided to get it out of the way by taking the course now.

Through a program called dual credit enrollment, which started last year in the Shelby County and Memphis school systems, students can get a jump on college credit while working toward their high school diplomas.

"This is the future of education," said Joyce Mitchell, academic director for high school initiatives for Memphis City Schools.

As dual enrollment gains momentum across the country, schools in Florida, California and New York are already turning out high school graduates with enough credit to be college juniors, she said.

Local schools are playing catchup. Participation in dual enrollment has grown in county and city schools from 440 students last year to 500.

Teachers for dual enrollment courses in both school systems are accredited by the University of Memphis and use the same textbooks and syllabi as university professors.

City teachers also may be certified to teach Christian Brothers University courses. Classes are also offered on the campuses of Southwest Tennessee Community College and LeMoyne-Owen College.

Most colleges accept the transfer credits from the dual enrollment courses.

A common complaint Mitchell hears from educators is that senior year is wasted. Graduating students have one foot out the door and take a minimal number of classes.

But dual enrollment entices them to get a head start not only on college credit, but on preparing for the pressures of college academics, Mitchell said.

Spurring early college education is the Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant. Created nearly four years ago with Tennessee Lottery money, it offers high schoolers $300 per semester to help pay for college-level classes.

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The college program attracts top students with an ACT score of 19 or above, said Susan DeCarlo, chairwoman of the Collierville High School English department and a dual credit teacher.

And students are ready for the challenging work, she said.

"I think this whole generation is in a rush, and they get bored easily. This gives them a new lease on their enthusiasm."

County schools offer high school seniors college-level English and are piloting history and math at select schools. City school juniors and seniors can enroll in a wider range of options because students are allowed to travel to college campuses.

Research indicates that high schoolers exposed to college-level courses, like Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate, which have been around for years, are more likely to graduate college. But it's still too early to know how dual credit enrollment will play out for students.

"The research in this area is really young," said Bill Duffy, executive director of extended campus and continuing education at The University of Tennessee at Martin.

The Martin campus has the largest dual credit program in the state, with more than 700 students.

Though he doesn't have the numbers to back it up, from what Duffy has observed, students who have dual credit backgrounds often end up performing better in college and carry higher GPAs, he said.

"It gives them confidence that they can do the work," he said.

Dual credit programs around the country are geared toward raising college graduation numbers and saving tax payer money by pushing students to earn their degrees in less time.

It has become the fastest growing area in education, Duffy said.

Opponents of dual enrollment, however, insist that fast-tracking education is shortchanging students.

"There is great value in teaching high-school-age students high school courses," said Carol Dougan, a contributor to The Chronicle of Higher Education and a board trustee of Klamath Community College in Oregon.

Dougan says there's an appropriate time for students to dive into college work, and if more rigor is needed in high school, it should be provided at the high school level.

"We as taxpayers are paying for students to have this kind of education," she said. "Why should colleges have to do this?"

Presson, who has found the upper-level courses to be easier than he expected, believes it will give him an edge when he heads off next year, possibly to the University of Alabama.

"It really prepares you for college and puts you in that mindset," he said.

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Enrollment up at West Tenn. schools

By TAJUANA CHERIE

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Many West Tennessee colleges and universities have attracted record enrollments this fall semester.

Administrators credit their strong recruiting efforts for the growing number of students attending area schools. With about 4,400 students, Jackson State Community College has its largest enrollment in its 40-year history, President Bruce Blanding said.

“We’re reaching out to people; we’re moving forward,” Blanding said. “We’ll probably double in the next few years.”

Jackson State has started offering more online studies and holding classes at the Tennessee Technology Centers across West Tennessee to reach more students.

Next month, Jackson State will open an off-campus site in Humboldt, Blanding said.

“We need to meet the people where they are,” Blanding said. “We’re a blue-collar school and a great place for people to begin. When they finish up, they’re prepared to be competitive at the four-year schools.”

The region’s other public school, the University of Tennessee Martin, is up by nearly 400 students this fall, with a total of 7,173 students enrolled. UTM has its second-largest freshman class. The university also has record fall enrollments for undergraduates, dual-credit/concurrent students, total full-time equivalent and undergraduate full-time equivalent students, according to a press release.

Lane College administrators credit their strong alumni chapters for encouraging students to attend.

Union University has a record high of 3,310 students this year, which marks a steady increase in enrollment for the past 10 years.

Lambuth University had an increase in its freshman class this fall, but its overall student enrollment remains steady.

“We’ve been at 750 students for a while,” said Trevor Morris, Lambuth’s academic dean.

Bethel College, in McKenzie, is up by more than 100 students this fall — making its total 2,155. That’s quite an accomplishment for a college that had 573 students in 1997.

“We’ve tried to make Bethel accessible to anyone that’s willing to come and work hard,” said Jennifer Glass, director of communication and marketing. “We’re making private, Christian education more affordable for students.”

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In 2004, 1,045 students were enrolled at Lane. This fall semester, the college has 1,766 students.

To deal with the enrollment boom, the college has built new residence halls and a cafeteria.
CASTING CALL — Four-year-old Madison Adams, daughter of Brandon and Tina Adams of Union City, tried her hand at the Casting Kats contest with the help of Redbooke Lake Junior Bass Club member Rob Kelly, son of Rick and Janice Kelly of Union City, during Saturday's West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree, held at the Ned McMullen Ag Pavilion at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

JAM-PACKED — A variety of booths to appeal to both children and adults were included in Saturday's West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree. Tournament angler Brent Callcott (top photo, left) of Union City shared information about Strike King lures with visitors; 6-year-old Joseph Pepe, middle photo, son of Eric and Suzanne Pepe of Martin, enjoyed examining a bobcat skull at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service booth, and Andrew Davis (bottom photo, leaning at center) of Henry showed off the Hoosier ETV to Paul Dunns, kneeling left, and Gary Dunns, both of Obion. The Hoosier Extreme Terrain Vehicle is manufactured in Henry by Knott Outdoor Products. Attendance at the jamboree has grown to over 2,500 children from seven states the last three years.
GETTING HIS GOAT — Austin Fugue, 7-year-old son of Joey and Beth Fugue of Martin, got up close and personal with a goat from the Petting Place petting zoo during the Jamboree festivities.

FACE TO FACE — Courtney Erickson, a member of Alpha Psi Omega Theater Honor Society, painted a colorful lion on the face of 7-year-old Blaize Lee, son of Stan and Deana Lee of Troy.

SHARPENING HIS SKILLS — Gene Smith of Memphis, a member of the Hatchie Run Long Rifles, helped Eric Doss, 7-year-old son of Robert and Tammy Doss of Union City, learn the proper technique to toss a tomahawk. The demonstration was part of the 11th annual West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree, held Saturday at UT Martin’s Neil McShaner Ag Pavilion. A large crowd attended the free festivities, designed to get children involved in outdoor activities in a safe and ethical manner. The jamboree was started in 1996 by Rob Somerville ofKenton.
UC native joins hospital division

Union City native and University of Tennessee at Martin graduate Ryan Hargrove recently joined Tennessee Health Management in the Geriatric Psychiatric Hospital Division.

Hargrove will function as a senior facility analyst/planner on the Psychiatric Hospital Development staff in addition to completing a Psychiatric Hospital CEO preparatory curriculum.

Hargrove was previously employed as the administrator of a THM facility in Cordova for five years before briefly leaving to open a skilled healthcare center for a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Germantown.

He said he feels fortunate to have the opportunity to return to the company that gave him his start in healthcare. "I jumped at the chance to come back to THM and also work with my mentor Gerald Dutton," he said.

Dutton directs the psychiatric division and is president of the Hospital Board of Governors. Hargrove added he is excited to enter into the growing psychiatric arena of geriatrics and to be part of the hospital expansion in Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

Hargrove is currently assigned to the Behavioral Healthcare Regional Office and the Behavioral Healthcare Center, both in Martin. BHC-M is a 16-bed inpatient geriatric psychiatric facility that opened in 2005 and is managed by THM, Inc.

Carrie Brawley is CEO/administrator of BHC-M.

THM’s Psychiatric Hospital Division will open a 26-bed inpatient geriatric psychiatric facility in Clarksville in early 2009. Additional expansions are planned for Columbia, Huntsville, Ala., and Florence, Ala. and northwest Mississippi.

Tennessee Health Management, a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Health Companies, Inc., is a management/consultant company located in Parsons. In addition to geriatric psychiatric facilities, they also manage long-term care/rehab facilities, as well as, healthcare companies providing institutional and retail pharmacy services, mail order diabetic/medical supplies, durable medical equipment, hospice and home health services in Tennessee and Alabama.

Hargrove lives in Memphis with his wife, Nanci, also a native of Union City and daughter of Sacchi Doss and the late Jere Doss. The Hargroves and their 9-year-old daughter, Lucy, have resided in Memphis for the past seven years.

Quake event slated

The Northwest Tennessee Earthquake Symposium will be Sept. 29 from 10 a.m.-noon at Boling University Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The program is free and registration is not required.

Dr. Cathy W. Grace will be discussing ways to prepare for the possibility of an earthquake in this area and ways to help children through careful planning ahead of time, efforts to assist them during the emergency and ways to plan for the aftermath.

She has had experience with national and state emergency preparedness organization since Hurricane Katrina. Other speakers will include Brian Blake, program coordinator of the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium; Gary Patterson, information services director and geologist with the Center for Earthquake Research and Information in Memphis; and Rickey Graves, director of the Gibson County Emergency Management Agency. They will be discussing the latest developments in the New Madrid Seismic Zone.

Northwest Child Care Resource and Referral is presenting the symposium, which has a special focus on those who are involved with children in early childhood care and education situations.

All who are interested in the topic are welcome to attend, according to Sharye Hendrix, who is coordinating the program. Contact her at (877)
UT Martin Ripley Center is educational, economic development beacon

Community residents and elected officials joined University of Tennessee leadership and others to officially open the new UT Martin Ripley Center last week. The ceremony drew an overflow crowd to the 21,000 sq. ft. newly renovated and technologically advanced facility that culminated several years of collaborative planning and work.

"It is a locally based initiative through UT Martin, but it's all part of a much greater university picture," said UT Martin Chancellor, Dr. Thomas Rakes. "Your children, neighbors, friends and maybe even some of you may want to take part in the collegiate experience through UT Martin. You'll be participating with a top-tier master's southern institution, one of the best in the Southeast, that's right here at home. That makes a real difference."

The primary service area is right around us," he added. "It includes not only Lauderdale, but Dyer, Tipton, Haywood and Crockett counties. There will be some students from other areas, as well, so this really is a regional effort."

Rakes thanked local officials who initiated the meetings that came to fruition with initial classes beginning early 2006 at the Tennessee Technology Center to begin building the student base. He also commended former Chancellor Nick Dunagan for his guidance of the Ripley center project that gained approval of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission last fall. Rakes pointed to community businesses, donors and partners he said were critical to the center's governance and continued success.

He praised the center's higher education committe as a hallmark of the overall community involvement from providing input during planning and construction of the facility to raising funds for scholarships so that high school students can take dual-credit classes. Students can earn as many as 15 hours of college credit while they are completing a high school diploma.

Noting the importance of the facility to area residents, the community and the state, Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, of Ripley, who was instrumental in securing funding for the center, said, "I hope it will be a beacon. You can get a four-year degree right here in this building. That's unbelievable. It's going to make us a better community and make our children better citizens." Fitzhugh tied the success of the center to hopes for overall economic development resurgence for the area.

"We're proud to be in your community and join in the celebration," said Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president. "One of the most significant things that our Martin campus does is the fact that the outreach sites...are the most extensive spread of any university that we have within the UT system." Petersen noted that UT touts "the state is our campus." He added, "Having a UT campus here in the community is enormously important for us."

Speaking about the University of Tennessee, he said, "The institution is about student access, student success, research, economic development, outreach and globalization. Noting the importance of UT Martin and its satellite campuses to West Tennessee, he added that residents look to the university as a source to help with economic development and to improve the quality of life in the area.

Petersen thanked Fitzhugh and others adding, "The future is bright for all of us as we continue to develop the opportunities for our young people in this part of the state."

Ripley Mayor Jon Pavletic one of several local officials who pursued the center's concept through last week's ribbon-cutting, said, "This college will have far-reaching effects." Pavletic praised other local residents for their support and involvement in the center.

"Now is a time for excitement," said Youlanda Jones, center director. "I want to thank the students, and to thank the community for caring enough to make a difference, and I guarantee we will make a difference."

Those attending were invited to tour the wireless facility, former Wal-Mart building, which includes eight master classrooms, technology transfer facility, science laboratory, library resource center, bookstore, conference room, administrative offices and other amenities.
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Woodwind performance

Erica Lomax performs the woodwind part of the National Anthem during pre-game music at a recent football game. The PHS Band of Gold began its contest season last week at The University of Tennessee at Martin.

Senior art exhibition slated soon

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will present a student art exhibition with an opening reception, slated from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., September 25. The first exhibition features the cumulative works of Natalie Carroll, Linden; Kelly Church, Martin; and Anessa Inman, Trenton; senior graphic design and art education students, in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building on the UT Martin campus. The exhibition will run through October 5.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7400.

UTM invites seniors, families to visit campus

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MCHS Fields Some Rookies to the Hill....

...as well as two MCHS All-Stars

Sarah Lemons
by Taylor Jones

Some of you may not know Ms. Sarah Lemons, the choir and Jazzcats teacher. Ms. Lemons grew up in Lander, Wyoming, a little town in the Wind River Valley. In high school, her favorite subject was, of course, choir. She also enjoyed ballet and jazz.

Ms. Lemons graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin. When asked, "Did you always know you wanted to be a music teacher?", she replied.

"I don’t know that it was a conscious decision, but when I entered college there seemed to be no question in my mind to what field I would enter."

Graduating from UT Martin, she was involved in Big River, as well as mini-opera productions like Hansel and Gretel, and opera scenes. Ms. Lemons worked as a data entry intern throughout college in a legal office, and enjoys all kinds of music, but especially alternative, 80's rock, choral, symphonic and Broadway.

Adam Morgan
by Brooke Purtteman

A new school year usually means a new student body, with nervous upcoming freshmen, and a few new teachers. This year at MCHS, we obtained a few new teachers. One in particular is the new Ag teacher. His name is Adam Morgan. Mr. Morgan is a 2000 graduate of Adamsville High School. In 2005, he attended UT Martin to earn his Bachelors of Science Degree in Agriculture Business and in 2006, he earned his Bachelors of Science Degree in Agriculture Education. Before becoming a teacher at MCHS, he was the McNairy County 4-H agent from October 2006-July 2007. When asked what inspired him to become a teacher, he stated, "I wanted a career that was rewarding and made an impact on students' lives. Teaching at MCHS has allowed me to achieve both.” His favorite thing about MCHS since he began teaching here is the professionalism and cooperativeness among the faculty and staff.

Amanda Hamm
by Jared Littlejohn

As a student, Amanda Hamm was very involved in many clubs, but made her education the number one priority. Miss Hamm was Co-Valedictorian for the Class of 2003.

A 2007 graduate of UT Martin, Amanda was on the Dean’s List consecutively and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She was a member of Chi Omega Sorority and secretary of the Math Club.

Amanda says that she decided to become a teacher because she wanted a career that would be enjoyable. She also says that she loves being around young people and she wants to make a difference by setting a good example for the youth in today’s society.

Two former teachers inspired her to enter the education field: Martha Huggins and Denise Brown. Mrs. Huggins always challenged her fifth grade students at Michie to do their best. While in high school, Denise Brown became very influential to her because she set her expectations high and made her work hard. Amanda strives to model her teaching style after her. She loved math because of Mrs. Brown, which is why she is now teaching Algebra I.
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Children flock to West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree

RIGHT ON TARGET — Mike Thompson, Weakley County wildlife officer for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, helped Autumn Hoffman, 8-year-old daughter of J.D. and Elizabeth Hoffman of Samburg, as she focused on the target and tried her hand at shooting an arrow during Saturday's West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree. The free event, in its 11th year, drew a huge crowd of children and adults to the Ned McWherter Ag Pavilion at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The jamboree originated in Kenton in 1996 under the direction of local outdoor enthusiast and writer Rob Somerville as a way to get parents and children involved in hunting and fishing in a safe and ethical manner. Attendance at the jamboree has grown to over 7,500 children from seven times the last three years.

SHARPENING HIS SKILLS — Cereal Smith of Memphis, a member of the Hatchie Run Long Rifles, helped Eric Davis, 7-year-old son of Robert and Tammy Davis of Union City, learn the proper technique to toss a tomahawk. The demonstration was part of the 11th annual West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree. A large crowd attended the free festivities all day Saturday.
CASTING CALL — Four-year-old Madison Adams, daughter of Brandon and Tasia Adams of Union City, tried her hand at the Casting Kids contest with the help of Reelfoot Lake Junior Bass Club member Rob Kelly, son of Rick and Janice Kelly of Union City, during the West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree. The event was held Saturday at the Ned McWherter Ag Pavilion on the UT Martin campus.

GETTING HIS GOAT — Austin Pugmire, 7-year-old son of Joey and Beth Pugmire of Martin, got up close and personal with a goat from the Petting Place petting zoo during the jamboree festivities.

JAM-PACKED — A variety of booths to appeal to both children and adults were included in Saturday's West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree. At one display, Andrew Davis (leaning at center) Henry showed off the Hoot ETV™ to Paul Dunn (looking left) and Gary Dunn, both of Obion. The Hoot Extreme Terrain Vehicle is manufactured in Henry by Knox Outdoor Products.

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Teachers get grant, use technology to help city's Hispanic students

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At Dyersburg Primary School, the world may seem a little smaller for the increasing number of local Hispanic students who attend classes, thanks to a grant offered by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission’s Improving Teacher Quality Grant Program.

The school's elementary counselor Nita Jones and music teacher Teresa Archer recently partnered to apply for the Technology Enhanced Curriculum for Hispanic Students, or TECH II, Project at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The duo were the only recipients in Dyer County to be selected for the grant, which provided state-of-the-art laptop computers and lessons in technology and basic Spanish to 20 Pre-K through eighth grade teachers in the West Tennessee area. As many as 70 educators applied for the grant.

"We think" they picked us because we both see every student in the school," said Archer.

"We were tickled," said Jones. "Teresa and I already work so well together."

In addition to providing a laptop with recording capabilities, the team received instructions on how to use the technology into their lesson plans.

"Before this, I could only check my email and use 'Google' and that was it," said Jones, who is impressed by how quickly she has picked up the basics of the technology and incorporated it into her classroom. "Now, I just think I am so smart. My husband thinks I am addicted because I use it every night to look for websites to use in class. I have used mine almost every single day. Just a little bit every day."

The kids love it."
The study began with a workshop in April, where the educators were given their laptops.

"That first day, we got our computers and we were so excited, but neither of us knew what to do with it," said Jones.

The TECH II Summer Institute followed the week of June 25 through 29.

"We had a Spanish teacher in Martin who just came in and started rattling off in Spanish," said Archer. "He would come up and ask us a question in Spanish and we had no idea what he was saying. He made us feel like they feel. We have had kids come to school that know nothing, absolutely no English."

Other information included lessons on the schools, holidays and culture of Mexico by a native of the country.

"The main thing that I learned, that I hope I will always remember is that she said a Hispanic child is like a cup getting filled up," said Archer, who said that most of the Hispanic students in her care are very quiet and reserved. "When their cup is filled, they will speak. She shared a story of a young boy that she taught that wouldn't say a word. He has just graduated at the top of his class from a Jackson high school. She got emotional. You may not see it for years, but they will fill up and then they will speak."

"It has helped me," said Jones. "It has helped my kids. My Hispanic kids have opened up. They are really coming out some."

Although the grant's goal is to aid Hispanic children who enter local schools, all of the students at DPS are affected by the grant as basic Spanish and lessons on diversity are brought into the classroom on a daily basis.

"We have Spanish every day in this class," said Jones. "Every day we have just a little bit of Spanish. I think kids need to know another language."

Because of afternoon lessons in their new technology at the summer institute, both Jones and Archer have been able to incorporate their children's photos and voices into the PowerPoint presentations they offer.

"One of the things I think they really need is to hear it so that they don't laugh at it," said Archer. "We say, we are all different. We don't laugh at others who are different."

"Teresa and I have both made the presentations so that the children can get to it and use it by themselves," said Jones.

In addition to receiving the technology and information for themselves, teachers who received the grant are required to educate others on ways to reach Hispanic students through technology.

"The first presentation was a slide show we did in class," said Archer. "Then we presented to the faculty."

"I did my PowerPoint to show the faculty our (school) rules," said Jones. "And I've been asked to present at Martin."

Through the TECH II Project, hundreds of students and teachers in the Dyersburg City System will benefit from new teaching techniques and the energy and excitement of two of their own educators.

"I'm doing things in my class I've never done before," said Jones. "We are just having fun this year."
The University of Tennessee at Martin American Chemical Society Student Affiliates chapter has been awarded an Innovative Activities Grant for the 2007-08 academic year for carrying out the project, "Green Chemistry 101 for Civic Clubs and Senior Citizens." The IAG program seeks to provide funding for new and creative chapter projects. Civic club program chairs in Northwest Tennessee can request "chemagic" shows and programs on "Going Green" by contacting, via e-mail or telephone, SAACS@utm.edu, or 881-7450/7454. Pictured are (from left) Dr. S.K. Airee, UT Martin professor of chemistry, Christy R. Lowe of McKenzie and Robert H. Mitchell of Ripley, project directors.

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UT Martin Ripley Center educational, economic development beacon

Community residents and elected officials joined University of Tennessee leadership and others to officially open the new UT Martin Ripley Center last week. The ceremony drew an overflow crowd to the 21,000 sq. ft. newly renovated and technologically advanced facility that culminated several years of collaborative planning and work.

"It is a locally based initiative through UT Martin, but it’s all part of a much greater university picture," said UT Martin Chancellor, Dr. Thomas Rakes. "Your children, neighbors, friends and maybe even some of you may want to take part in the collegiate experience through UT Martin. You'll be participating with a top-tier master's southern institution, one of the best in the Southeast, that's right here at home. That makes a real difference.

"The primary service area is right around us," he added. "It includes not only Lauderdale, but Dyer, Tipton, Haywood and Crockett counties. There will be some students from other areas, as well, so this really is a regional effort."

Rakes thanked local officials who initiated the meetings that came to fruition with initial classes beginning early 2006 at the Tennessee Technology Center to begin building the student base. He also commended former Chancellor Nick Dunagan for his guidance of the Ripley center project that gained approval of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission last fall. Rakes pointed to community businesses, donors and partners he said were critical to the center's governance and continued success.

He praised the center's higher education committee as a hallmark of the overall community involvement from providing input during planning and construction of the facility to raising funds for scholarships so that high school students can take dual-credit classes. Students can earn as many as 15 hours of college credit while they are completing a high school diploma.

Noting the importance of the facility to area residents, the community and the state, Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, of Ripley, who was instrumental in securing funding for the center, said, "I hope it will be a beacon. You can get a four-year degree right here in this building. That's unbelievable. It's going to make us a better community and make our children better citizens." Fitzhugh tied the success of the center to hopes for overall economic development resurgence for the area.

"We're proud to be in your community and join in the celebration," said Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president. "One of the most significant things that our Martin campus does is the fact that the outreach sites...are the most extensive spread of any university that we have within the UT system." Petersen noted that UT touts "the state is our campus." He added, "Having a UT campus here in the community is enormously important for us."

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Petersen thanked Fitzhugh and others adding, "The future is bright for all of us as we continue to develop the opportunities for our young people in this part of the state."

Ripley Mayor Jon Pavletic, one of several local officials who pursued the center's concept through last week's ribbon-cutting, said, "This college will have far-reaching effects." Pavletic praised other local residents for their support and involvement in the center.

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In this presentation, Grace will explore “Taking the Initiative: Taking a Stand, Young Children Are Counting on Us to Keep the U.S. Focused on Them in Times of Emergency.” This program is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

The event is sponsored by Northwest Child Care Resource and Referral and co-sponsored by the Northwest Council on Children and Youth and the Northwest Association Education of Young Children.

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The healthcare programs have been approved for Work Force Investment Act funding.

For more information on WIA funds, contact a local WIA office.

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At the college level

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Inman's art is on display

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University of Tennessee at Martin faculty members, alumni and current students recently were involved in a cross-cultural art exhibition that will open Saturday 30 at West Tennessee Regional Art Center in Humboldt.

The center will present “Growing Tennessee: Rural Youth Cultivate Common Ground,” a collaborative project featuring photography by the children of migrant farm workers and local Tennessee families. The exhibit is the result of a series of photography classes conducted by professional instructors in Tennessee during the past year.

The photos from West Tennessee were taken by students from a photography and storytelling class co-taught at Bells Elementary School by Dr. Leslie LaChance, UT Martin assistant professor of English, Tim Hacker, UT Martin instructor of English, and UT Martin alumnus, Les MacDiarmid, who is now a working artist. LaChance also served as a lead teacher for the West Tennessee portion of the project. Other UT alumni involved in the project were Jane Crowe, a 1991 graduate and director of this project for Telamond Corporation, sponsor, and Tonya Bain, a 1994 graduate and Crockett County Agricultural Extension Service agent for 4-H. Additionally, there were three UT Martin student volunteers, Jody Stokes, an art education major from Humboldt, Mattie Davenport, an English major from Cottontown, and Theresa Kimmy, a bachelor of university studies student of Martin.

“Growing Tennessee: Rural Youth Cultivate Common Ground” is a project of Telamond Corporation, that provides Head Start services to the children of migrant farm workers at five centers across Tennessee. With the assistance of UT Martin, Crockett County 4-H, Bells Elementary School Migrant Education Program, and other agencies, more than 30 youth (ages 11-17) from both migrant farm worker families and local Tennessee families created photographs documenting their familial and cultural traditions.

Project goals include building literacy through arts and technology, increasing self-esteem and critical thinking skills, promoting cross-cultural understanding and encouraging youth to continue their education.

For more information, contact LaChance at 731-881-7300 or lachance@utk.edu.

The project is funded by Head Start and Starbucks Foundation, with future funding from The Tennessee Arts Commission. Cameras and film were donated by Fuji, Olympus and Ritz Camera Centers.

Award-winning author meets with UTM students

Award-winning author and Constitutional scholar Roger K. Newman met with University of Tennessee at Martin Honors Seminar students, September 17, prior to his public presentation on campus. Ashley Marr, of Gleason, was among the 15 seminar students who had the opportunity to discuss with Dr. Newman issues related to his topic, as well as other current events. Dr. Newman’s visit to campus, UT Martin’s Constitution Day observance, was co-sponsored by Honors Programs and the American Democracy Project.

McBride receives scholarship to attend UTM

Meredith McBride, the daughter of Bill and Sheila McBride of Dyersburg, has been awarded a scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin. McBride received the Salutatorian Scholarship and will be a freshman.
UT Martin’s $118 million boost to region’s economy is value added to education mission

It is hard to dispute the value of the product: a four-year college degree. Each year, hundreds of University of Tennessee at Martin graduates prove that by maximizing the benefits of a college education. In fact, approximately 95 percent of UT Martin graduates find jobs or are accepted to graduate schools within six months of graduation.

And, while educating students is the primary mission, there is a value-added aspect that extends UT Martin’s benefits beyond the campus borders or Martin city limits.

UT Martin generated $118 million in income in the region during the 2005-2006 fiscal year, according to a recent study by a UT Martin professor. Of that amount, about 75.6 percent, or $89,359,790, was generated in Weakley and Obion counties.

Dr. Parker Cashdollar, professor of economics, recently updated studies he has released at intervals since 1985, that examine economic impact of three categories - university specific, student and visitor-spending in the region.

“The economic impact study provides a concise measure of the short-term impact of UT Martin that benefits more than those with direct ties to the university such as students, employees and contractors,” said Cashdollar. “Persons and businesses in the region with no direct ties to UT Martin can see the impact, especially through the multiplier impact, that benefits the overall economy of the region.”

As part of the study, expenditure categories were multiplied by personal income factors (the same as those used in previous studies) to determine the local income impact. Personal income factors show the percentage of the expenditure that becomes legal income, and the PIF ranged from 1.0 (100 percent) for payroll to only .04 (4 percent) for supplies purchased by the university.

Multiplying each category of spending by the appropriate PIF yielded the direct contribution to income that category of expenditures. Then an income multiplier of 1.9 was used to estimate the total impact in the region of the given expenditure category. The multiplier takes into account the fact that a dollar spent locally generates additional income by turning over in additional transactions.

“There were no major surprises,” said Cashdollar of the outcomes. “UT Martin payroll continues to be the major contributor to income impact for several reasons. Virtually all of the payroll goes to UT Martin employees living in the region. Payroll is the largest single component of spending. And, unlike the other components of spending that have personal income factors that are less than 1.0, each one dollar of payroll spending immediately creates a full one dollar of income in the region.”

The $118 million local income generated includes expenditures in all three categories. All total amounts include the multiplier effect. The $48,413,664 payroll, in the UT Martin-specific-expeditures category, was the greatest contributor to income, generating a total of $91,985,962 in the region.

UT Martin off-campus student expenditures had the greatest impact in rent with an expenditure of $4,657,957 and generating a total income impact of $7,080,095. This was followed by grocery spending of $8,124,167 that generated a total income impact of $1,234,873. Restaurant spending was $7,771,661, generating an income impact of $3,543,877.

UT Martin off-campus visitor expenditures for the time period was $2,824,565, which generated an income impact of $1,073,334. Most visitor off-campus spending was on food, vehicle expenses and lodging.

During a period from 2000 to 2006, state appropriations decreased from 57 percent to 48 percent as a percentage of the overall UT Martin budget. Tuition and fees increased from 39.4 percent of the UT Martin budget in 2001 to 47.6 percent of the UT Martin budget in 2006. Grants and scholarships over this same period rose from $10.3 million to $21.2 million or by $10.9 million, a 106 percent increase, which offset tuition increases for many students. Grants and scholarships as a percentage of tuition and fees increased from 56 percent in 2001 to 73 percent in 2006. Grants and scholarships, boosted by lottery scholarships, which began in fall 2004, reached $6.3 million in 2005-06 and comprised 30 percent of total grants and scholarships.

“While our country’s education involves a level of involvement UT Martin has on our region, and we are proud to participate as a meaningful partner with a significant impact upon our stakeholders,” said Dr. Thomas Rakes, UT Martin chancellor. “We also realize the importance of growth and economic development as a necessary linkage that serves to improve the quality of life for us all,” he added.

First of two Preview Days set for October 6 at UT Martin

The first of two Preview Days is set for October 6 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Preview Days are opportunities for high school seniors and their families to visit and learn about the university. Each event is designed to enable future college students to become familiar with the Martin campus and to get that all-important first impression of university life.

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

Registration for the Preview Day, October 6, will be from 11:30 a.m.-noon in the Boling University Center and November 10, from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. in the Elam Center. Students will receive a complimentary ticket to the UT Martin Skyhawk football game at noon, November 10.

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 October 6 and in the Elam Center November 10, academic department visits and campus tours.

For more information about Preview Day activities and events, call the UT Martin admissions office at 1-800-829-UTM1 or 731-881-7020.
UTM Museum opens new exhibit

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

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

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

Humans, however, also are making efforts to slow biological losses, preserve habitat and stabilize biodiversity. Recent news articles showcasing efforts of select UT Martin faculty and students supplement the exhibit. The University Museum gallery is publicly accessible in the Paul Meek Library only through the Special Collections/University Archives reading area, and is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for university holidays, and by special prior arrangement. Public parking is available across from the library on the other side of Mt. Pelia Road, directly south of the Child and Family Resource Center.

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

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Art Exhibition winners from the Soybean Festival presented with cash awards

The University of Tennessee at Martin Visual Arts Society recently presented first-, second-, and third-place cash awards to area visual artists selected in the annual Soybean Festival Art Exhibition held this year at C.E. Weldon Public Library.

Top honorees this year were, from left to right, Jane Hargett of Sharon, first place for her painting "James, Asleep at Arles," Nicole Bell of Franklin, second place for her batik, "Neil's Pineapple," and Darleen Drummond from Martin, third place for her watercolor "Day Lily."

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

Other sponsors of the art exhibition were the Weakley County Arts and Humanities Council and the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7400.
The University of Tennessee at Martin office of extended campus and continuing education is offering health care programs to prepare participants to become phlebotomy, electrocardiogram and pharmacy technicians and medical billing coders.

The courses for two of these programs will be taught at Henry County High School.

A phlebotomy technician program is planned from 6-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. From Tuesday through Jan. 15, with the exception of Nov. 22, Dec. 25, Dec. 27, and Jan. 1.

The class fee is $1,599. This program prepares professionals to collect blood specimens from patients for the purpose of laboratory analysis. Classroom and lab work include terminology, anatomy and physiology, blood collection procedures, hands-on practice and training in skills and techniques to perform puncture methods.

The EKG technician certification program will be taught from 6-9:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning Monday through Nov. 19. The course fee is $999, including textbooks.

This program prepares students to function as EKG technicians and take the American Society of Phlebotomy Technician Electrocardiograph Technician exam, as well as other national certification exams.

This course includes practice and background information on anatomy of the heart and physiology, medical terminology and ethics and laboratory assisting. Additionally, students will practice with equipment and perform in hands-on labs.

The following two courses will be taught in Gooch Hall on the UT Martin campus. Both are scheduled from 6-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A pharmacy technician program will be taught from Oct. 9-Nov. 29, with the exception of Nov. 22. The cost of the course is $999, including textbooks.

This course will prepare students to enter the pharmacy field and to take the pharmacy technician certification board exam. Technicians will work in hospitals, home infusion pharmacies, community pharmacies and other health care settings under the supervision of a registered pharmacist.

Course content includes medical terminology, dosage calculations, drug compounding and dispensing of prescriptions.

A medical billing and coding program will be offered from Oct. 9-Dec. 29, with the exception of Nov. 22. The cost of the class is $1,499, which includes textbooks.

This course offers the skills needed to solve insurance billing problems, how to manually file claims, complete common insurance forms, trace delinquent claims, appeal denied claims and use generic forms to streamline billing procedures. After obtaining the suggested practical work experience of six months to two years, students who complete this course may be qualified to sit for various coding exams.

The healthcare programs have been approved for Work Force Investment Act funding. For more information on WIA funds, contact a local WIA office.

To register for a course, contact the extended campus and continuing education office at 1-800-482-5199 or 1-731-881-7082 or visit the Web at www.utm.edu/departments/cece/non_credit_registration.php.

Whitehaven resident

Racquel Martin, Jazmine Phillips of East Memphis and Daryl Anderson Jr. of Cordova were among a select group of area under-represented high school students who got a taste of college life during the recent fifth annual Young Scholars Academy at the University of Tennessee at Martin. They attended the competitive week-long summer residential program designed for upcoming high school sophomores, juniors and seniors.