Givens leaves agriculture commissioner post; Oliver takes his place

By Allison Morgan

With his time in office coming to an end after Tennessee's gubernatorial election this fall, state Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens said he saw a fork in the road and decided to take the campaign trail.

On Aug. 16, Givens, a Hawkins County farmer who had led the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) as commissioner since January 2003, stepped down from this position to become chief agricultural adviser to Democratic Mike McWherter during his run for the governor's seat.

"Every governor picks his own commissioner — that's just the way the process works — and it was time for me to accept a new challenge," said Givens. "We've done a lot in those seven years, but there was a lot of unfinished business. I might have stuck around for a while. I think we've made a real difference in production agriculture, and I know I'm leaving the department in good hands."

A few days after Givens made his announcement, Gov. Phil Bredesen named Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Terry Oliver to fill the vacated post. A sixth-generation West Tennessee farmer, Oliver has nearly 20 years of public service and experience in state government and has served with four commissioners of agriculture, including Givens.

"I have personally known Terry and have sought his advice and counsel through the years on agricultural issues," said Bredesen. "Always dependable and a man of his word, Terry made a great team with former Commissioner Givens in leading our efforts to address the needs and opportunities of farmers and rural communities. He is the right person to assume leadership of the Department of Agriculture at this time."

Oliver, who lives on his family's farm in Gleason with his wife, Marsha, said he appreciates the opportunity to serve the state of Tennessee as the 35th agriculture commissioner:

"The Department of Agriculture touches the lives of Tennesseans every day through the food we eat, the fuel we pump, the clothes we wear, the wood products we use, and the land we enjoy," said Oliver. "It will be an honor for me to serve in this new role."

Oliver said he's among the first to praise his predecessor for such accomplishments as establishing a state agritourism initiative, the Governor's School for Agricultural Sciences, and the West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Tennessee

Perhaps most notably, Givens has been the driving force behind the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP), which has provided more than $74 million in cost-share assistance to the state's farmers and rural communities since 2005. By helping to fund thousands of farm projects, the TAEP is helping Tennessee farmers increase profits, reduce costs, improve marketing programs, and transition to new and emerging areas of agriculture.

"Commissioner Givens has been a good friend to agriculture and a good friend to Co-op," said Bart Kiddle, Tennessee Farmers Cooperative's chief executive officer. "We are grateful for everything he’s done for our farmers and our industry. We are certainly going to miss his leadership at the Department of Agriculture, but we’re looking forward to working with Terry Oliver in his new role."

During his last few days in office, Givens had a chance to talk with Tennessee Cooperative editor Allison Morgan and reflect on his tenure as the state's agriculture commissioner:

Cooperator: "What do you think has been TDA's biggest achievement while you were commissioner?"

Givens: "They are all important, but I think the foundation we've laid through the Tennessee Ag Enhancement Program is the top thing we've done. We have invested in virtually everything that a person could be involved with in agriculture. At the end of June, we had paid for more than 19,000 investments in Tennessee farms, in every county of the state. When you add what we are approving now, it will total over 23,000. While I'm proud of that, I will be more proud of the day that number hits 100,000 and beyond. If we want to grow the economy of this state, then we are going to have to make these investments. Who knows how much they we have saved or how many farmers we have kept from getting injured while working cattle? Those are things you can't measure."

Cooperator: "Is there anything you wish could have accomplished while in office that you didn't have a chance to do?"

Givens: "We need more focus on increasing the honeybee population. It's hard to measure the loss of production we have because of the lack of pollination provided by honeybees. I really think the next commissioner ought to look at doing more in that area. We have some serious concerns there. I'd also like for there to be enough hay storage barns built in the next three to four years to sustain the next drought. We have better than 3,000 hay storage barns built now, but it would be nice to see that number around 10,000."

Cooperator: "What is the biggest challenge you've had to face as commissioner?"

Givens: "Budget issues! These days, our folks are simply doing more with less. We've tried to reorganize, consolidate, and do other things to basically withstand the reduced budgets. From a fiscal standpoint, it is good because it makes you meaner and leaner, but in reality, we may not be able to provide services as timely. The public needs to understand that. It is a challenge to make sure we don't expect more of our people than what they should be required to provide."

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time member of Hawkins Farmers Cooperative, and TDA has worked closely with the Co-op system in promoting the Ag Enhancement Program. How would you describe your relationship with Co-op?"

Givens: "The Co-op has been a great partner and promoter of our department and the TAEP program. We don't have storefronts and managers, so we've relied on Co-op to help us get the word out and get approved equipment to the producers' farms. For that reason, our salespeople and managers across the state have encouraged the producers to talk to their lawmakers in support of our
programs. Your folks have been very good at advocating for agriculture. We could not have done what we’ve done without Co-op’s help.”

Cooper: “What do you think you’ve enjoyed the most about being commissioner?”

Given: “Traveling and seeing the things we’ve been able to put on the ground, going to county fairs, and just visiting with people and seeing their appreciation for the work we’ve done here at TDA. Farmers have a tough environment, with the weather and the economy, but they are also the first to smile and say ‘thank you’ for what you’ve tried to do for them. I am a farmer, so simply talking with other farmers has been the most rewarding part of this job.”

Cooper: “What do you think you’ll miss most about being commissioner?”

Given: “The people I work with. I have to run to catch up with the folks here because they are so much ahead of me in getting things done. I’ve had the chance to work with all kinds of experts who have been great about teaching me the things I needed to know, and I’ve learned a lot from them. I’ll miss all the people, but we’ll still be in touch. You form friends like this, and they are forever.”

Cooper: “Do you have any parting words to leave with the farmers of Tennessee?”

Given: “I encourage farmers and farm families to get involved in politics and make sure they’re taking our message to Nashville and to Washington. Sometimes agriculture doesn’t get the recognition that it deserves. We have two gubernatorial candidates out there right now. I’ll be on the trail for one of them, but it doesn’t matter who your candidate is. Farmers need to promote agriculture and talk about its importance — the fact that there are over 500,000 jobs in this state related to agriculture and that it’s our No. 1 industry above anything else.”

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Lead renovator course to be offered at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies (ECOS) is offering a Certified Lead Renovator Course that complies with the Environmental Protection Agency Renovation, Repair and Paint Rule. It is scheduled from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break, on two dates — Sept. 11 or Sept. 18. The $250 fee includes the manual, a certificate from the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) and EPA materials. NCHH is the EPA-authorized training provider for this class. The instructor will be H. Dale Fortner, NCHH principal instructor. The eight-hour Certified Lead Renovator Course is taught in eight modules. They begin with "Why Should I Be Concerned About Lead Paint?" The following topics are also included: regulations, before beginning work, contain dust during work, during the work, cleaning activities and checking work, record-keeping and training non-certified renovation workers. Students must achieve a 70 percent on the exam in order to pass the class. Students who pass the exam will be given a verification card. This class meets EPA and Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements. Successful completion earns EPA Certified Renovator status for five years. Students will learn what EPA/HUD requirements of Certified Firms and Renovators and how to work in a lead-safe manner while complying with the EPA RRP Rule. The EPA will begin enforcing the lead paint law, known as the RRP Rule, on Oct. 1. Anyone who renovates, repairs or paints any building built before 1978 must comply with the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule. To register for the class, call ECOS at (731) 881-7082 or register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.html.

Railroad safety training class slated

A free four-hour railroad safety training class will be offered at four times Sept. 28-29 by the UT Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources, TRANSCAER and the University of Memphis Intermodal Freight Transportation Institute. Pre-registration is required at www.transcaer.com. Participants may choose one of the following class times: Sept. 28 at 12:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.; or Sept. 29 at 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

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Land surveying program prepares grads for careers

Students interested in completing courses needed to take the National Fundamentals of Land Surveying exam and prepare for a job that is in demand can register for the Land Surveying and Geomatics Certification Program at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Dr. Tim Burcham, UT Martin professor of agricultural engineering, said the program is important because it offers an organized curriculum for students to gain the necessary courses and experiential background to prepare for the exam. "I believe the 'hands-on' experience with some of the latest land surveying equipment available is an asset for this program," Burcham said. "Teaching faculty from the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources and the Department of Engineering have worked hard to prepare these students for success. Students who successfully pass the FLS exam will be on their way to a professional career in surveying."

That career, said Dr. Sandy Mehlhorn, UT Martin lecturer of agricultural engineering technology, is one with growth potential. "There is a need for qualified, licensed surveyors. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has predicted an increase of 10-15 percent in the number of jobs for surveyors by 2012," she said.

Ms. Mehlhorn said one of the benefits of the program is that students who are earning a bachelor of science degree in anything can take these courses and should be able to sit for the licensing exam.

"Also, if a student begins the certificate program by their sophomore year of college, most of the surveying courses can be used as electives," she said.

Jason Garrett of Bolivar was the first person to complete the UT Martin certification program and successfully pass the FLS exam. Garrett, a 2010 graduate with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a minor in business administration, is pursuing a career as a surveyor. After serving as a surveyor-in-training, students must pass two more exams to become a licensed surveyor.

"The surveying program at UT Martin is still a new program," said Garrett, who noted it will continue to evolve. "But it's a good program."

UT Martin 2007 graduate Tommy Seratt of Martin also completed some of the surveying courses at UT Martin, prior to the full program being offered. Seratt said the classes were very interesting and his adviser, Richard Shadden, professor of agricultural engineering, had always suggested that he give surveying a try.

"When the opportunity presented itself, I took it and never looked back," he said.

A surveyor-in-training, Seratt said in addition to having a viable career, "I love being outdoors, and surveying is a great profession to get in plenty of outside time. I have conducted surveys all across West Tennessee and in many various forms, such as construction and boundary surveys. These surveys may be in a 300-acre swamp or a nicely mowed half-acre town lot. It's like a treasure hunt every day."

For more information about the Land Surveying and Geomatics Certification program, call (731) 881-7260.

MOVE-IN DAY — Students and their families and friends took advantage of the cool temperatures Friday morning to move in and get settled in University of Tennessee at Martin housing. Faculty, staff, current students and area residents were on hand to assist the students as they prepared for the fall semester. Among those on hand were (from left) parents Lori and Jeff Martin, Hunter Allen and Mallory Martin, who is a pre-veterinary major from Union City.
More defibrillators on UTM campus

Charlie Rayburn, left, associate professor of health and human performance, recertifies Eric Phillips, center, of Dresden, and Kevin Harris, of Martin, in the operation of an AED, along with cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

The University of Tennessee at Martin is continuing to supplement the number of Automated External Defibrillators, first used on campus 10 years ago, and is gearing up for additional training for faculty, staff and students to teach them how to use the life-saving units. The American Red Cross defines defibrillation as "an electrical shock that may help the heart resume an effective rhythm for a person in cardiac arrest." In cases of cardiac arrest, the Red Cross reported that AEDs have proven more effective in saving lives than cardio-pulmonary resuscitation alone. UT Martin installed additional AEDs on campus in February and March and recently purchased more, bringing the total number of units to 39. They are placed throughout campus in clearly-marked locations. Currently, there are 57 faculty and staff members on campus and 42 students employed by the Office of Campus Recreation trained to use the AEDs.

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Chicago travel study trip available through UTM

Art, fashion and interior design will take center stage on a travel-study tour to Chicago. Set for Oct. 22-26, the trip is open to students, faculty, staff and community. Student participants must register for a class.

The itinerary includes the Art Institute, Field Museum, Sears Tower, Frank Lloyd Wright Tour, Interior Design Merchandise Mart, Macy's and the Arts District.

A deposit is due by Sept. 7. For more information, contact Dr. Sue Byrd, sbyrd@utm.edu; Diane Shaw, dshaw@utm.edu; David McBeth, dmbeth@utm.edu; or Glen Byrd, rgbyrd@utm.edu.
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UT Martin advances in top tier of America's best colleges

The University of Tennessee at Martin advanced its ranking in the top tier of master's level public universities in the South in the 2011 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.

In the 2011 rankings, UT Martin improved its overall ranking as well as graduation rates, peer assessment score and percentage of faculty who are full time. UT Martin moved up nine rankings and tied for 47th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

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.

“The U.S. News & World Report rankings are among many indicators of program quality, and we are pleased to see our ranking move upward,” said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes.

“Overall, there are many important factors that contribute to a high-quality education, and due to the hard work of our faculty and staff, we continue to experience rankings and recognitions from multiple sources.”

UT Martin recently was named one of the best colleges and universities in the Southeast, according to The Princeton Review for 2011. The New York City-based education services company selected the school as one of 133 institutions it recommends in its “Best in the Southeast” section on its Web site feature, “2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region.”

Registration for fall semester continues with classes set to begin Aug. 30. Information about UT Martin is available by calling 1-800-829-UTMI.

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Local students named to UTM’s 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 2010 Dean’s Lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global 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 high honors (3.8 through 4.0). Included are:

- Trenton: Jennifer N. Barnett, High Honors, and Jarrod J. Slaughter, Honors;
- Rutherford: Carol A. Kail, Highest Honors;
- Humboldt: Kellie D. Kimble, Honors;
- Medina: Meredith L. Dunn, Highest Honors, and Starla E. Scott, Highest Honors;
- Milan: Paul E. Owens, High Honors; Sarah E. Parker, Highest Honors; and Benton Rimmer, Highest Honors.

McWherter talks jobs

Business tax cuts touted as way to help create jobs

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The University of Tennessee at Martin hosted Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mike McWherter, who on Wednesday expounded on his proposals and platform while unloading more ammunition against his opponents.

McWherter campaign stopped at UT Martin to speak to students, faculty and locals in an event hosted by UT Martin’s College Democrats.

McWherter said students in attendance would be "the most affected" by the results of this year's gubernatorial race.

During the hour-long campaign stop, McWherter reiterated a number of his ideas for bringing new jobs to Tennessee. McWherter focused particularly on creating jobs for more rural counties such as UTM's home in Weakley County - which announced 13 percent unemployment for the month of July.

"I think Governor Bredesen has done a tremendous job at laying a great foundation in recruiting Hitachi, Volkswagen as well as the Nissan headquarters," McWherter said. "What we've got to do is aggressively identify the associated industries with those companies. Whether they're making seatbelts or headlights or solar parts, we need to identify them and get those industries located here in Tennessee."

Another method for job creation presented by McWherter was to reduce taxes on small businesses, something he also believes would help pull the state out of the recession.

"I want a program of tax incentives and tax cuts for existing small businesses here in the state," McWherter said. "In the recessions of 1991 and 1991 it was small businesses that led to the recovery. The reason this recession is lingering so long with us now is because small businesses are really uncertain about the economy. If you get people to work then you get consumers and if you get consumers you get revenue... we need to get people back to work."

McWherter stated that Republican opponent Bill Haslam's major platform to tackle unemployment numbers in the state was to create economic development centers that - as the Democratic candidate puts it - "already exist."

"Those centers exist from Mountain City to Shelby County... they're called economic development councils and they're fully staffed," McWherter said. "All [Haslam] is talking about doing is setting up a competing state agency for ones we already have in existence. That's his bright idea about how to bring jobs into Tennessee."
UT president hopeful despite fundraising challenges

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While droves of incoming freshmen were roaming the halls for their first week of classes at UTM, local leaders and UTM officials met with the UT President to discuss the future of the UT system.

Interim President of the University of Tennessee, Jan Simek, spoke to local leaders and UTM representatives at a banquet held Tuesday at the Boling University Center. The meeting—with guests such as Representative Mark Maddox and Weakley County Commissioner Jimmy Westbrook—was a chance for Simek to raise important guidelines that he hopes the next UT President will follow.

One of the major talking points in Simek’s speech was to increase the graduation rates of students throughout the entirety of the UT system.

“I honestly believe that the more of a commitment you make to taking freshmen as they come in and guiding them through their transition, the better your graduation rate will be,” Simek said. “Most important of all is advising. The more attention that is put to that, the more productivity there will be for students.”

Simek states that the UT system is doing everything it can to bring graduation time down to four years, and that it can do this by utilizing surrounding community colleges. The current national average for graduation time is roughly six years.

Simek also hopes that UT can increase the value of bachelor's degrees in a flooded job market.

“With resources you can do a whole lot more,” Simek said. “By making classes smaller and making more classes available. As we work through these fiscal difficulties we have to be very strategic in how we invest that money. We have to invest it to make sure these ends are met.”

When asked how UT hopes to improve the competitiveness of their diplomas, he states that the UT system is constantly working to increase the value of their undergraduate degrees.

“We’re always in the process of making sure the degrees are as good as they can be. That’s our strength,” Simek said. “Setting your sights high and really competing to get there—there is the best thing we can do so that when students come out their degree is worth something.”

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Simek went on to say that fundraising is an important part of making sure the UT system reaches these goals. He stated that hard times for faculty and students could be ahead if fundraising challenges aren't met. Stimulus monies remain.

President's Update

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In regards to the search for the next UT President, Simek only offered guidelines for whoever his replacement will be.

"We don't know who the candidates are being developed, and we won't know that until September," Simek said.

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Country star John Michael Montgomery is set to perform at the West Tennessee Soybean Festival at 9 p.m. Sept. 11. The festival, which runs Sept. 4 through 12 in Martin, also features performances by 38 Special, Jason Michael Carroll, Selah and much more. For a complete guide to the event, visit tnsoybeanfestival.org.

Tipton County students receiving degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the spring commencement were:

Undergraduate degrees —
Jennifer Elaine Sims and Kimberly West, both of Atoka; Teresa Diane Harris, Kelly Nichole Harrington, Terri Lynn West, Sarah Olive Cavin and Alysia Jeanetta Kimes of Brighton; William Clay Kelley of Burlison; Precious Monique Dyson, Jared Wallace Burdette, Abraham Adrian Pruitt, Samiria Yvette Jackson, Nikki Danielle Smith, Cassandra F. Tate, Jennifer Kathleen Jones-Winkler and Alyssa Nicholle Folk of Covington; Marcia Lynn Mills of Drummonds; Ann Margaret Christmas, Justin Bradford West and Ashley Danielle Harvey of Mason.

Millicent Ashley of Brighton received a graduate degree.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES DUNCAN RETIRES FROM U.S. MARINE CORPS

Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol) James Carl Duncan will retire from the United States Marine Corps on August 31, 2010, in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes. He has served more than 28 years.

James grew up in the rolling hills of southern middle Tennessee, and in 1977, graduated "with highest honors" from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a B.S. degree in History and a minor in Mathematics. In 1981, he graduated in the top third of his class from the University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville, with a J.D. degree.

LtCol Duncan was commissioned in December 1982 after completing Officer Candidate School at Quantico, Virginia. In 1983, he completed Naval Justice School, and he was certified as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps. From 1983 to 1985, LtCol Duncan served as Trial Counsel and Defense Counsel at MCAS, Cherry Point, North Carolina.

In 1985, LtCol Duncan was transferred to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC) where he served as the Assistant Head, Legal Assistance Branch from 1985 to 1988. In 1988, he was selected for the Special Education Program (SEP), and he attended George Washington University where he graduated "with highest honors," receiving a Masters of Law Degree in International Law in 1989.

Upon completion of his Masters of Law Degree, LtCol Duncan was transferred to the Legal Service Support Section, 3d Force Service Support Group in Okinawa, Japan, where he served as the Operations Law Officer from 1989-1992. During the Summer of 1992, he was transferred to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. From 1992-1996, he served as the Deputy SJA, II Marine Expeditionary Force and as the Deputy SJA, U.S Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic.

During the Summer of 1996, LtCol Duncan was transferred to the Oceans Law and Policy Division (now known as the International Law Division) at the Naval War College. At the Naval War College, he served as an instructor from 1996-1999. From 1999-2002, LtCol Duncan served as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Joint Forces Command.

During the Summer of 2002, he was transferred to HQMC, where he has served in three distinct billets. First, in the Programs and Resources (P&R) Department, HQMC, where he served as the Head of the Coordination Section, Resources and Programs Development Branch from 2002-2004; second, in the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy (OJAG) from 2004-2006 where he served as the Head of the Operations Law Department, International and Operational Law Division (Code 10); and third, in the Office of the General Counsel of the Navy as the Military Assistant and Special Counsel to the General Counsel for the Department of the Navy from 2006 to the present.

LtCol Duncan's personal decorations include: one Joint Meritorious Service Medal, five Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), one Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).

James is the son of Alvin and Hazel Duncan of Linden.

He is married to the former Brenda Kay Langham, daughter of Alice and the late Leon Langham of McAlester, Oklahoma. He and Brenda have two children: Daniel, age 33, and Elizabeth, 27.
Chicago travel-study scheduled in October

Art, fashion and interior design will take center stage on a travel-study tour to Chicago.

Set for Oct. 22-26, the trip is open to students, faculty, staff and community. Student participants must register for a class.

The itinerary includes the Art Institute, Field Museum, Sears Tower, Frank Lloyd Wright Tour, Interior Design Merchandise Mart, Macy’s and the Arts District.

A deposit is due by Tuesday.

For more information, contact Dr. Sue Byrd by e-mail at abyrd@utm.edu; Diane Shaw at dshaw@utm.edu; David McBeth at dmbeth@utm.edu; or Glen Byrd at rgbyr@utm.edu.

UT Martin fourth in state in international website rank

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Web presence and the interest it attracts worldwide has placed it fourth among four-year institutions statewide, as noted in a recent ranking completed by 4 International Colleges & Universities.

“Just as important, UT Martin’s website gives a practical option as international students view the campus, its programs and quality of life,” he added.

4 International Colleges and Universities is an international higher education search engine and directory reviewing accredited universities and colleges worldwide. The listing includes 10,000 colleges and universities in 200 countries.

Institutions included in the listing are officially recognized, licensed or accredited by national or regional bodies such as ministries of education and/or accreditation organizations. They are officially entitled to grant four-year undergraduate degrees and/or post-graduate degrees, provide traditional face-to-face learning facilities, programs and courses and have an official website.

Universities and colleges are sorted by 4icu.org university web ranking based on three web metrics extracted from three different search engines — Google Page Rank, Yahoo Inbound Links and Alexa Traffic Rank. The goal of the 4 ICU website is to gauge popularity ranking of world universities and colleges based upon the popularity of their websites. It is intended to assist international students and academic staff to understand how popular a specific university/college is in a foreign country.

Memphis Photos

Southwind High’s Latrinae Knight and Houston High’s Anthony Ross are candidates for the Young Scholars Academy at the University of Tennessee at Martin. During the weeklong camp, the students focused on aptitude development, personal and social development and college major exploration.
C&C Pharmacy brings family values to area customers

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With the opening of C&C Pharmacy in the Lewis Creek Place shopping center on Parr Avenue, Dyer County residents have a new choice when it comes to their pharmacy needs. But residents who walk into the recently constructed drug store will find both old-fashioned values and customer service.

Curtis Colbert and Kevin Cook are more than just good friends and co-workers. They are family.

Longtime employees of Belew and Ray Drug Store, the two worked so well together that Colbert introduced Cook to his wife's sister. The duo are now brothers-in-law as well as business partners.

"Curtis introduced me to my wife," said Cook. "So not only did we work 40-hour weeks together, we did weekends and holidays together with the family. We had worked for Belew and Ray for many years when the owner decided to sell the store to Super D."

Although Super D representatives wanted Colbert and Cook to remain after the changeover, a required long-term contract had them thinking twice.

"Curtis and I had always wanted to start our own pharmacy," said Cook. "We had always talked about having our own store. We knew if we signed a long-term contract, it would be years before we could do it. This is the way the Lord presented it to us, so we decided this is what we wanted to do and we preceded from there."

"It has always been a dream of ours to own our own store, individually," said Colbert. "But since we've become brothers-in-law, we've learned how one of us complements the other in different ways. This was the perfect way for each of us to realize our dream."

These two pharmacists with small-town values plan to extend that family atmosphere to their customers.

"We want to create a real mom-and-pop feel," said Cook. "When you walk in the door, you are going to be recognized. We talk about other things than medicine. (We will provide) that warm and fuzzy feeling that people are used to in a traditional independent pharmacy; a place where customer service is a number-one priority."

Business policies that reinforce those values include a friendly atmosphere in the store, delivery services and professional care that is available 24 hours a day. The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., on Saturdays. However, both Colbert and Cook have made themselves available to their customers around the clock.

"Both of our business cards have our home numbers on them," said Cook. "You can't just be sick from 9 to 6, Monday through Friday. We are working for (our customers) 24 hours a day. We both grew up working in independent pharmacies and we both feel that people who work in independent pharmacies have a passion for helping others."

Another way C&C Pharmacy plans to help Dyer County residents is to continue to provide flu immunizations throughout the community.

"For many years, we have sort of done our own flu immunizations in the community," said Cook. "We do an open clinic at Dyersburg Activity Center and different facilities around town, at industries and nursing homes."

Colbert grew up in Obion County. He attended the University of Tennessee at Martin for four years and pharmacy school at the University of Memphis. He and his wife, Camille, have two daughters, Hope and Claire.

"I'm not far from home," said Colbert. "My purpose in moving here 10 years ago was to hopefully have the opportunity to own my own business and it has finally made its way into reality."
Cook also worked at Belew and Ray as a youngster, a college student and a pharmacy student. He graduated from Dyersburg State Community College, attended UTM and pharmacy school at the University of Missouri. He and his wife, Damaris, have a daughter, Henley.

"I grew up in Dyersburg," said Cook. "Both of my parents were city school teachers. I am proud to be a product of Dyer County and to have the opportunity to come back and serve the community that raised me."

Both Colbert and Cook are excited to continue providing quality services to residents of the Dyer County community as they begin this new venture.

"We've made Dyersburg and Dyer County our home and are so proud we are able to do that -- to make a living and raise our children here," said Cook. "That's something that is important to both of us, and that's definitely a great reward in itself."

C&C Pharmacy owners and pharmacists Curtis Colbert and Kevin Cook stop in the middle of a busy morning to snap this photo with their staff. The pharmacy, located in Lewis Creek Place shopping center, provides old-fashioned values in a beautiful new facility. From left, seated, Crystal Warden, Ginger Sandage, Brandy Edgell, Tina Reed; Colbert, Chasity McAlister, Cook.

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Basic sewing, Illustrator, Excel and ACT courses planned at UT Martin

Several classes are planned this fall by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies for those with an interest in sewing, Illustrator and Excel, as well as ACT preparation.

"A Stitch in Time - Beginning Basic Sewing" is slated from 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 14-Oct. 7.

Instructor is Denesa Gateswood. The fee will be $75, with a $5 supply fee paid to the instructor. Participants should provide scissors.

Using a needle, thread and a couple of minutes a day, participants will learn how to mend clothes, repair hems and sew on buttons.

The same tools used on apparel, can also be used to create window treatments and gifts. The same basic skills can be used for quilting.

"All About Illustrator" is planned for 6:30-7:45 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 14-30.

Instructor is Natalie Carroll, UT Martin graphic designer/print specialist, and the fee is $95.

Learn how to utilize the basic functions and tools of Adobe Illustrator to create logos, illustrations and more.

Becoming comfortable and familiar with the Illustrator workspace is a major factor in experimenting with its capabilities.

"Beginning Excel" is scheduled from 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 21 and 23.

Instructor is Doug Bloodworth, UT Martin analyst and programmer, and the fee is $85.

Participants will learn to build spreadsheets with easy-to-use techniques. They will learn how to use functions, manage files, move and copy, format sample worksheets and use multiple worksheets and summarize.

Participants also will learn how to create graphs, use drawing tools for special emphasis and work with the new Excel 2007 and Vista.

"Making Sense of the ACT - ACT Prep Course" is planned on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 25-Oct. 16.

Instructor is Ron Ramage, and the fee is $65, plus the cost of the book.

This course will help students plan a strategy to make the highest score possible on this test.

The course is designed for first-time test takers as well as seasoned veterans. Students will be using The Real ACT Prep Guide and should have the book at 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.

Call the bookstore, 713-881-7760, to obtain a copy. The class limit is 20.

Pre-registration is required for classes. To register, call ECOS at 731-881-7082 or for online registration, go to http://www.utm.edu/departments/eece/nondegree/home.php.
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Carroll to speak about experiences on Human Terrain team in Iraq

Katherine Blue Carroll, who served from January 2008-April 2009 as a social scientist on a Human Terrain Team in Baghdad, Iraq, will speak at the University of Tennessee at Martin, at 1 p.m., Sept. 9, in Watkins Auditorium.

Human Terrain Teams were developed to provide expert social and political advice to brigade commanders and soldiers on the ground in war zones.

A native of Knoxville, she joined Vanderbilt University in 2001 as College of Arts and Science assistant dean.

Since 2006, she has been an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science, where she directs the undergraduate program in public policy studies and teaches courses on terrorism, political Islam, Middle East politics and the war in Iraq.

She received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Indiana University and Master of Arts and doctorate in political science with a specialization in Middle East Politics from the University of Virginia.


Her work since returning from Iraq is on various aspects of Iraqi culture and politics, as well as on the interaction of the American military with Iraqi society.

She is working on a book about her personal experiences in Iraq and has also just begun a book-length academic project on military detention post-Abu Ghraib.

She also works frequently as a consultant for Decisive Analytics Corporation, a defense contractor, and has given several invited talks on her experience in Iraq and on Arab culture and politics to military audiences.

For more information, contact Dr. Malcolm Koch, Center for Global Studies and International Education executive director, at 731-881-1023.
UTM Chancellor draws on strategic plan for fall faculty meeting address

Priorities from the University of Tennessee at Martin’s strategic plan and outcomes-based state funding were the focus of remarks made by UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes at the annual fall faculty meeting this week.

Actions related to instructional delivery and curriculum adjustments; campus communications/branding; diversity among faculty, staff and student groups; international initiatives; budget; and compensation issues were among the priorities he discussed.

"Welcome back. I know it is going to be a busy, productive and successful year," Rakes told the group. He opened his remarks expressing appreciation to faculty members, thanking them for keeping the university focused on its mission and providing students with the mentoring and guidance they need.

Rakes also thanked staff members and others who provide leadership and service across the campus.

In discussing instruction and curriculum, he said, "We are going to continue to study, from a data basis, where our online programs may be most effective."

As an example, he cited the new undergraduate program in business management with an enrollment that has doubled in one year.

Rakes said online graduate programs in education continue to grow and the demand for online offerings in agriculture has shown a noticeable increase.

"Our academic units continue to adjust curriculum offerings," he said, and changes will be reviewed to make sure the delivery is appropriate.

Another change relating to restructuring entry-level mathematics classes and no longer offering developmental courses is also being studied for implementation in fall 2011.

He said that on-campus academic programs continue to evolve to meet a broad range of needs, and there are extensive renovation and new construction projects under way to accommodate them.

Finally, he added that instructional delivery matters also involve managing growing student interests and needs at off-campus centers and dual-enrollment programs, two segments significant to enrollment.

Rakes spoke of the importance of efforts involving faculty, staff and student diversity, with data reflecting employment and enrollment trends being reviewed.

He also pointed to the value of international initiatives, now led by the Center for Global Studies and International Education.

A 30-year partnership with Hirosaki University was highlighted as an example of the international programs' history on campus.

"The mission we have is to prepare our students for a much more global world."

The chancellor also discussed a recently unveiled campus communications/branding campaign that was the result of a lengthy process by a campus committee working with STAMATS, Inc., a higher education marketing company.

Thirty-two recommendations to enhance how UT Martin is marketed will span the coming months and years. The effort will also work in tandem with another plan to improve customer service and process management of services.

In comments related to the university's budget, Rakes said, "We're in good shape. We're getting things done."

He pointed to the use of one-time federal stimulus funds that enabled the university to secure equipment for academic programs, provide for infrastructure needs and make faculty adjustments.

"We're still growing in several ways," he said, and added, "We have to be ready for what could come." One of those challenges, he noted, is keeping pace in employee compensation.

The chancellor also highlighted the fact that UT Martin exceeded by nearly 100 percent its original goal in the Campaign for Tennessee, a $1 billion fundraising campaign to enhance programs of excellence at all of the university's campuses and institutes.

"I thank so many of you who continue to join our alumni and friends with ongoing financial support," said Rakes.

Attention was also shared as to the importance of civic engagement and service-learning types of outreach including a variety of internship and professional leadership experiences.

Finally, he reviewed the outcomes-based funding model that will be used to determine state assistance for higher education in the future. Performance weights for categories such as the number of bachelor's and master's degrees granted, number of students who transfer to other institutions, enrollment levels and quality of the student body will all serve as factors in the funding formula. Factors related to retention and research/outreach are also included in the outcomes formula.

"I couldn't be prouder of the job you do," Rakes told the faculty group. He added that he recognizes the quality and professional expertise faculty showcase daily, and added that the university community has every reason to be positive, hopeful and take pride in the students, alumni, faculty and staff.
Korean culture language course offered at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies is offering a course to help participants learn about the Korean language and culture. The class will be from 4-5 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 29-Nov. 17. The instructor is Dr. Yeon Sook Cho, and the fee is $50 plus the cost of the book.

The course is designed for beginners with no prior knowledge of Korean and will provide students with essential information on the language and culture. Course content includes the Korean alphabet, greetings, and communicative skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in Korean.

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They came to see if everyone was happy and healthy and if the children and grandchildren were also fine.

But mostly the nearly 30 men and women who attended last weekend's reunion of the last all-black graduation class of Stigall High School in Humboldt came to reminisce about things that were, talk about things that are, rejoin in what's better and shake their heads in dismay about what's not.

They were a class of about 75 who graduated 40 years ago — not just the last all-black class to accept their diplomas from their neighborhood high school in 1970, but the last class ever. Stigall High School was closed for good after their graduation, its students swept into Humboldt High School as part of Tennessee's integration process.

"It was sad, but it was good, too," said Emma Fear-Boyd, who graduated fourth in her class that year.

Fear-Boyd ran track, sang in the choir and played clarinet in the band. She graduated from UT Martin with a degree in home economics, now called family and consumer sciences. She lives in Paducah, Ky., now.

But her memories of gathering around a table in home economics class and solving the world's problems with her classmates remain and are her favorites. Trouble is, Fear-Boyd said, the problems they once tried to solve now seem out of control and completely unacceptable.

"Premarital sex was not approved of at that time," she said. "You were shunned if you were pregnant and not married. Birth control methods were not as prevalent, and if a parent heard you were having sex, you got a whipping. Now that's child abuse."

Alumni of the school system, which included grades one through 12, met for the entire weekend, starting with a gathering Friday night and ending with a church service on Sunday.

Those who attended Saturday night's gathering at the Veteran of Foreign Wars banquet hall on North Highland Avenue said attending their former school was more like being with family than with other students.
UT Interim President says public higher education to be outcome-focused

University of Tennessee Interim President Jan Simek visited UT Martin on Tuesday, August 31, as part of his annual fall tour of UT campuses. Simek discussed the Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010 and also provided an update on the UT presidential search during the visit. He spoke to an invited group of community leaders, elected officials, university supporters and employees at a noon luncheon in the Bobing University Center.

Outcomes instead of enrollments. That's how public Tennessee higher education institutions will be judged in the future, and Interim President Jan Simek says that the University of Tennessee is positioned to succeed following passage in February of the Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010. Simek discussed the new law and also provided an update on the UT presidential search during the first stop of his annual fall tour Tuesday at UT Martin. He spoke to an invited group of community leaders, elected officials, university supporters and employees at a noon luncheon in the Bobing University Center.

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

As Simek was named to lead UT, and a search was delayed for a new Tennessee Board of Regents chancellor, he recalled that discussions began for reorganizing state public higher education into one system. The Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010 emerged from these early discussions, a law that requires, among other directives, a statewide master plan for higher education, now referred to as the Public Agenda for Higher Education. Simek described the law as "a remarkable and important road map for the future of higher education in our state" and "one that I think we are obliged and obligated and should feel privileged to implement."

"It wasn't the organization, the structure that was at issue, it was what we did. It was how we performed. It was how we served the people," Simek said. "And very quickly, the conversation turned from structure to outcomes, focusing on how to increase the proportion of our population that has college degrees - how to maximize the quality of those degree... Those became the central issues." Simek credited all involved for the discussion not becoming politically charged and added, "We began very quickly to focus on what really mattered, and the Complete College Act was the result."

Simek reported that UT is already implementing the law's directives. "Central to the Complete College Act is a change in the emphasis of the funding of higher education, in particular, an aspect of that funding called performance funding." He explained that higher education funding for several decades was based on several performance criteria. The formula originally focused on enrollments, and institutions that grew in student numbers received more funding. "It was an admirable and an important incentive when it was brought into play, because in point of fact, we needed more of our people in higher education," he said. "But we got there. We have very large institutions."

Higher education now needs to focus on outputs instead of growth, "on generating college graduates," he said. In the future, Tennessee higher education institutions will be judged on criteria such as graduation rates, graduating "a more diverse array" of students, and accomplishing those goals faster and more effectively. Criteria are now being implemented to make this happen, he said, adding, "It's a great change for higher education in the state. We are a hundred percent behind it. All of our campuses are behind it as well."

Simek noted the law's recognition of differences among higher-education institutions and their roles. "We are not all the same. A community college is not the same thing as the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and should not be expected to perform, even in general measures, in the same way as a large four-year institution does," he said. "Under the law, the individual institutions are incentivized to do what they do well and improve their performance in that regard."

Simek said this change would benefit a university like UT Martin. "It's critically important, because what it allows is for an institution like Martin, that does a powerful job of high-quality education in a small-university
Organ recital performance to be held in Fulton

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Yeung to host CD signing

Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of voice at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will host a CD signing from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., September 14, in Room 229, Boiling University Center. Yeung has recently released her debut CD, "Chansons de la nuit" (Songs of the night) through Centaur Records with the support of the Tennessee Arts Commission.

Accompanying the singer is Dr. Jung-Won Shin, assistant professor of piano at Delta State University. Selections include songs by Mendelssohn, Strauss, Fauré, Debussy, Bachelet and Rachmaninov. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

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See the world via UT Martin travel study

From Egypt to Greece, London to Japan, Paris to Washington D.C., the University of Tennessee at Martin Center for International Education will offer several travel-study programs in 2010-2011.

Trips begin in October with a travel-study trip to Chicago. Set for Oct. 22-26, this trip will be led by Dr. Sue Byrd, professor of textiles, clothing and fashion merchandising, and Diane Shaw, associate professor of art. In January, a trip is planned to Egypt that will be led by Dr. Mahmoud Haddad, professor of finance.

Other trip dates include: March 11-17, New York, Dr. Jeff Hoyer; March, Germany, Dr. Arthur Hunt; March, London/Orléans/Paris, Dr. Tom Payne; March, South Korea, J.C. Kim; May, Natchez Trace Tour, Anna Clark; May, Saltillo, Mexico, Dr. Joey Melhorn; May, Greece/Istanbul, Dr. Nathan Howard and Ricky Garlitz; May, Mediterranean cruise, Lorrie Jackson; May, Washington D.C., Darrell Simmons; May, Italy, Dr. Lionel Crews; June, Australia/New Zealand, Dr. Brad Ray; July, Switzerland/Austria/Germany, Stan Sieber.

For more information, visit the website, at www.utm.edu/departments/globalstudies, or call the center at 731-881-1023.
Witty family remembers daughter during Vols game

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Some UT Martin fans might have had a cheering dilemma when the Skyhawks played Tennessee this past Saturday. But Tom Witty, a Vols fan from Kansas City, had something else on his mind.

Lauren Witty, Tom’s daughter, received a UT Martin undergraduate degree and was working on an MBA when she died in a single-car accident on May 23, 2009.

Tom Witty said his daughter loved Tennessee football as a child, and would have been one of those fans with a decision to make on who to root for.

“Everybody's heart was thinking about Lauren,” Witty said. “She would have really enjoyed the game, and she would have had similar feelings to (UTM graduate) Pat Summit.

“Lauren always loved the Big Orange and grew up a lil’ Volunteer ... but she loved UT Martin even more for other reasons.”

Tom Witty sat in the eighth row in the end zone Saturday to watch the Vols win 50-0.

Tom Witty said his daughter donated her time generously. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi and volunteered with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital among other causes.

But Lauren may have had her largest impact on UT Martin’s Peer Enabling Program, which helps incoming freshman adjust to college life.

At UT Martin’s 2009 fall commencement, the school established the Lauren Witty Peer Enabling Program Outstanding Service Award Endowment to recognize students for their community service.

“She was always there to help with a smile,” Tom Witty said.

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Gibson County students awarded scholarships to attend UT Martin

Three Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Included are:

- Matthew Norvell, son of John and Linda Norvell of Trenton, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor's Award.
- Lisa Johnson, daughter of W.E. Lewis and Virginia Stegall, both of Humboldt, will be a senior. She received the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Transfer Scholarship.
- Kimberly Rimmer, daughter of Delbert and Tamra Cody of Milan, will be a junior. She received the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Transfer Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Tenn. 38238. In-state residents telephone 800-829-1UTM; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
UT Martin's chancellor draws on strategic plan

Priorities from the University of Tennessee at Martin's strategic plan and outcomes-based state funding were the focus of remarks made by UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes at the annual fall faculty meeting recently.

Actions related to instructional delivery and curriculum adjustments; campus communications/branding; diversity, among faculty, staff and student groups; international initiatives; budget; and compensation issues were among the priorities he discussed.

"Welcome back. I know it is going to be a busy, productive and successful year," Rakes told the group.

He opened his remarks expressing appreciation to faculty members, thanking them for keeping the university focused on its mission and providing students with the mentoring and guidance they need. Rakes also thanked staff members and others who provide leadership and service across the campus.

In discussing instruction and curriculum, he said, "We are going to continue to study, from a data basis, where our online programs may be most effective." As an example, he cited the new undergraduate program in business management with an enrollment that has doubled in one year. Rakes said online graduate programs in education continue to grow and the demand for online offerings in agriculture has shown a noticeable increase.

"Our academic units continue to adjust curriculum offerings," he said, adding that changes will be reviewed to make sure the delivery is appropriate.

Another change relating to restructuring entry-level mathematics classes and no longer offering developmental courses is also being studied for implementation in fall 2011. He said that on-campus academic programs continue to evolve to meet a broad range of needs, and there are extensive renovation and new construction projects under way to accommodate them. Finally, he added that instructional delivery matters also involve managing graduate student interests and needs at off-campus centers and dual-enrollment programs, two segments significant to enrollment.

Rakes spoke of the importance of efforts involving faculty, staff and student diversity, with data reflecting employment and enrollment trends being reviewed. He also pointed to the value of international initiatives, now led by the Center for Global Studies and International Education. A 30-year partnership with Hiroasaki University was highlighted as an example of the international programs' history on campus.

The chancellor also discussed a recently unveiled campus communications/branding campaign that was the result of a lengthy process by a campus committee working with STAMATS Inc., a higher education marketing company. Thirty-two recommendations to enhance how UT Martin is marketed will span the coming months and years. The effort will work in tandem with a plan to improve customer service and process management of services.

In comments related to the university's budget, Rakes said, "We're in good shape. We're getting things done."

He pointed to the use of one-time federal stimulus funds that enabled the university to secure equipment for academic programs, provide for infrastructure needs and make faculty adjustments.

"We're still growing in several ways," he said. "We have to be ready for what could come."

One of those challenges, he noted, is keeping pace in employee compensation.

The chancellor also highlighted the fact that UT Martin exceeded by nearly 100 percent its original goal in the Campaign for Tennessee, a $1 billion fundraising campaign to enhance programs of excellence at all of the university's campuses and institutes.

"I thank so many of you who continue to join our alumni and friends with ongoing financial support," Rakes said.

Attention was also shared as to the importance of civic engagement and service-learning types of outreach including a variety of internship and professional leadership experiences.

Finally, he reviewed the outcomes-based funding model that will be used to determine state assistance for higher education in the future. Performance weights for categories such as the number of bachelor's and master's degrees granted, number of students who transfer to other institutions, enrollment levels and quality of the student body will all serve as factors in the funding formula. Factors related to retention and research/outreach are also included in the outcomes formula.

Yeung to host CD signing on Sept. 14

Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of voice at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will host a CD signing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 14, in Room 229, Boling University Center.

Yeung has recently released her debut CD, "Chansons de la nuit" (Songs of the night) through Centaur Records with the support of the Tennessee Arts Commission.

Accompanying the singer is Dr. Jung-Won Shin, assistant professor of piano at Delta State University.

Selections include songs by Mendelssohn, Strauss, Faure, Debussy, Bachelet and Rachmaninov.

Light refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Yeung at 731-881-7408 or ayeung@utm.edu.

UTM lecturer reads from book

Dr. Tim Smith, lecturer of History at the University of Tennessee at Martin Sermer Center, will be reading from his book, Shiloh and the Western Campaign of 1862, on Friday, Sept. 10th, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., in the UT Martin Bookstore.
Wilson to present 'Commedia dell’Arte' in lecture, performance

Matthew Wilson, founding artistic director for faction of fools Theatre Company, Inc., of Washington, D.C., and adjunct professor of acting at George Mason University, will present “Commedia dell’Arte” lecture and performance on Sept. 20.

The lecture, set for 7:30 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium, is the first event in the University of Tennessee at Martin Academic Speaker Series. The performance will follow.

“Commedia dell’Arte is the grandparent of all contemporary improvisational comedy,” said Doug Cook, UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts chair.

“Monty Python, The Second City, The Groundlings, Saturday Night Live, The Kids in the Hall and countless other improvisational comedy troupes all follow the same basic formula,” he added.

“Commedia dell’Arte is incredibly relevant today because comedy is still basically the same, updated for sure, but still the same.”

A graduate of the Shakespeare Theatre Company’s Academy for Classical Acting at George Washington University in Washington, Wilson studied Commedia dell’Arte with Antonio Pava and, since 2004, has been on the faculty of Pava’s Stage Internazionale di Commedia dell’Arte in Reggio-Emilia, Italy.

Commedia dell’Arte originated in Italy during the early 16th century and spread through Europe during the Renaissance.

The term means “theatre of the professional.” It involves elaborate costumes, stagecraft and lengthy training for the actors.

Instead of full-length scripts, actors create sce-
Roberts to hold organ recital

Dr. Scott Roberts, professor of music at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will perform two organ recitals, one at 7 p.m., Sept. 14, at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Dyersburg, where he serves as organist. The second performance will be at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 21, at Fulton United Methodist Church in Fulton, Ky.

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For more information, contact Roberts at 731-881-7402.

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The program will include some of Roberts’ original compositions and also works by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Girolamo Frescobaldi, John Knowles Paine and Louis Vierne.

The events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Roberts at 731-881-7402.

SF student to present piano recital

Andrew Moore of South Fulton will perform his junior piano recital at 3 p.m., Sept. 19 in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

He will perform works by Chopin, Haydn, Bach, Bartok and Rachmaninoff.

Moore is a University Scholar with a double major in piano performance and chemistry.

For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harris, professor and interim chair of the Department of Music, at (731) 881-7402.
**Online business the focus of seminar**

An upcoming seminar, "E-Commerce and Your Business: Take Your Business Online," will explore the potential of taking business online.

The seminar — sponsored by the Martin Business Association, the University of Tennessee at Martin, Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center — will be held Sept. 29 from noon-1 p.m. at the REED Center, located at 406 South Lindell St. in Martin.

The instructor will be Stevie Holt, UT Martin Instructional Technology Center director and webmaster. The cost is $10 per person, to be paid at the door. Lunch is included and pre-registration is required. Call the REED Center at (731) 587-7333 by Sept. 27 to register.

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Fayette cheerleaders bowl bound

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The 2010-2011 Fayette Academy varsity cheerleaders attended the Universal Cheerleader Association camp this summer at the University of Tennessee in Martin.

The varsity cheerleading team excelled during the camp, placing first in home pom; second in extreme routine; and fourth in cheer.

The team won a total of three championship trophies, including nine superior ribbons and four spirit sticks.

Katie Grey, Haile Stephens, Hayley Harris, and Kara Lessel were chosen as All-American Cheerleaders, and they have the opportunity to perform in London at the London Parade in December.

The team's performance earned an invitation to perform at the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Fla., on New Year's Day.

"This dedicated group of young ladies has worked extremely hard to achieve this level of success and are looking forward to cheering the Vikings on to victory," said coaches Jill Bryan and Charlotte Karcher.

This year's squad consists of seniors Kenzie Bergloff, co-captain Katie Grey, Codi Kihni, Haile Stephens, co-captain Danielle Torian, and captain Callie Wilson; juniors Kaylah Burns, Hayley Harris, and Kara Lessel; sophomores McKenzie Bullwinkel, Sarah Cogdill, Sterling Crenshaw, Shelby Rhea, and Morgan White; and freshmen Katie Childers, Courtin Ray Cliff, Jessica Price, and Margy Westbrook.

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UT Martin to host candidates for 8th District

Three candidates for the Eighth Congressional District seat will make presentations on the University of Tennessee Martin campus this month, according to a news release.

Democrat Roy Herron will speak at 12:15 p.m. Thursday; Independent Donn Jakes will speak at 1 p.m. Sept. 23; and Republican Stephen Fincher will speak at 12:15 p.m. Sept. 30. All presentations are in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center and are open to the public.

UT Martin College Democrats, Young Republicans and the Institute for Civic Engagement are co-sponsoring all three presentations. Martin Rotary Club is co-sponsoring the Herron and Fincher visits.

UT Martin does not support or oppose any of the political candidates running for the Eighth Congressional District seat, the release stated.

For more information, contact Dr. Mike McCullough at mccullou@utm.edu

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West TN Police Departments Recognized
By: ABC 7 Eyewitness News Staff

Several West Tennessee police departments are recognized as winners in the National Law Enforcement Challenge.

Coming in first place, the Middleton Police Department with one to 10 officers. The Brownsville Police Department won second place among departments with 26-45 officers.

In the state challenge, the Bolivar Police Department placed first in the 11-25 officer category. In the 26-45 officers category, Brownsville, Martin and Union City Police Departments placed first, second and third respectively.

In the university category, The University of Tennessee at Martin placed second.
Morganton Teen Awarded 4-H Scholarship
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Students from across the state have received 4-H scholarships from the North Carolina 4-H Foundation to attend institutions of higher learning. During the recent State 4-H Congress held in Raleigh, the foundation awarded more than $78,000 in new scholarships. The total amount of 4-H scholarships awarded this year, including renewable scholarships, amounts to more than $130,000.

Scholarships are awarded to 4-Hers based on academic record, recommendations and need. Scholarship winners must be full-time students.

Among those selected was 18-year-old Carly James of Morganton. James, the daughter of James and Carol Lamb, received the Dr. David and Mrs. Carol Burnett 4-H Scholarship for the Western Districts and the Edward H. Leagans Equine Scholarship. A recent graduate of Robert L. Patton High School, she will attend the University of Tennessee at Martin to study general agriculture with a concentration in animal science.

The 4-H program is the youth education program of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, based at North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T State universities. More than 240,000 young people between the ages of five and 19 participate in North Carolina 4-H activities each year with the help of 21,000 adult and youth volunteers.


Memphis Photos

Students, their families and friends took advantage of the cool morning temperatures on Aug. 29, to move in and get settled in University of Tennessee at Martin housing. Faculty, staff, current students and area residents were on hand to assist the students as they prepared for the fall semester. Helping Jessica Drake (right), a freshman accounting and finance major of Bartlett, are her grandmother, Lena Payne (left), Janessa Henderson, brother. Brian Drake, mother, Eileen Drake, and aunt, Phyllis Whitmore.
UTM student earns national recognition

A University of Tennessee at Martin student from Mt. Juliet has earned national recognition for a radio public service announcement that she wrote and produced. Rachel Stephens, a senior communications major, won 2nd place in the radio category of the 2010 Freedom of Speech PSA Competition. Stephens will receive a $2,000 scholarship and national airplay for her PSA that was selected from among more than 120 entries nationwide.

The competition is produced by the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation and the Broadcast Education Association and is made possible through the support of the McCormick Foundation. Stephen’s PSA will be fed to radio and television stations nationwide, encouraging them to air it Oct. 17-24 during Freedom of Speech Week.

“We’re very proud of Rachel and this outstanding accomplishment,” said Dr. Richard Robinson, assistant professor of communications and adviser for WUTM, FM 90.3 “The Hawk,” UT Martin’s award-winning student radio station. “Rachel is a talented student who has shown that her work measures up with the best in national competition. We couldn’t be more pleased for her.”

Stephens, WUTM program director, thanked others for her achievement. “I have to credit my success to the professors in the communications department, because they are always encouraging us to see what we can accomplish beyond what is taught in the classroom,” Stephens said. “I never would have entered this contest without their support and encouragement, especially from Dr. Richard Robinson and Professor Rodney Freed (communications faculty member). Winning this award will help me as I graduate and move into the broadcasting field.”

Stephens described her PSA as “giving real-life examples of how freedom of speech is used in everyday life.” She added, “I then ended it by reminding people that freedom of speech is more than just words; it’s something we have to use and believe in every day.”

Besides this honor, Stephens previously earned the Outstanding Senior Scholarship Award from the UT Martin Department of Communications and the Outstanding Student Award from the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters. Both awards were presented in April during the university’s annual Communications Awards Banquet.

The UT Martin Department of Communications is one of 104 programs in the country to earn full accreditation by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. WUTM was named 2009 “Best College Radio Station” during the Southeast Journalism Conference held last spring at Southeastern Louisiana University.
Young writers’ program offered in Martin, Ripley, Jackson and Memphis

The West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) will offer another year of Saturday Young Writers’ Clubhouses, a series of writing experiences for third-eighth graders.

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

“The Young Writers’ Programs have grown so much in a relatively short time, from just a few Saturday sessions at UT Martin in 2006 to new offerings in Ripley, Jackson and now Memphis,” said WTWP Director David Carithers.

“Thanks to the dedicated teacher-leaders of the program, more students are writing in West Tennessee. I hope the children who attend the clubhouses are inspired to write for a lifetime.”

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

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

The dates, locations and themes for this year’s sessions are:

Oct. 2 - “Food for Thought and Writing” - Martin (Gooch Hall),
Oct. 30 - “Harry Potter Halloween” - Ripley (UT Martin Ripley Center),
Nov. 13 - “Food for Thought and Writing” - Memphis (ICCS),
Dec. 4 - “Marvelous Magazines and Comics” - Jackson (St. Mary’s School),
Jan. 29 - “Writing with Music” - Martin (Gooch Hall),
Feb. 12 - “Script Frenzy” - Jackson (St. Mary’s School),
Feb. 26 - “Digital Storytelling” - Ripley (UT Martin Ripley Center), and
March 5 - “Blast into the Future: Science Fiction” - Memphis (ICCS).

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

Teachers who will be leading the sessions include the following:

• Neihoff has been teaching language arts at St. Mary’s School for 10 years. She has also been actively involved with the West Tennessee Writing Project at UT Martin since the summer of 2005. She has also been involved in the Young Writer’s Clubhouse for two years.

• Hasselle has taught for 19 years, 10 of which have been at Dyersburg Middle School. She was teacher of the year for her district in 2008. She is a gifted education enrichment teacher and enjoys providing additional opportunities for children to learn outside of school.

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

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

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

Registration is $35 per session or two sessions for $60.

Online registration is offered through the Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at http://www.utm.edu/departments/cece/youth-writing/writingreg.php. For more information, call the office of ECOS at 731-881-7082.
REED Center seminar helps local businesses establish online presence

Explore the potential of taking your business online at an upcoming seminar, "E-Commerce and Your Business: Take Your Business Online," sponsored by the Martin Business Association, the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center.

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Health care professional training programs offered by UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin and Jackson State Community College have partnered to offer health care professional training programs, including the EKG Technician Certification Program and the Pharmacy Technician Program.

Available to both working adults interested in a new career and current health care professionals, these programs will help students prepare for the numerous jobs available to health care staff and professionals.

The programs will be offered on the Jackson State Community College campus in Jackson.

The EKG Technician Certification Program will be offered from 6-9:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 11-Dec. 1. There will be no class on Nov. 24. The registration fee is $999 with textbooks included.

This comprehensive 50-hour program prepares students to function as EKG technicians and to take the American Society of Phlebotomy Technician-Electrophysiologist Technician's exam and other national certification exams.

This course will include important practice and background information on anatomy of the heart and physiology, medical disease processes, medical terminology, medical ethics, legal aspects of patient contact, laboratory assisting, electrocardiography and echocardiography.

Additionally, students will practice with equipment and perform hands-on labs including introduction to the function and proper use of the EKG machine, the normal anatomy of the chest wall for proper lead placement, 12-lead placement and other clinical practices.

The Pharmacy Technician Program will be offered from 6-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 12-Dec. 7.

There will be no class on Nov. 24. The registration fee is $999 with textbooks and lab supplies included.

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

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

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

For additional information including detailed course description, schedule, registration form and online registration, visit the Web site at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/ nondegree/healthcare.php, or call UT Martin at 731-881-7082.
**Constitution Week features films, discussion**

The U.S. Constitution will be at the center of two events slated at the University of Tennessee at Martin during Constitution Week this month. The UT Martin Institute for Civic Engagement will sponsor the programs that focus on immigration. These events are free and open to the public.

The observance begins with a Times Talk discussion about immigration that is set for noon, Sept. 21, in Room 125, university center Skyhawk Café, and Dining Hall. A student panel discussion of the immigration issue as it pertains to the U.S. Constitution will be at 7 p.m., Sept. 21, in Room 36 of the Business Administration Building. "The Least of These" will be shown at 7 p.m., Sept. 23, in Room 111, Boling University Center.

For more information, contact Dr. Mike McCullough, American Democracy Project director, at 731-881-7325 or mccoulou@utm.edu, or Dr. Heidi Huse, assistant professor of English, at 731-881-7280 or hhuse@utm.edu.

**Online agriculture business degree is convenient option**

An online agricultural business degree offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin could be the next step for persons who are currently working in the agriculture industry and are seeking specialized skills in management. "The agribusiness sector represents a significant portion of the U.S. gross national product and is at the forefront of many developments in the next few years such as alternative energy and biotechnology," said Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, UT Martin professor of agricultural economics. "This degree focuses on developing skills that will allow graduates to succeed in this progressive, highly technical and sophisticated field."

The curriculum will provide training in the fundamental areas of agribusiness such as management, marketing, finance, risk management and policy. Participation in the online agricultural business degree will allow a student the flexibility to pursue a degree program at home based on his or her schedule.

"Many students completing the online agricultural business degree will have an advantage over students completing a traditional degree by already having demonstrated the drive and initiative to manage other responsibilities such as a job or family while simultaneously grasping cutting edge technologies needed to be successful in an online degree program," said Dr. Scott Parrott, UT Martin assistant professor of agricultural economics.

"Over the past 10 years, UT Martin has developed more online bachelor's degrees in interdisciplinary studies, business and nursing," said Dr. Tommy Cates, Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies executive director. "Adding the agricultural business degree is a great step forward in higher education for Tennessee. This program relies on the quality and integrity of the face-to-face program that has been so strong over the years at UT Martin."

For more information about the program, call UT Online at 866-587-7589 or 731-881-7764.

**Candidates to visit UTM**

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University of Tennessee at Martin fourth in state in international website ranking

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“Just as important, UT Martin’s website gives a practical option as international students view the campus, its programs and quality of life,” he added.

4 International Colleges and Universities is an international higher education search engine and directory reviewing accredited universities and colleges worldwide. The listing includes 10,000 colleges and universities in 200 countries.

Institutions included in the listing are officially recognized, licensed or accredited by national or regional bodies such as ministries of education and/or accreditation organizations. They are officially entitled to grant four-year undergraduate degrees and/or postgraduate degrees, provide traditional face-to-face learning facilities, programs and courses, and have an official Web site. Universities and colleges are sorted by 4icu.org university Web ranking based on three web metrics extracted from three different search engines - Google Page Rank, Yahoo Inbound Links and Alexa Traffic Rank. The goal of the 4 ICU Web site is to gauge popularity ranking of world universities and colleges based upon the popularity of their Web sites. It is intended to assist international students and academic staff to understand how popular a specific university/college is in a foreign country.

Pharmacy tech program offered at Humboldt Higher Ed Center

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies in partnership with Jackson State Community College is offering the pharmacy technician program from 6 - 9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 5 - November 30 at the Humboldt Higher Education Center on Main Street. The cost includes textbooks and lab supplies.

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**Moore to perform recital**

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For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harries, professor and interim chair of the Department of Music, at 731-881-7402.

**Massie wins scholarship from Financial Service Centers Of America**

Katelyn E. Massie, a 2010 graduate of Dyer County High School in Dyersburg, has received a $2,000 scholarship from the Financial Service Centers of America (FISCA), the national trade association representing the financial service center industry. She will be attending the University of Tennessee in Martin, in the fall.

Massie is one of 31 students from across the country who received cash grants of $2,000 to use toward their college expenses. FISCA awarded a total of $62,000 in scholarships in 2010.

For the eleventh consecutive year, the Financial Service Centers of America (FISCA) has awarded scholarships to college bound seniors from communities across the United States serviced by its members. With this year's awards FISCA has awarded $62,000 in college grants to 256 deserving students across the country since the program's inception in 1999.

The scholarship program is funded by the voluntary contributions of FISCA members and affiliate members, as well as national sponsors MoneyGram International and Western Union.
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Saturday, September 18, 2010

Among the students who were named to the dean’s list at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the summer session were Michael S. Worley of Arlington, high honors; Chad W. Holmes of Eads, highest honors; Allison M. Collins of Memphis, highest honors; Courtney B. Cooper of Memphis, high honors; and Heather L. Hamilton of Millington, highest honors.

To be eligible for dean’s list recognition, a student must take at least 12 hours of coursework and achieve a 3.2 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.

Students are recognized with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).
Aspiring young writers sought for conference

A conference designed for high school students who want hands-on experience in writing poetry, fiction, non-fiction, as well as songwriting and writing letters of application will be offered, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 8, at Boling University Center, University of Tennessee at Martin.

The conference workshops will be taught by UT Martin faculty and visiting writer, Betty Palmer Nelson.

Other events include a luncheon, a reading and book signing by Nelson and an open mic reading for students. Students will have the opportunity to read works created during the conference or other original writing created at home or in school.

Throughout the day, students will create pieces of writing, connect with other young writers from the region and learn from writers and teachers of writing.

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Moore is a University Scholar with a double major in piano performance and chemistry.

For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor and interim chair of the Department of Music, at 731-881-7402.

Mancusi presents faculty recital at UTM Sept. 27

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Dr. Michael Penny, baritone and professor of music at Union University, will be joining Mancusi in the recital.

This event is free and open to the public.

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

Local student receives UT Martin scholarship

A Weakley County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Rory Stutzman, of Martin, son of Dennis and Ronda Stutzman of Hutchinson, Kan., is a junior. He received the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Transfer Scholarship.

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**Description**

The Rhodes College Department of Music Faculty Concert Series will present pianist Brian Ray as a recital on Monday, Sept. 20. Free and open to the public, the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Perkins Recital Hall of Hollins Hall on the Rhodes campus.


Ray holds degrees in piano performance from The University of Tennessee at Martin as well as The University of Memphis. A frequent solo recitalist and collaborative artist, Ray also is a piano instructor and departmental collaborative pianist at Rhodes College.

Those with specific inquiries about Ray’s recital can contact the Rhodes Department of Music at (901) 843-3778.

**Event details**

**Place:** Rhodes College  
**Date:** Monday, September 20, 2010  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
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**JTM - Record Enrollment**

By: ABC 7 Eyewitness News Staff  
aabc7news@wbbjtv.com  
7:30 p.m.

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There are more than 1,200 freshmen in the student body.

School leaders say the university experienced growth in both on-campus and online undergraduate and graduate levels.

The fall numbers reflect a 4.5 percent increase compared to the same semester last year.
MBA announces upcoming community events

Chancellor Tom Rakes spoke to the Martin Business Association to update members on the University of Tennessee Martin campus.

Dr. Rakes stated that enrollment is up to 8,500 students. This number includes students enrolled on campus, online and high school students in the advance placements.

Transfer rates were up 20 percent for out of state students. Retention rate has doubled in sophomore and junior students, and UTM has the second highest graduation rate of colleges in Tennessee.

Cuts by the state are up by 30 percent, but an increase in enrollment has helped offset that.

UTM locations in Jackson will be moving to a new location, and the location in Selmer will be expanding. In the spring, the Fine Arts Center will expand, and the ballroom renovation is scheduled to be completed in January.

There is a $3.2 million project to replace the lights on campus and cameras installed to monitor around campus.

Upcoming events in the community announced at the MBA meeting were:
• The C.E. Weldon Library is currently hosting a photo exhibit of Robert Nunley. Pictures are for sale, and proceeds will benefit the after-school program the Martin Housing Authority provides.
• The Martin Business Association will host a Lunch and Learn at the REED Center on Sept. 29 from 12-1 p.m. Cost is $10 and includes lunch. The topic will be e-commerce. E-commerce helps businesses use the internet to sell products and build their businesses.

Pre-registration is required by Monday, Sept. 27 at the REED Center. Call 587-7333 for more information.

* Another Lunch and Learn, sponsored by the Martin Business Association, will be held at the REED Center Nov. 10 from 12-1 p.m. The seminar will be on Customer Service.

* The next Martin Business Association will be Oct. 6. Featured speaker will be Joel Flowers, and he will present the downtown SoundScape project.

* The next MBA Mix and Mingle will be held in November. Kim Longacre, from The Looking Glass, and Les McDiarmid, from The Arts Co-op, will co-sponsor the event.

FEATURED SPEAKER - Dr. Tom Rakes, chancellor of The University of Tennessee at Martin, spoke the Martin Business Association at their recent meeting on Sept. 14, on projects and updates at UT Martin.

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Local students receive UT Martin scholarships

Several Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

- Holly Crews, daughter of Teresa Ley of Milan and Tommy Crews of Henderson, is a freshman. She received the Harold Conner Scholarship and the Allie Vee Fly Blankenship Scholarship.
- Alex Jackson, son of Gerald and Angela Jackson of Milan, is a junior. He received the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Transfer Scholarship.
- Joseph Wingo, son of Tommy and Denise Wingo of Bradford, is a sophomore. He received the Tennessee Council of Cooperatives Scholarship.

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McKenzie Youth Win in UTM Horse Show

Three youth from McKenzie participated in the University of Tennessee at Martin Equestrian Classic Horse Show on Saturday, September 11 at McWherter Ag Pavilion in Martin. Ellie Roditis, Laura Cole and Aaron Hilliard competed in numerous classes. 

Ellie, daughter of Spiros L. and Sandi Roditis, competed in 16 classes and claimed 12 first place and two second place ribbons. 

Laura, daughter of Stephen and Stacey Cole, competed in five classes and claimed three first place, one second place and one third place ribbons. 

Aaron, son of David and Jenny Hilliard, competed in three classes and claimed one first place, and two second place ribbons. 

These youth will compete again on October 2 at the Henry County Saddle Club Horse Show in Henry.

UTM SMACS seminar September 28

The University of Tennessee chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) will sponsor a seminar by Dr. Katherine Stumpo at 7:00 p.m., September 28, in Room 317 of the Johnson Engineering Physical Science Building. The lecture is free and open to public.

Stumpo will discuss her research on protein glycosylation. Glycosylation plays an important role in many cellular processes, including cell differentiation, cellular adhesion and recognition, and protein folding. Numerous studies of glycan structures have shown that there may be a correlation between plant pollen glycans and immunogenicity.

Stumpo received her doctorate in analytical chemistry from Texas A&M University in 2008 and did her postdoctoral research at the University of New Hampshire. Interestingly, she was president of the award-winning chapter of SMACS at the University of Northern Iowa, where she did her undergraduate studies. She is an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
TN teacher group to hold conference

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

The keynote speakers are Dr. Colm Mulcahy, professor of mathematics at Spelman College; Brad Smith, executive director of the Tennessee State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE); and Alene Arnold, director of statewide operations for SCORE.

Mulcahy has been exploring mathematical card tricks and, since 2004, has explored mathematical principles, both old and new, in the bimonthly "Card Colm" for Mathematical Association of America Online. In December 2009, The New York Times featured one of his card creations in John Tierney's Monday Puzzles blog. Smith works with former Sen. Bill Frist in overseeing SCORE's operations and activities. Arnold leads SCORE's grassroots and outreach efforts across the state.

In addition to the keynote speakers, there will be more than 70 sessions for mathematics teachers at all levels, from kindergarten through the college level. These hands-on instructional sessions will be conducted by classroom teachers of mathematics from Tennessee and surrounding states.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. Friday in the lobby of the university center. The first sessions are scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., with additional sessions to be held at 4 and 5.

There will be an awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium to recognize the winners of the 2010 TMTA High School Mathematics Contest, followed by a banquet at 7:15 p.m. and Mulcahy's keynote address in Skyhawk Café and Dining Hall in the university center.

Saturday sessions begin at 7:45 a.m. with the business meeting of the TMTA. There are sessions scheduled at all levels, beginning at 9, 10, and 11 a.m. in the university center and the Andy Holt Humanities Building. Lunch and affiliate meetings are scheduled from noon-1 p.m.

Smith's and Arnold's keynote address at 1 p.m. will conclude the conference.

This conference provides an opportunity for teachers of mathematics, from kindergarten through the college level, to exchange ideas with their colleagues, gather information concerning the latest software, books, and teaching aids from the 26 different vendors scheduled to participate and to extend their personal network of mathematics teachers who are active in the profession.

A complete program and registration forms are available online at www.utk.edu/departments/ceng/math/meeting/index.php.
Fall enrollment sets records in six categories at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin has more than 8,400 students and continues to set all-time enrollment records in six categories, based on fall 2010 enrollment figures. A total of 8,469 students are enrolled for the fall semester, an increase from 8,101 recorded for fall 2009. The fall 2010 total includes all-time record fall enrollments for total head count, undergraduates, dual-enrollment students, transfer students, credit hours and total full-time equivalent. Public higher education funding is based on fall semester full-time equivalency. “We continue to experience increasing levels of enrollment interest. I am proud of the high quality of our faculty and staff, who serve to draw increasing numbers of great students,” said Dr. Tom Rakes, university chancellor.

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

The fall enrollment also reflects 1,255 freshmen on the UT Martin campus. Fall enrollment indicates that first-time freshmen have an average 3.4 high school grade-point average, up from 3.39 in 2009. There are 360 more undergraduate students returning, which represents an 8.3 percent increase. The university also experienced growth in on-campus undergraduate students and online at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. “Our increasing numbers are encouraging, but we continue to focus on academic rigor and the importance of the overall academic and learning atmosphere our students deserve,” Rakes said.

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

UT Martin began the 2010-11 school year with the announcement that the university advanced in the top-tier ranking for master’s level public universities in the South in the 2011 edition of America’s Best Colleges compiled by U.S. News & World Report. It was also announced in August that UT Martin again earned the designation as one of the best colleges and universities in the Southeast, according to The Princeton Review, 2011 Edition. The New York City-based educational services company selected the school as one of 133 institutions it recommends in its “Best in the Southeast” section on its website feature, “2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region.”

Skye Gifford, daughter of Judy Keightley of Union City and the late Ron Gifford, recently received the McWhorter Scholarship/Workshop for the 2010-11 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin. She is a freshman.

Bradley Alan Bugg, son of Dr. Alan and Nancy Bugg of Union City, recently earned a bachelor of science degree with a double major in chemistry and biology from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Bugg’s project, mentored by Dr. Rick Thomas, was in the field of biochemistry and was titled, “Tadpole Erythrocyte Ferrireductase.” It involved the purification of the enzyme ferrireductase found in the primitive red blood cells of tadpoles. He was a member of the University Scholars Organization, the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society and Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

His senior year, he was awarded a position as a teaching assistant in UT Martin’s Chemistry Department.

Bugg graduated in 2005 from Union City High School, where he was class valedictorian.

He has been accepted to and recently began studies at the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, where he received one of five regional positions for Tennessee students.
Aspiring young writers sought for conference

A conference designed for high school students who want hands-on experience in writing poetry, fiction, non-fiction, as well as songwriting and writing letters of application will be offered, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., October 8, at Boling University Center, University of Tennessee at Martin.

The conference workshops will be taught by UT Martin faculty and visiting writer, Betty Palmer Nelson. Other events include a luncheon, a reading and book signing by Nelson and an open mic reading for students. Students will have the opportunity to read works created during the conference or other original writing created at home or in school. Throughout the day, students will create pieces of writing, connect with other young writers from the region and learn from writers and teachers of writing.

The conference registration fee is $5 for students and $10 for teachers and includes all workshops, readings and a luncheon. The conference is open to students recommended by their teachers on the basis of academic achievement and artistic promise. Teachers are encouraged, but are not required, to attend along with their students. Registration is limited to 100 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. A registration form and check for the conference fee made payable to UT Martin must be received by October 4.

For a copy of the brochure or to register online, go to http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/mon-degree/youngwriters.php. The conference is sponsored by the Department of English. For more information, contact Dr. Leslie LaChance, associate professor of English, at lachance@utm.edu or call 731-881-7296.

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

Take your business online with help offered at seminar

Explore the potential of taking your business online at an upcoming seminar, "E-Commerce and Your Business: Take Your Business Online," sponsored by the Martin Business Association, the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center.

The seminar is set for noon-1 p.m., September 29, at the REED Center, 406 S. Lindell St., in Martin. Instructor will be Steve Holt, UT Martin Instructional Technology Center director and webmaster. The cost is $40 per person to be paid at the door. Lunch is included and preregistration is required. Call the REED Center at 731-587-3333 by September 27 to register.

The seminar will show businesses and individuals the many different options they have to sell their products online. Step-by-step instructions will be provided.

Railroad safety class offered

A free four-hour railroad safety training class will be offered at four times, Sept. 28-29, by the UT Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources, TRANSCAER and the University of Memphis Intermodal Freight Transportation Institute.

The primary training focus will be hazardous materials in tank cars, tank car safety and safety working near tracks. Rail cars will be parked in Martin, and TRANSCAER representatives will teach the classes.

Pre-registration is required at www.transcaer.com, and participants may choose one of the following class times: Sept. 28 - 12:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. or Sept. 29 - 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. An emergency response exercise by local emergency personnel also is planned at 8:30 a.m., Sept. 30. Organizations that want to participate in the exercise are asked to contact Jamie Summers, Martin Fire Department, at 731-587-4019.

For more information about the training, contact Dr. Sandy Mehlhorn, UT Martin instructor of land surveying and geomatics, at 731-881-7235 or smehlhorn@utm.edu.

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ATTEND UT MARTIN'S 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 held Aug. 27 as the students arrived for the start of fall semester Aug. 30. Among those attending the event at the university’s Paul Meek Library were Ashlee Tynes and her parents, Cathy and John Fry, of South Fulton. (Photo submitted)

ART OF ACTING — Matthew Wilson, founding artistic director for Faction of Fools Theatre Company, Inc., of Washington, D.C., and adjunct professor of acting at George Mason University, began the 2010-11 University of Tennessee at Martin Academic Speaker Series on Sept. 20. Prior to his presentation and performance on “Commedia dell’Arte,” the foundation of contemporary improvisational comedy, he met with Honors Program students to discuss his work. With Wilson, left, are Stanton Watson, center, and Elliott Coleman, both Martin sophomores. Watson is an English major, and Coleman is a history major.

UT Martin Preview Day set for Oct. 9

The first of two preview days is set for Oct. 9 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Preview days are opportunities for high school students and their families to visit and learn about the university. Each event is designed to enable future college students to become familiar with the Martin campus and to get that all-important first impression of university life. A second day is planned Nov. 13. 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 both preview days will be from 9-9:30 a.m., in the Elam Center. On each occasion, registration will be followed by a welcome and general information session, the university’s academic fair, which will also take place in the Elam Center, academic department visits and campus tours.

Each student will receive a complimentary ticket for the UT Martin Skyhawk football games slated on preview days. For more information about Preview Day activities and events, call the UT Martin admissions office at 1-800-829-UTM1 or 731-881-7020."
Volunteer fair set for Sept. 30

Connecting the region's service organizations with student volunteers and faculty seeking potential partnerships will be the focus of a Service-Learning and Volunteer Fair, Sept. 30, at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Sponsored by the Department of Behavioral Sciences and the Institute for Civic Engagement, the event is slated for 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in Boling University Center.

The fair is an opportunity for faculty to identify potential community partnerships for service-learning or community projects, and students will have an opportunity to talk with representatives of community organizations for possible volunteer service.

Community partners participating in the fair are from Martin and the West Tennessee region.

For more information about the fair, contact Dr. Nancy Sonleitner, assistant professor of sociology, at 731-881-7523.

Senior art exhibition on Sept. 28

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will host its first senior art exhibit of the year with Chris Craig, a graphic design emphasis student from Stanton; James Moore, a visual art studio emphasis student from Greenfield; and Josh Wilson, a graphic design emphasis student from Arlington.

The exhibit will begin with an opening reception, slated from 5-7 p.m., Sept. 28, on the second floor of the Paul Meek Library.

Exhibitions will be located in the library while the Fine Arts Building undergoes renovations.

The exhibit will continue through Oct. 14. It will be free and open to the public.

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

Chamber seminar

A free seminar titled "How to Deal with Difficult Customers" is planned from 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 6 at the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce office, 2508 E. Wood St. in Paris. Seating is limited; those interested in attending should call the chamber at 642-3431.

Presented by the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center, Holie Hill will be the seminar speaker. She is director of UT Martin Small Business Development Center.

The onsite seminar is designed to develop skills and techniques to provide quality service to difficult customers of all types. Participants will be given examples, exercises and case studies applicable to one's own products and services.
Students, their families and friends took advantage of the cool temperatures on Aug. 27 to move into University of Tennessee at Martin housing. Faculty, staff, current students and area residents were on hand to assist the students as they prepared for the fall semester. From left are parents Donna and Jeff McPeake with Sarah McPeake, a freshman education major from Lexington.

Outstanding chapter

By Rita Mitchell - Reader Submitted - September 27, 2010

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Members of the American Chemical Society Chapter recently won an Outstanding Rating and the Green Chemistry chapter award and leads the nation for the number of outstanding ratings (30) and Green Chapter designations (9). Thirty-six chapters received the outstanding ratings this year, and 52 were designated Green Chapters. There are more than 1,000 chapters nationwide.

Pictured with UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes are, left to right, executive committee members, Lee A. Elliott and Jhalak Patel, from Martin; secretary, Gilbert J. Forgy, from Clarksville; treasurer, Ashish J. Patel, from Columbia; faculty adviser, Dr. S.K. Aine, president, Kayla A. Poindexter, from Murfreesboro; vice president, Kayla M. Baker, from Troy; and executive committee member, Dahlia M. Haddad, from Martin.

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By Associated Press
3:04 AM CDT, September 29, 2010

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Dunagan speaks at UTM

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**UT Martin hosts conference for math teachers**

Approximately 350 mathematics teachers from all levels attended the 55th annual conference of the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association on Friday and Saturday at the University of Tennessee Martin.

More than 100 sessions and workshops were presented by educators from across the nation. On Friday, attendees heard from featured speaker Dr. Colm Mulcahy of Spelman College in Atlanta.

Mulcahy's research interests include quadratic forms and number theory. He writes a bi-monthly column titled "Card Colm" for the Mathematical Association of America in which he explores the mathematical principles behind card tricks. Mulcahy performed a mixture of math and magic as the after-dinner speaker Friday at the awards banquet for the conference participants, TMTA high school contest winners and their families.

Each year, TMTA administers contests across the state in Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Statistics, Pre-Calculus and Calculus and Advanced Topics. This year, more than 5,000 students participated, and the students with the top 10 scores in each contest were recognized at the banquet.

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**LOCAL TALENTS** – Winners of the Soybean Festival's Art Show proudly displayed their works of art at The Arts Co-op last week where they picked up their prizes and certificates. First place winner was Ron Peckham of Martin (left) with his charcoal still life, "Fancy Picnic." Second place winner was Naomi Ballard of Sharon with her charcoal portrait of her son "Cruiser." Presenting the awards were UT Martin's Visual Arts Society President Cody Rainey and Arts Co-op gallery coordinator David MacBeth. Third place winner was Craig Wade of Nashville (not pictured) with his painting "Old Home."

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**HONORS PREVIEW DAY** – Mark Maloney Jr., a senior at Westview High School, and his parents, Lynn and Mark Maloney, attended the first UT Martin Honors Preview Day, Sept. 17, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Students and family members attending the event toured the campus and learned about the university's Honors Programs. The event closed with a dinner featuring Dr. Stephanie Dunagan, a Paris physician and UT Martin graduate, as the keynote speaker.
'Future of Higher Education in Tennessee' Simek's topic

Dr. Jan Simek, University of Tennessee interim president, will speak about "The Future of Higher Education in Tennessee," Oct. 4, at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Set for 7:30 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center, his presentation will be sponsored by UT Martin Honors Programs.

Dr. Simek received a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology from the University of California at Santa Cruz and a Master of Arts and doctorate in anthropology from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Trained as an archaeologist, Simek came to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1984 as assistant professor of anthropology and currently holds rank as Distinguished Professor of Anthropology.

The author of numerous articles, essays, book chapters and reviews, Dr. Simek has carried out archaeological research in diverse places from France to California to Italy to Croatia to Tennessee.

To fund his research, he has received many grants from organizations including the National Science Foundation, the National Geographic Society and the French Ministry of Culture.

He has held visiting appointments at the University of Washington, the University of Bordeaux and the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain.

Simek has compiled an outstanding record of service and, in addition to his current role as interim president of the University of Tennessee system, he has served the Knoxville campus in roles as diverse as head of the Anthropology Department, interim director of the School of Art and interim dean of the College of Agriculture and Design.

"Once again, as is indicated by his record above, Dr. Simek has been called upon to assume a leadership position in a time of difficulty. His calm and patient personality has allowed him to lead the university through a difficult period and set us on the course for a successful future in lean times," said Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Honors programs director. "As he prepares to leave the presidency for a return to the faculty, he can rest assured of the high regard in which he is held by the personnel of the university."

For more information, contact McDonough at 731-881-7436.

Stephens presented award at TCA meeting

WINNING PAPER — Rachel Stephens, a communications major from Mt. Juliet, was presented the award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper from the Tennessee Communication Association during its annual conference this month. Stephens received a plaque and a check for $100. Greg Simerly, left, communications faculty member from Middle Tennessee State University, made the presentation.

"Rachel Stephens, a University of Tennessee at Martin senior communications major from Mt. Juliet, received the Tennessee Communication Association award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper at the association's annual conference, Sept. 10-11, in Murfreesboro.

She presented a research paper, "Relational Maintenance Strategies in an Electronic Age: The Effects of Text Messaging on Maintaining Romantic Relationships."

Stephens' paper was completed last year as a University Scholars project at UT Martin. Stephens received a plaque and a $100 cash award.

In recognition of the adviser's role in facilitating the winning student's work, Stacy Freed, UT Martin lecturer of communications, received the Undergraduate Faculty Mentor of the Year Award presented by the association.
PR students to study in London following exchange agreement

University of Tennessee at Martin public relations students can now take advantage of an exchange program with the London Metropolitan University. The semester-long program will begin in spring when Josh Weiss, a senior public relations student from Germantown, studies in London.

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"This student exchange agreement is the culmination of his hard work and the cooperative efforts of many within the UT System including Joe Croom, UT Martin contract coordinator, and Dr. Malcolm Koch, UT Martin Center for International Education executive director." Hoyer is a UT Martin associate professor of communications.

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Music Department Dessert Evening in Martin Oct. 14-16

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will host the 17th annual Dessert Evening at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 14, 15 and 16, at the First United Methodist Church in Martin. Tickets are $18 for adults and $12 for college students and children, ages 12 and under.

For more information or to reserve a ticket, call the Department of Music at 731-881-7402 or email sadams@utm.edu.
Stephens claims award

Rachel Stephens, a communications major, was presented the award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper from the Tennessee Communication Association during its annual conference this month. Stephens received a plaque and a check for $100. Greg Simlerly, left, communications faculty member from Middle Tennessee State University, made the presentation.

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Wilson meets with Honors Programs students

Matthew Wilson, founding artistic director for Factions of Fools Theatre Company, Inc., of Washington, D.C., and adjunct professor of acting at George Mason University, began the 2010-11 University of Tennessee at Martin Academic Speaker Series on September 20. Prior to his presentation and performance on “Commedia dell’Arte,” the foundation of contemporary improvisational comedy, he met with Honors Programs students to discuss his work. With Wilson, left, are Katie McCall, a Greenfield freshman, and Rebecca West, a Cottage Grove freshman. Wilson is a biology major, and McCall is undecided.

Faculty Showcase concert October 5

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will host a Faculty Showcase concert at 7:30 p.m., October 5, in Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center.

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Service-Learning and Volunteer Fair set for September 30

Connecting the region's service organizations with student volunteers and faculty seeking potential partnerships will be the focus of a Service-Learning and Volunteer Fair, September 30, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Sponsored by the Department of Behavioral Sciences and the Institute for Civic Engagement, the event is slated for 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., in Boling University Center.

The fair is an opportunity for faculty to identify potential community partnerships for service-learning or community projects, and students will have an opportunity to talk with representatives of community organizations for possible volunteer service. Community partners participating in the fair are from Martin and the West Tennessee region.

For more information about the fair, contact Dr. Nancy Sonleitner, assistant professor of sociology, at 731-881-7523.

First of two preview days set for October 9 at UT Martin

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

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 both preview days will be from 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., in the Elam Center. On each occasion, registration will be followed by a welcome and general information session, the university's academic fair, which also will take place in the Elam Center, academic department visits and campus tours.

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

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

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - These Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students at HHS attended the Tennessee Fall Leadership Conference at UT Martin recently. More than 500 students and faculty across West Tennessee attended. Those attending include (front row) Zharea Walker; (back row) Tabitha Nilsson, Eve Sartin, Lashawn Cook, Lanequa Montgomery, Breya Rodgers and FCCLA sponsor Julia Porter.
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UTM Becomes All-Steinway

A campaign to become an All-Steinway school will be announced and a performance to celebrate the arrival of the newest Steinway pianos is planned on Oct. 8 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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

At 5 p.m., a brief program is planned followed by a performance of Irving Berlin’s “I Love a Piano” by Dr. Elaine Harriss, Department of Music interim chair, and UT Martin students.

Both events are free and open to the public.

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

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

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

The replacement of 18 faculty studio and practice room uprights would need to be purchased to complete the project that is being funded entirely by private donations.
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity brothers implement two National Programs

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated through the chapters of Beta Upsilon Lambda (Jackson Alumni), Tau Psi (The University of Tennessee at Martin) and Beta Pi (Lane College) convened at New Spring Hill Baptist Church in Trenton on Sept. 25 to implement two of their National Programs. The Go To High School, Go To College initiative debuted in 1920. The fraternity ignited the Commission of Graduate Work and Public Affairs which launched a movement towards influencing African American students around the country to go to school and to college. Go To High School, Go To College aims at reaching youth facing challenges in graduating high school and encourages them to not only to graduate, but to proceed on to college and graduate. Project Alpha was founded to combat the burgeoning statistics involving teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, while providing frank, open discussions and factual information from a male perspective to young boys. The third National Program of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; A Voiceless People is A Hopeless People, was implemented earlier in the semester. Voter registration and education is it's primary focus. The Tau Psi Chapter will host a Men in the Making Youth Leadership Symposium Oct. 29-31, where 12 young men from the service counties will attend workshops and participate in the National Programs. The Chapter is also planning its Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant on Oct. 29. Twelve young women will compete in a scholarship pageant that the fraternity has nationally mandated since 1976 where they will showcase poise, character, talent and sophistication.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated was founded on Dec. 4, 1906 in Ithaca, N.Y. It is the nations oldest inter-college fraternity for African American males.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for local communities.

ATTEND PROGRAM — Alpha Brothers Calvin Jones and Corey Brooks pose for a quick picture after the National Programs concluded.