Grant will enhance law enforcement training

Rural West Tennessee law enforcement officials will have the opportunity to get the training they need free and at a convenient location. The Office of Criminal Justice Programs recently awarded a $189,573 grant to the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies.

The two-year American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Justice Assistance Grant will provide criminal justice professional enhancement training within an approximate 30-mile radius of targeted agencies in 19 West Tennessee counties along with Stewart, Houston, Humphreys, Perry, Wayne, Lawrence, Hickman and Lewis counties. Project title is “Technology to Commit and Convict (TC2).”

On Feb. 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The bill includes more than $2.76 billion for state and local law enforcement and for other criminal justice activities that prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. This project is funded under an agreement with the State of Tennessee, Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs and is supported by Award # 2009–SU–B9–0002 awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs.

A needs analysis determined that the following topics of training would benefit local law enforcement agencies: defusing confrontations, interview and interrogation, report writing, legal update and recent court decisions, search and seizure and child sexual abuse.

Combating Crime in Rural West Tennessee, a 24-hour course, has been designed to better prepare rural law enforcement officers to meet today’s challenges in law enforcement, to increase officers’ knowledge of the technology used in the commission and investigation of crimes and to protect the communities they serve. This course will include two days of intense training. Participants will reconvene approximately 60 days later to review lessons learned, problems encountered and develop strategies to encounter service demands. The 24-hour program has been submitted for Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) approval.

Instruction will be provided by Training Services Group, Inc. (TSG). TSG lead instructors are Jimmie V. Leach and Dennis Mays. Leach is a 20-plus-year law enforcement profes-

Next recycling day is Sept. 12

UTM Recycles! will sponsor the first community recycling event of the new school year from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 12, at its new collection facility in the former National Guard Armory maintenance warehouse at the north end of Moody Street. This event is free and open to the public. Volunteers will be on hand to help with unloading and sorting the material.

Anyone who has not seen the new facility is invited to the recycling day to learn more about the new space and how the group is promoting recycling in the community. Sign-in sheets will be available for volunteers needing documentation of community-service hours.

The following materials will be accepted on Sept. 12 and are also accepted Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.: paper and cardboard, aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastics of any kind, steel cans and other scrap metal, eyeglasses, used clothing in good shape, cell phones, rechargeable batteries and ink cartridges. New this year: the center will accept any electronic appliances except televisions. This includes computers and related hardware, stereos, vacuum cleaners, blenders, etc. Those dropping off food and beverage containers are asked to rinse them first. It is helpful if all material is sorted beforehand.

Partners and sponsors of UTM Recycles! include the American Democracy Project, the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the Physical Plant, Sodexo, and student organizations including the Agronomy Club, Tri-Beta and Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society. For more information on recycling, contact Dennis Kosta, manager of custodial services, at ext. 7640 or dkosta@utm.edu. To learn how to join UTM Recycles! and/or volunteer at the Sept. 12 event, contact Dr. Angie MacKewn, assistant professor of psychology, at 731-881-7370 or amackewn@utm.edu.

Marching bands to compete on Sept. 19

Featuring 25-30 high school marching bands from Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky, bands of all sizes will face off in competition before a panel of experts at Graham Stadium on Sept. 19.

The event is set to start at 1:30 p.m and to conclude at approximately 10 p.m. A variety of music styles will be performed, including everything from classical music and original compositions to Broadway musicals and rock and roll. There will also be exhibition performances by the UT Martin Skyhawk Marching Band and the UT Martin Steel Drum Band.

Admission will be $8 for audience members ages 12 and older (includes contest program). Admission is $4 for children ages 5-11, and children 4 and younger will be admitted for free. Concessions will be available at the stadium throughout this event.

For more information, contact Dr. Bradley Coker, assistant professor of music, at ext. 7401.
The 5th Annual Drumline Tune Up Day was hosted in August as the last official event in the Harriet Fulton Fine Arts Building before its upcoming construction project. The following high school percussion sections participated: Huntington, Union City, Bolton, Waverly, Liberty Tech, Munford and Dyer County. The UT Martin Drumline under the direction of Dr. Andy Bliss, lecturer of music, provided students with one hour of drum maintenance and tuning plus hands-on technical training and rehearsal techniques for their instruments. The UT Martin students ended their portion of instruction with a demonstration of “Shake Shake Shake,” part of their 2009 Skyhawk band program. For the second hour of each group’s experience, band directors, along with their percussion sections and field commanders, received more instruction and musical suggestions for their own marching band shows with Drum Corps International Hall of Fame member, James Campbell, University of Kentucky, and Dr. Julie Hill, UT Martin assistant professor of music. The event was sponsored by Evans, Yamaha, Zildjian, Innovative Percussion, Pearl/Adams and the UT Martin Percussion Society.

**Faculty workshop set**

UT Martin’s Institute for Civic Engagement will host a faculty workshop on the pedagogy of service-learning, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Sept. 15, in Room 206BC, Boling University Center.

Mani Hull, Tennessee Campus Compact executive director, will be the main presenter and Steve Holt, UT Martin Web Services/ITC director, will also discuss some media options available in connection with service-learning.

Register to attend by contacting Jessica Butkovic at jbutkovic@utm.edu with a meal preference (vegetarian or not) as lunch will be provided.

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...sional who has served as a police officer, state trooper, special agent and special agent in charge with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and finally as the director of criminal investigations for the Tennessee Department of Safety. Mays is a 33-year law enforcement professional. In his last assignment, he commanded the patrol division and the Special Operations Units of Jackson Police Department from 1998-2009. He also served as the department’s Aviation Unit commander, Critical Incident commander, liaison with the U.S. Secret Service, a member of the interagency counterterrorism working group and legal adviser.

Upcoming training dates and locations are as follows: Lexington Police Department – Sept. 23-24; Nov. 3; Martin Police Department – Sept. 28-29, Dec. 8; Medina Police Department – Oct. 1-2, Dec. 7; Henry County Sheriff Office – Oct. 5-6, Dec. 9; Henderson Police Department – Oct. 7-8, Dec. 8.

Anyone who would like to attend one of the seminars or if a law enforcement department is interested in hosting one of the seminars, contact Dennis Joyner, IPD Law Enforcement Training Specialists, at 901-831-0036 or dejoyner@comcast.net.

**Guest pianist opens concert series**

The opening program in the 2009-2010 Concert Series will be guest pianist Dr. Lauren Shack Clark, associate professor of piano at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. Clark’s recital is 3 p.m., Sept. 13, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center. She will perform Bach’s “Prelude and Fugue in Eb” from WTCII, six of Mendelssohn’s “Songs without Words,” Prokofiev’s “Sonata in A Minor,” and Schubert’s “Sonata in A Minor.” In addition, she will perform three contemporary works from “Solar Terms” by Rosey Mei-Kuei Lee. There is no admission charge, and the recital is open to the public.

Clark holds a Doctor of Musical Arts from Boston University, a master’s in piano performance and pedagogy from Northwestern University, a graduate diploma from the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, Mass., and a Bachelor of Music from the Hartt School of Music. She was voted Teacher of the Year 2008 by the Arkansas State Music Teachers Association and Barney Smith Professor of the Year 2009 at ASU.

Clark’s solo CD was released by Centaur Records in February 2008, and contains piano music written by Boston composer Dr. Rosey Lee, faculty, Berklee College of Music. She may also be heard on the recently released CD, “Wildfire: Music of Karen Griebling” on the Vienna Modern Masters label. Clark is the author of “Keyboard Theory and Piano Technique” recently published by Longbow Publishing.

For additional information, contact Dr. Elaine Harris, Department of Music interim chair and professor, at ext. 7411 or elaineh@utm.edu.

**More flexibility, accessibility available in materials at library**

Spring 2009 saw the integration of the Learning Resource Center’s collection of more than 900 Ellison dies, hundreds of CDs and DVD-ROMs, and classroom instructional aids, into the Media Services Department of the Paul Meek Library. The conglomeration of the two entities has proven to be a successful endeavor which provides a more flexible and accessible facility for students and patrons alike.

The Paul Meek Library is open 83 hours per week during the spring and fall semesters. This fact offers an array of options for those who utilize the LRC, Media Services, and/or the library itself. Also, the Skyhawk Ellison die has arrived and is available in the LRC today.