UT Martin in Fayette County

UT Martin officials were in Somerville on Thursday, June 26, and in Oakland on Saturday, June 28, to preview 2014 fall classes scheduled for the Fayette County Career Center in Somerville. These events served as a preview for UT Martin Day, July 12, on the court square in Somerville.

The university’s tent was in place at the 18th Annual Music in the Park and Fireworks Display on Thursday at Fayette Ware High School in Somerville. Then the tent was moved and UT Martin staff members also participated in the rain-shortened City of Oakland Independence Day Celebration on Saturday at West Junior High School.

UT Martin Day on July 12 will extend to the Fayette County Career Center as university representatives from both the administration and financial aid will be present to answer questions and talk with prospective students. The university tent will also be in the cities of Oakland and Piperton on the same day. Other festivities include an alumni table for visitors, a live radio remote and a performance by the UT Martin Percussion Ensemble’s Steel Drum Band. Fall semester classes begin Aug. 25 for all UT Martin locations.

UT President Joe DiPietro Named to Leadership Tennessee

University of Tennessee System President Joe DiPietro has been invited to participate in Leadership Tennessee, a statewide leadership education program that includes leaders in business, government, education and nonprofit sectors. Leadership Tennessee, a 10-month program overseen by Lipscomb University’s Nelson and Sue Andrews Institute for Civic Leadership, was launched in August 2013. DiPietro is part of the program’s second class, a 31-member group that also includes Joan Cronan, women’s athletic director emeritus at UT Knoxville; Tennessee House Speaker Beth Harwell; Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett; City of Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero; and City of Memphis Mayor AC Wharton.

Through the program, the participants will discuss issues that affect constituencies statewide. Last year’s program focused on education, government efficiency and health and wellness. Leadership Tennessee kicks off this year with a retreat in August.

“The University of Tennessee is a statewide enterprise that impacts thousands of Tennesseans every day through our mission to educate, discover and connect. I look forward to dialogue with leaders across our state and learning their thoughts and ideas about how we can join together and advance our state,” DiPietro said.

For more information about Leadership Tennessee, visit http://www.leadershiptennessee.org/.
Final Orientation and Registration Set for July 18

The final Summer Orientation and Registration program for incoming University of Tennessee at Martin freshmen is set for July 18. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Boling University Center, followed by a welcome at 8:30 and informational sessions at 9.

Students must have applied for admission and received a tentative or final acceptance letter to attend SOAR. Advanced SOAR registration is required. During SOAR, students meet with academic advisers and register for classes; tour the campus, residence halls and University Village; receive information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and hear detailed information about First-Year Initiative, an orientation for freshmen the week before classes. Students should attend both SOAR and First-Year Initiative before fall semester, which begins Aug. 25.

Informational sessions for students and parents cover student health services, public safety, the bookstore, student employment and other topics. Additional concurrent sessions cover student activities, Greek life, housing and meal plans. Administrative offices will be open, and students and parents will have additional time to visit with housing, admissions and financial aid staff members.

For more information, call the Office of Admissions toll free at 1-800-829-UTM1 or 731-881-7027. Online registration is also available at www.utm.edu.

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YoU Tell Me

“Questions and Answers” about UT Martin

- **Question:** UT Martin has billboards in West Tennessee, but the university has no billboards in Nashville, while several other colleges and universities do. Why doesn’t UT Martin have billboards in Nashville?

- **Answer:** The university has explored billboards in both Nashville and Memphis. Bigger city markets are extraordinarily expensive for this type of advertising. In 2013, the university sought possible, high-profile Nashville billboard placements. At that time, two billboards in high-traffic Nashville locations cost approximately $65,000 annually, while UT Martin’s 11 locations in West Tennessee cost approximately $75,000 annually. Funds in the Office of University Relations budget and some cost sharing with UT Online make it possible for UT Martin to have the existing West Tennessee billboard locations.

Submit your questions to the Suggestion Box link at the bottom of the UT Martin home page.

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**WESTSTAR CLASS HOLDS GRADUATION AND CELEBRATES MILESTONES** – The WestStar Leadership Program graduated 29 class members June 19 at the Doubletree Hotel in Jackson. The program is in its 25th year and now has 710 graduates. Beth Koffman (not pictured), of the West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation in Jackson, was recognized during the ceremony as the program’s 700th graduate. Andrew Hart (far left), assistant director for alumni relations and annual giving, became WestStar’s 100th Lifetime Member with his $1,000 commitment to the program. Also pictured from Weakley County and the university are Keith Cursey (2014 class member) MTD Products; Charley Deal, WestStar executive director and assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations; Lisha Tuck, associate director, development office; Landy Fuqua (2014 class member), director, UT Martin REED Center and Tennessee Small Business Development Center; Virginia Grimes, WestStar coordinator; Jordan Jones, WestStar administrative assistant; and Jackie Johnson, WestStar budget coordinator.
Dr. David Coffey, professor of history and chair of the Department of History and Philosophy, will be among the featured speakers at this year’s “Sacred Trust Talks and Book Signing” event at the Gettysburg National Military Park in Gettysburg, Pa. His talk, “Phil Sheridan. His Lieutenants, and the Campaigns of 1864,” is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on July 5 at the Gettysburg Visitor Center. Coffey will be available to sign copies of his Civil War-themed books prior to his presentation.

Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music, attended the 2014 Tennessee Music Teachers Conference in Knoxville, May 31-June 3. Harriss is TMTA’s state competitions coordinator and was in charge of the two days of competitions held during the conference. Harriss also attended a harpsichord workshop taught by Edward Parmentier at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, June 9-13.

Lane Last, professor of art, has had artwork accepted for the Digital Gallery D-Art 2014 for the International Conference Information Visualisation IV 2014 at the Universite Paris Descartes in Paris and the International Conference “Computer Graphics, Imaging and Visualization” CGIV 2014 at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. Both events will take place this summer.

Steven Sanchez has been named UT Martin’s Barnes & Noble Bookstore manager. He began work in the bookstore as a student worker from 2010 until 2012 when he was promoted to assistant manager. Sanchez graduated in December 2012 with a degree in business administration and a concentration in finance.

Dr. Todd Winters, dean and professor, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, gave an invited presentation entitled “Mentoring At-Risk and Military Students” at the Biennial National Academic Programs Summit: “Creating Change: Community, Culture, and Contributions of Teaching Excellence,” sponsored by the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities. He made the presentation June 23 in Bozeman, Mont. He was also a panelist in a session entitled “Mentoring: Beyond teaching and advising.”

During the summer months, Addenda is posted every other week. The next issue will be published on July 14.
2014 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS - National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Commissioner Roger Walters (left) joins UT Martin rodeo team members and coaches as they celebrate the team’s first-ever national championship. The team put the finishing touches on a dominant performance at the 2014 College National Finals Rodeo on June 21, earning the national men’s team championship with 755 overall points. The performance capped off a spectacular week for head coach John Luthi and UT Martin, who sat atop the men’s team standings for the final five days of the event. The previous best finish for the UT Martin men’s team at the CNFR was third place in both 1985 and 2008. “What a blessing,” said Luthi, the 2013 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Coach of the Year. “The championship still hasn’t sank in yet. I am so thankful for this great group of guys. Everybody contributed points and it was a total team effort. It’s a pretty amazing feeling.” Next to Walters is Colt Kitaif, followed by Clark Adcock, John Alley, Coach John Luthi, Will Lummus, Tanner Phipps, Tyler Waltz and Coach Nelson Davis.

COACHES TEAM TENNESSEE --- Dr. Clinton Smith (standing, far right), assistant professor of special education, Department of Educational Studies, recently attended the Special Olympics USA National Games held in New Jersey. He served as the head coach for the Team Tennessee Athletics (Track and Field) team. Ten athletes from throughout Tennessee participated in track and field events all week including the 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100m relay, long jump and softball throw. The Tennessee Athletics Team won a total of 17 medals: 6 Gold, 4 Silver, and 7 bronze. The men’s 4x100 relay team won bronze in their division but almost took the silver with just a .23 of a second difference in their time. The athletes also enjoyed activities such as a New Jersey boardwalk complete with rides and games, a dinner cruise on the Hudson River with a view of Freedom Tower and the Statue of Liberty, and attended the Trenton Thunder’s (Yankees minor league team) baseball game. Athletes also participated in Healthy Athletes where they received a full health screening including hearing, vision, dental, foot care and blood pressure screenings. Athletes participated in the opening and closing ceremonies that were attended by such celebrities as model Brooklyn Decker, NBA Rookie of the Year Michael Carter-Williams, WWE Stars Big Show and Daniel Otunga, Jane Lynch, and Tim Shriver, CEO of Special Olympics International. Many celebrities and professional athletes visited the games sites and awarded medals to the athletes.

WTWP HELD AT UT MARTIN – Eight teachers earned 52 renewal points at UT Martin by participating in the 21st Invitational Summer Institute of the West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP), May 10 and June 2 June 12. Teachers shared demonstrations that focused on student writing and reading, learned how to incorporate more technology in their teaching, and honed their writing skills in afternoon peer workshops. Doug Billings and David Carithers facilitated the Summer Institute. The teachers include (from left to right, front row) Billings, Lauderdale County Middle School; Lisa Fryer, Oak Elementary; Vanessa Wilson, Jackson Central Merry; Tracy Dyer, Ridgmont Elementary; Angie Lamb, Obion Co. Central High School; Amy Duncan, Hillcrest Elementary; (back row, from left) Sheila Cauble Rogers, Western Valley Adult Education; Carolyn Edis, Oak Elementary; and Carithers, UT Martin, WTWP director.

Have a safe July 4th Holiday!