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• Five members of the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages presented papers at the 66th annual meeting of the South Central Modern Language Association in Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 29-31. **Jenna Wright**, assistant professor, presented a paper, "Conjuring Realities of the Nineteenth-Century American South: Poe and Chesnut," in the Southern Literature session. **Dr. Heidi Huse**, assistant professor, told about "Civic Blogs, Emails, Tweets: Re-examining 21st Century Effective Communication" in the session on Technical Writing. **Pam Davis**, lecturer, informed people about "Mildred D. Taylor Displaced from Existing Literary Traditions to Enrich Readers" in the Children's Literature session. And finally, in the session on Literature and Politics, **Dr. Charles Bradshaw**, associate professor, and **Dr. Lynn Alexander**, professor, presented papers on "Transparency and Public Discourse of Slavery in America's Algerian 'Captivity' Narratives" and "Infanticide in the Nineteenth-Century British Narrative."

• **Dr. Amy Yeung**, associate professor of music, and **Dr. Roberto Mancusi**, assistant professor of music, recently took six students to Union University for the Memphis District National Association of Teachers of Singing competition. Three students took home awards: Vivan Mak, a student of Dr. Yeung, took first place in the Freshman Women's Division; Aaron Hand, a student of Dr. Mancusi, took second place in the Freshman/Sophomore Men's Division; and Josh Gatlin, a student of Dr. Mancusi, took second place in the Junior/Senior Men's Division. Additionally, Gatlin was the only junior to advance in his division.

• **Dr. Bob Peckham**, professor of French, recently presented a paper, "Informed Chaos: Textual Sources in Editing Villon from Marot to the Nineteenth Century," at the Southeastern Medieval Association annual meeting, at Vanderbilt University. Research was based on a recent addition to his "Société François Villon" Web site and allowed him to introduce and discuss the most recent section of UT Martin's Andy Holt Virtual Library: "Web for Medieval Source-based Textual Scholarship."

• University Business magazine editor, Tim

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Among those honored at an external awards recognition dinner were, from left, sitting, Karen Elmore-Statewide Support Staff Award from the Tennessee Library Association; Kara Hooper-Awards in the CASE III awards program and Gold Award for Admissions viewbook from TCPRA; Sue Byrd-American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Leader Award for 2008; standing, Dennis Kosta-Award of Excellence in Public Education from Tennessee Department of Transportation; Steve Lemond-LOVE Award for 2008; John Schommer-LOVE Award for 2009; Louis Ragsdale-Dr. Tom Shoemaker Advisor of the Year. Unable to attend was Trevor Ruskowski-Bronze Award for portrait photo from TCPRA.

Fall Choral Superheroes join forces Concert is here for exhibition Nov. 22

The Department of Music and Martin First United Methodist Church will host the 2009 UT Martin Fall Choral Concert at 3 p.m., Nov. 22, at Martin First United Methodist Church.

The concert will include a variety of a cappella and accompanied choral music performed by the University Singers and the New Pacer Singers, directed by Dr. Mark Simmons, assistant professor of music. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Simmons at ext. 7412 or marks@utm.edu.

It could be the largest gathering of superheroes since the last time the world needed saving from a notorious comic villain. Trevor Ruskowski's "Superheroes Project," exhibit likely will evoke memories of settling in to watch a caped crusader on the big screen or getting lost in a comic book tale. The exhibition will open at 3:30 p.m., Nov. 17, in J. Houston Gordon Museum in Paul Meek Library and continue until Dec. 24.

The project was conceived while Ruskowski was in graduate school, but came to life in the spring of 2007, during a UT Martin soccer team trip to a critical-care children's ward in Jackson. "I asked the nurse in charge if they would like a few superhero pictures to hang on the walls, to help make a hospital experience seem a bit more kid-friendly. She agreed." He added, "I have always wanted to create 'supers' with real people."

Film-photography technique alone could not integrate super-power effects with portrait photographs. Using both traditional photographic and digital editing skills would achieve the effect. With help from Melanie Hollis, Department of Visual and Theatre Arts lecturer, the costumes were created.

Ruskowski explained that the digital manipulations

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were key to the character identity and superhero "realism." Would it be comic or actual? "I wanted it to feel real visually, but needed help."

Alex Harrison, of Martin, university rela-



ECOS classes to begin

Fall classes planned by the Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies in Martin include the following:

A Concealed Handgun Carry Class is planned 5-9 p.m., Nov. 19 and 20. The instructor will be Cecil Clements, state certified handgun instructor. The fee is \$75. The first evening will be devoted to classroom instruction. The second evening will be the firing range instruction. The student must score 70 percent on the firing range qualification and 70 percent on the written exam. The successful completion of this course will allow the student to apply for a concealed weapons permit from the state of Tennessee. Each student must be at least 21 years of age and provide a handgun, pen, pencil, paper, 50 rounds of ammunition for range instruction, safety glasses and hearing protection.

Beginning Microsoft Access is planned 9 a.m.-noon, Nov. 17 and 19. The instructor will be Doug Bloodworth, UT Martin analyst and programmer. The fee is \$85. Participants will learn to design and create a database and what relational databases can do for them. Students will design and set up tables and relationships, edit data, sort and filter, create quick forms for data entry, create quick reports that can be customized and learn how queries can provide answers. Participants will also work with Access 2007 and Vista.

Register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/courses_nondegree.php.

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tions photography student intern, "has been a great help with all the digital manipulation. The effects he created really pushed the project to a higher level," said Ruskowski. "Through some brainstorming, I came up with a visual effect to exemplify a character's super power and then asked Alex if he could make that happen. It was always yes. It has taken two years to create these supers, but the process has created a quality, consistent presentation."

A large photomontage print of the supers will be printed and matted thanks to Jowers Printing, of Martin. "I hope that these panels bring smiles to sick kids," said Ruskowski. "I also hope that viewers who see them remember what it was like to let their imagination go. Sometimes it is just good to play, to reinvigorate imagination, to get lost in a fantastic world that has no bounds."

For more information, call ext. 7615.

CALENDAR

Nov. 16-22

Monday, Nov. 16

- Pre-registration for spring and fee assessment begins
- 11:30 a.m. - Come picnic on the Silk Road, Room 125, Boling University Center

Tuesday, Nov. 17

- 9:30 a.m. - Five-year service award brunch, Mary Rachel Armstrong Room 343, Gooch Hall
- Noon - Service awards luncheon, 10-50 years, Room 206, university center
- 5 p.m. - Visual and Theatre Arts faculty art exhibition, Paul Meek Library (Nov. 17-Dec. 18)
- 7:30 p.m. - Jacob Abbott, senior percussion recital, Campbell Auditorium, Humanities Building

Thursday, Nov. 19

- Volleyball OVC tournament (Nov. 19-21)
- 6 p.m. - Dinner with 10 UT Martin friends, Chancellors' Suite, Alumni Center
- 8 p.m. - Dance showcase, Room 3033, Tom and Kathleen Elam Center

Friday, Nov. 20

- 5 p.m. - Justin Russell, senior trumpet recital, First United Methodist Church

Saturday, Nov. 21

- 1 p.m. - Skyhawk football vs. Austin Peay
- 7 p.m. - Miss UT Martin scholarship pageant 2010, Alumni Gym, Student Life and Leadership Center

Sunday, Nov. 22

- 3 p.m. - Fall choral concert, First United Methodist Church

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Goral, noted UT Martin's fall enrollment in his column that appeared in the October 2009 issue. In his column he wrote, "And if there's any doubt that education is a recession-proof industry, all one has to do is look at the numbers. The University of Tennessee at Martin has more than 8,000 students for the first time." He went on to list other examples of enrollment growth around the nation as he supported his observation that, "Everyone is adjusting to the idea that the bottom line is lower than before." The national magazine serves university business officers with current news and information and can be viewed online at <http://www.universitybusiness.com/>.

• **Dr. Brian Donavant**, assistant professor of criminal justice, recently presented his paper, "Andragogue as Undergrad: Reflections of a Lifelong Learner in the 'Traditional' Classroom" at the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education Annual Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. The presentation, which was partially funded by the UT Martin Faculty Development Technology Grant Program, detailed his ethnographic study of the perceptions of adult undergraduate students and the challenges faced by today's increasingly adult population within the collegiate classroom.

Turkey shoot, Nov. 16-19

The rifle team will sponsor its annual Turkey Shoot at the rifle range in the ROTC Building, 4-6 p.m., Nov. 16-19. Firing is supervised by members of the Rifle Team, and ages 6 and older can participate. Participants may compete in either the luck or the skill category, or both. Winners have their choice of a Domino's pizza coupon or a turkey from E.W. James. All proceeds benefit the rifle team. For more information, call ext. 7586 or 587-5547.

Sick Leave Bank totals told

The Sick Leave Bank reported 264 members for the period ending Sept. 30, 2009. There was one termination, 20 additions and three requests, for a total of 480 hours, granted. The beginning balance was 6,399.56 with a 480 enrollment assessment. Ending balance was 6,399.56.

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