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• **Joe Lofaro**, athletic communications director, recently attended the 2008 Scholarly Conference of College Sport at the University of Memphis. Lofaro attended the "Issues in College Sport Symposium" and heard keynote speaker, Sonny Vaccaro, former director of basketball programs for Nike, Adidas and Reebok. Vaccaro revolutionized the sports marketing genre with shoe endorsements and team affiliations and made other groundbreaking promotional partnerships which have helped propel the fortunes of countless athletes, collegiate programs and professional teams. The conference was hosted by the College Sport Research Institute at the University of Memphis.

• **Brian Johnson**, lecturer, Department of Psychology, was part of the supplements authorship team for the "Instructor's Classroom Kit" for Lilienfeld, Lynn, Namy, and "Woolf's Psychology: From inquiry to understanding," from Allyn and Bacon textbook publishers. He authored the test bank questions for nine of the 17 chapters. He is also currently serving as one of 12 members of the advisory board for the first edition of "Psychology: The science of the

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LaVelle is commencement speaker

Commencement will be May 10 with Dr. David LaVelle, UT Martin alumnus and Memphis surgeon, delivering the commencement address. Set for 11 a.m. in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center, a record 768 graduates are scheduled to receive diplomas.

Chancellor Rakes will preside over the exercises and confer degrees. Dr. Paul Sharma, UT National Alumni Association Distinguished Service Professor, will be the mace bearer, and the processional marshals will be Dr. Elaine Harriss, faculty senate president; Dr. Richard Joost, faculty senate representative; Al Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration; and Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Delana Easley, accompanist, and the saxophone quartet will perform the processional, and the quartet will perform special music. Dr. Dwight Gatwood, professor of music who is retiring after 36 years, will perform the alma mater, which he composed. Immediately following commencement, a reception will be hosted in Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

LaVelle joined the medical staff of Campbell Clinic in Memphis in 1985 after graduating from UT Martin, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and completing his residency at Campbell Clinic. He is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and is on the medical staffs of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, East Memphis



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Surgery Center and Regional Medical Center. He also is an associate professor at UT Health Science Center Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and is a Richards/-Smith and Nephew professional consultant. He has an extensive list of books and publications, research projects, national and international visiting pro-

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Five receive awards

Five faculty members were honored with awards for outstanding achievements in scholarship, citizenship, teaching and advising during the recent Honors Day program.

• Dr. Michael Gibson, professor of geology, and Lane Last, associate professor of art, received the Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award. The Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award of \$5,000 was established in 1993 by James R. Cunningham, who attended UT Junior College in the 1930s. It is

awarded annually to faculty members who have demonstrated strength in teaching and made a contribution to the teaching profession through scholarly activities, extracurricular achievements and leadership responsibilities.

• Dr. Eric Pelren, associate professor of wildlife biology, received the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association (UTNAA) Outstanding Teacher Award. Each year, the UTNAA presents awards

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Among faculty members honored with awards for outstanding achievements in scholarship, citizenship, teaching and advising during the recent Honors Day program were, Dr. Charles Bradshaw, second from left, Dr. Janet Rasmussen-Wilbert, Dr. Eric Pelren and Dr. Michael Gibson. They are pictured with Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, left, and Dr. Jerald Ogg, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, right. Not pictured is Lane Last.



John Abel, Boling University Center interim director, received the exempt UT Martin Spring 2008 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Chancellor Rakes. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to the university, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of Abel's nomination were comments such as, "You can depend on him for whatever you ask. He is constantly going above and beyond his duties to make sure the university center is running smoothly and that all 'customers' and guests are happy. When John sees something that needs to be done, he acts on it and does what he can to see that it is carried through."



Gertrude Myrick, Office of Human Resources administrative specialist, who will celebrate her 45th year of employment, Sept. 1, received the non-exempt UT Martin Spring 2008 Outstanding Employee Award recently presented by Chancellor Rakes. The award, which recognizes outstanding service to the university, is presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of Myrick's nomination were comments such as, "She is a person who holds vast knowledge of the university. When you need the historical background to know how or why something is done here at UT Martin, ask Gertrude. She is a truly dependable employee. Gertrude is always available to assist any employee at the university."

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mind" by Caccioppo and Freberg for Houghton-Mifflin textbook publishers.

- Earlene Moore, Georgia Baskett, Sandy Orr, Karen Elmore and Mary Carpenter of Paul Meek Library, recently attended the annual Tennessee Library Association conference in Kingsport. Elmore received the statewide Support Staff Award and Mary Carpenter gave a presentation with Theresa Liedtka, of UT Chattanooga, and Vicky Leather, of Chattanooga State Technical Community College, titled, "So, You Want to be a Library Director."

- The newly released volume 61 of the West Tennessee Historical Society Papers concludes with an article by Richard Saunders, of Paul Meek Library. "The Racial Demographics of West Tennessee" uses U.S. Census figures between 1830 and 2000 to sketch a broad picture of population shifts across the region, illustrating how land, agriculture, roads and national trends affected settlement growth and decline. Supplementing the article is the large cross tabulation of the extracted numbers and statistical data, publicly available as both a spreadsheet and PDF file on the university's newest academic resource, Scholarship@UT Martin.

- Dr. S.K. Airee and 12 student affiliates participated in the recent 235th national meeting of the American Chemical Society in New Orleans. Airee represented the Kentucky Lake Section at the ACS governance council meeting and served on the grants and awards subcommittee of the Local Section Activities Committee. Students helped supervise the undergraduate program. They also presented a demonstration at the "Chem Demo Exchange" with household chemicals and a poster in the chemical education division. At an awards ceremony, the UT Martin SAACS chapter received a plaque for an outstanding rating and another one in recognition as a Green Chapter. The chapter has received 29 outstanding ratings - more than any other of 900+ chapters nationwide and a green chapter recognition every year since the initiation of this designation.

- Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music, presented master classes at the South Carolina Day of Percussion recently hosted by Furman University. In addition, she presented two days of workshops at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, with members of the USC percussion studio. She was the featured guest artist on the USC percussion ensemble concert on April 21 hosted by Dr. Scott Herring. The ensemble performed two of Hill's Brazilian percussion ensemble compositions, "Sonhando em Salvador" and "Rudi's Batuque."

Acree consulting at REED Center May 8

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will be available in May at the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center in Martin. He will offer consulting services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., May 8.

This is an opportunity for existing business owners to get advice on marketing, customer service or cash flow issues. Budding entrepreneurs may receive advice on developing a business plan, marketing and record keeping.

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

The REED Center also offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at 731-587-REED(7333). The REED Center is located at 406 Lindell St., Martin.

See a sample of the latest news clippings featuring UT Martin news at the University Relations Web site:
http://www.utm.edu/departments/univrel/news_clippings/index.php

Paul Meek Library will feature art

The Paul Meek Library and Department of Visual and Theatre Arts are collaborating to bring contemporary art exhibitions and events to the library.

“Both the library and the visual and theatre arts department understand the importance of a supportive arts culture in the community and will work together to develop a yearly program of visual arts and culture,” said Lane Last, associate professor of art.

The effort recently began with the hanging of a work, “Of Vibrations and Time,” by Last in the library. It will continue as more exhibition infrastructure can be secured and installed. Future exhibitions will include other faculty members, student art, traveling exhibitions and possibly regional artists.

“Our department is thrilled to have this opportunity to work with another division on campus to expand the visual arts and cultural environment in northwest Tennessee,” said Last. “Exciting things will be happening in the Paul Meek Library for everyone. I’m looking forward to working with Mary Carpenter and her staff to help this initiative grow.”

“Lane Last’s art has brought a new dimension to the Paul Meek Library, and we are very pleased with the results,” said

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Chantae Marshall, UT Martin Jackson Center senior registration assistant, attended the recent 10th annual WestStar African-American Leadership Conference in Jackson.



Pictured are Lane Last, left, associate professor of art, and Sam Richardson, circulation/instruction librarian.

McClam to facilitate workshop in August

Dr. Tricia McClam, UT Knoxville counseling professor, will facilitate the 2008 Fall Teaching Effectiveness Workshop on Peer Evaluation, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 20, in Legislative Chambers of Boling University Center. The workshop will be interactive and will introduce participants to the concepts and processes available to departments that want to tailor their own peer evaluation processes to their academic disciplines.

With increased calls for accountability within higher education, many in academia regard peer evaluation as an alternative or complement to more traditional modes of faculty assessment such as student evaluations. The role of peer evaluation varies, but typically departments implement the process to serve one of the following purposes: strengthen the quality of instruction; evaluate performance growth for tenure, review and promotion; and increase faculty collaboration regarding instruction and curriculum. A literature review on the subject of peer evaluation reveals numerous combinations of classroom visits, protocols and follow-up based upon the intended outcomes of the process.

A tenured professor of counseling, McClam currently serves as associate head of the Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling. She holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; a master’s in education with a major in rehabilitation counseling from the University of South Carolina; and a doctorate in counselor education from the University of South Carolina. She has published numerous articles in refereed and non-refereed journals; written chapters; edited articles and monographs; and is the co-author of “An Introduction to Human Services,” which is in its sixth edition. At UT Knoxville, she has received the College of Education’s Helen Watson Outstanding Faculty Research Award and is a two-time winner of the EC Merrill Distinguished Research Award.



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Upcoming board meetings are noted

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, which meets throughout the year to review protocols for research involving vertebrates and/or for training of the members, will meet on May 5. The Institutional Review Board, which meets on regularly scheduled

dates during the academic year to review applications that require a full convening or for training of the members, will meet May 7. Both meetings will be at 4 p.m., in the first floor conference room of the Administration Building.

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fessorships and invited lectures. He serves as chair of the Campbell Clinic Implant Research and Development Committee.

Each graduate will receive up to six free tickets to admit his or her guests. Overflow seating with a video and audio feed of the ceremony will be provided in the fieldhouse for all guests without tickets. Graduates can get their tickets at the Grand Finale Senior Walk on April 30 and later that afternoon immediately following the student commencement practice in the Elam Center. Tickets for graduating students will remain available in the Office of Academic Records until 5 p.m., May 9.

A limited number of additional complimentary tickets will be available to graduates (up to an additional six tickets) and to faculty and staff and the general public (up to two per person), on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last, beginning May 1, in the Office of Academic Records on the first floor of the Administration Building. Any tickets not claimed by 5 p.m., May 9, will be distributed to the general public at a designated area outside the Elam Center beginning at 9 a.m. prior to the spring commencement ceremony, May 10.

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of \$2,000 to faculty members on each of the UT campuses who have been selected as outstanding teachers. Students, alumni and faculty nominate outstanding teachers, who then are evaluated on classroom performance, scholarship and service.

• Dr. Janet Rasmussen-Wilbert, assistant professor of health and human performance, received the Outstanding Advisor Award. The Outstanding Advisor Award of \$1,000 and a plaque are presented to the faculty member selected for demonstrating a caring attitude toward advisees, the ability to engage in developmental advising and other distinctive characteristics. The recipient also is eligible for the national award competition sponsored by the American College Testing Program and the National Academic Advising Association.

• Dr. Charles Bradshaw, assistant professor of English, received the Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award. The Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award of \$5,000 was established in 1998 by Mai and Charlie Coffey and is awarded annually to a faculty member who demonstrates strength in teaching and contributes to the teaching profession through extracurricular achievements, leadership qualities and scholarly activities.

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'Viewing History' exhibited at museum through May 30

They range from a black-and-white close-up of an 18th-century waterwheel to an art deco advertisement from the 1950s. They span the state from Memphis to the Smokies. And, they evoke past eras from King Cotton to the slave trade.

"They" are the 22 top-place finishers in "Viewing History," the 2007 photo contest sponsored by Scenic Tennessee and the Tennessee Preservation Trust. The photos are on display in the University Museum through May 30.

"We are delighted to be able to share these images with Northwest Tennessee," said Richard Saunders, museum director. "The images capture a broad swath of Tennessee history and culture, and the talent is a nice cross-section of amateur and professional, student and adult. I'm especially pleased because one of the photos is of a Union City landmark and was taken by local photographer, Emily Elliston."

The 22 winning images were selected by a three-member jury from a field of more than 130 submissions submitted by photographers from across the state. The judges included Susan Whitaker, commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development; Patrick McIntyre, executive director of the Tennessee Historical Commission; and Joy McKenzie, chair of the photography department at Watkins College of Art & Design in Nashville, which printed the winners for the traveling exhibit.

"Viewing History" is free and open to the public during weekday business hours. The museum is accessible from the Special Collections/University Archives reading room, just off the Paul Meek Library lobby. For more information, call the museum at ext. 7094.

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CALENDAR

- April 30 - Grand finale, senior walk
- May 1-2 - Final exams

Monday, April 28

- FFA State Skills Contest, Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex
- Classes end
- 7:30 p.m. - Jenny Cooper, senior euphonium recital, Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre

Tuesday, April 29

- I's calculate as F's in student's GPA
- Study day (April 29-30)
- 9 a.m. - Voice Lessons Immersion Day, Room 120, Andy Holt Humanities Building
- 2 p.m. - Skyhawk softball vs. Mid-Continent (2), Giles Field
- 3 p.m. - Skyhawk baseball vs. Belmont, Skyhawk Baseball Field

Wednesday, April 30

- 12:30 p.m. - Grand Finale Celebration, Quad behind Crisp Hall
- 1:45 p.m. - Senior walk, Quad behind Crisp Hall
- 2 p.m. - Commencement practice, Elam Center

Thursday, May 1

- Final exams (May 1-2)
- 1 p.m. - Stress Free Zone, Room 230ABC, Boling University Center (May 1-2)

Saturday, May 3

- 1 p.m. - Skyhawk baseball at Austin Peay (May 3-4)
- 1 p.m. - Skyhawk softball vs Samford, Giles Field (May 3-4)

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Sam Richardson, circulation/instruction librarian. "We believe the library is the heart of the campus and should mirror it, and we hope to represent all academic departments some way."

"The Paul Meek Library is a perfect destination for more public art on campus, as it is becoming a cultural institution on campus as well as a resource hub," said Mary Carpenter, library director.

For more information, contact Carpenter, at ext. 7070, or Last, at ext. 7489.

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