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Jones to direct U.S. Army All-American Band

Dr. Nola Jones considers herself fortunate to have had many memorable opportunities as a band director. She'll add another one when she directs the 2010 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. The band is slated to perform during halftime of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas, on Jan. 9.

"I am very excited and humbled by the appointment," said Jones, director of bands. "The U.S. Army and Music Educators National Conference have

deemed the ensemble worthy of their effort and support. The confidence they have placed in me by asking me to serve as director ... is a tremendous honor and responsibility."

Band members come from 32 states, were involved in one of 90 Army tour stops for competitive presentations and have a collective grade-point average of 3.74.

Preparations for the January 2010 presentation got under way even before the 2009 band had

its first rehearsal. "When I served on the staff of the 2009 band, I knew I would be the director of the 2010 USAAMB. I took copious notes during bowl week in order to prepare," Jones said. "This past summer at Ft. Meade in Washington, D.C., I



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attended a meeting with U.S. Army Field Band Colonel Thomas Palmatier and his staff. We've held numerous design meetings to plan the show and have assembled a staff of outstanding professionals in the music field to instruct the band. It has been a monumental task."

Large audiences are not new to Jones. When she taught at McGavock High School in Nashville, the band performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. However, the bowl game will have the largest indoor audience, as the San Antonio Dome will be filled to capacity on game day. "A large percentage of the audience will be military personnel and their families, so per-

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Choir to tour several states soon

The New Pacer Singers, the chamber choir from the University of Tennessee at Martin, will perform at several stops as part of its January tour. The first stop will be Jan. 4, at St. Lucas United Church of Christ, Evansville, Ind. That concert will be followed by a Jan. 5 performance at Kanawha United Presbyterian Church, Charleston, W.Va.; Jan. 6, at Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Va.; Jan. 7, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, Va.; and Jan. 11, at Centenary United Methodist Church, Lexington, Ky.

The concert will include a cappella music from across the spectrum of choral music, with one highlight being the performance of "Missa Brevis," by Ruth Watson Henderson. The UT Martin saxophone quartet will also perform.



A recent reception hosted by the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences honored Dr. Jim Byford, dean, who is retiring at the end of the year. Byford, who also was a professor of wildlife biology, joined the University of Tennessee in January 1972 and UT Martin in 1987. He is retiring with 38 years of service. With him is Dr. Tim Burcham, professor of agricultural engineering.

Santa's Village nets bounty during 25th anniversary

The recent 25th annual Santa's Village, Dec. 10-13, at Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex at UT Martin, recorded the second largest attendance in the event's history with 13,033 visitors. Food and toy donations totaled \$47,034.

Santa's Village featured 26,000 square feet of lights, holiday displays and continuous entertainment. Admission was the donation of \$5 of food items or toys.

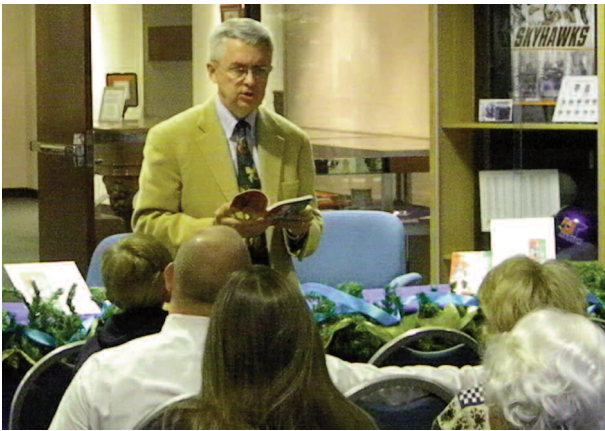
Santa's Village gets off to a good start each year with food provided by Weakley County schools, via the WCMT can caravan. WCMT reported a total of 11,223 canned goods collected this year.

"On behalf of the City of Martin and the University of Tennessee at Martin, we once again would like to extend our

thanks to the volunteers who implement Santa's Village and the visitors who have donated food and toys to help people in the area have a good Christmas," said Brian Moore, Martin Parks and Recreation Department director.

Service agencies receiving food and toys collected at Santa's Village this year include: Chimes for Charity, We Care Ministries, Obion County Chapter American Red Cross, Santa's Helpers, Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council, Department of Children's Services and Weakley County Head Start.

Co-sponsors for the event are the City of Martin and UT Martin. Additional sponsors of the event include: University Plaza, Hamilton-Ryker, First State, Frontier, MTD Products, Tyson



Bill Haltom, father, husband, lawyer and award-winning writer, recently spoke and signed copies of his book, "Some Assembly Required," at Paul Meek Library. Haltom, of Memphis, is the author of three books and has been a newspaper and magazine humor columnist for more than 20 years.

Young Writers' Clubhouse, Jan 23

The West Tennessee Writing Project, in coordination with the Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies, is offering Young Writers' Clubhouse, a writing experience for third-eighth graders that will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Jan. 23, at the UT Martin campus and at the UT Martin Ripley Center. The fee is \$30 per session and includes a writing notebook and pen.

Young Writers' Clubhouse is a day when children write creatively, work with West Tennessee Writing Project teachers and share with their friends. Themes include: Monster Mysteries and Scary Suspense, Crazy Creative Writing and other writing themes. Each child needs to provide his or her lunch or purchase pizza for \$1 per slice.

Register online at <http://www.utm.edu/departments/ece/youthwriting/writingreg.php> or call to register at ext. 7082.

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forming for them will be a great honor for all of us."

While the January event is a career highlight, Jones has conducted the U.S. Army Field Band, has conducted at the Singapore American School Music Festival and has judged events in Japan and Amsterdam.

Both Jones' parents were band directors. "... My mom says my first memory has to be of hearing band music. They positively impacted their students' lives and the communities where they lived through music." She added, "Mom really didn't consider herself to be a woman in a field that was predominately populated by men. She just believed in the value of music education as a means of enhancing her students' lives and providing them with life skills." Her parents will not be able to travel to San Antonio, but will watch it streamed on the Web.

Jones thinks creating music makes people more tolerant, more loving, more human and enhances lives as a result. "Marching band helps us develop team building skills, responsibility to others and problem solving through pursuit of collective excel-

lence. Students who come to college need a 'place to belong' and a creative outlet outside of their academic rigors." She said that by serving as ambassadors of the university, the UT Martin band enhances the lives of others through music, assists in recruiting and promotes alumni relations, while enjoying performing for enthusiastic audiences everywhere.

Jones, who holds bachelor and master's degrees in music from Mississippi State University and Mississippi College, respectively, and a doctorate from University of South Carolina, joined UT Martin in 2006. She thinks the best part about her position at UT Martin is the potential. "Our students are bright and curious. Our faculty members are scholarly and committed. Our administration is visionary and supportive. Our legacy can be whatever we want it to be and are willing to collectively create."

"Once in a music periodical I read, 'you pick the gig,' and it resonated with me," she said. "I get paid to do what I love every day. How many people can say that? I am happy that I feel obligated to be enthusiastic."

CALENDAR

Dec. 21-Jan. 3

Tuesday, Dec. 22

- 6 p.m. - Skyhawk men's basketball @ Florida State
- 7 p.m. - Skyhawks women's basketball @ Kentucky

Tuesday, Dec. 29

- 2 p.m. - Skyhawk women's basketball @ Georgia State

Wednesday, Dec. 30

- Skyhawk women's basketball, Georgia State Invitational
- 4 p.m. - Skyhawk men's basketball vs. Westminster

University Relations 'Guide to Speakers, Sources' is updated

Several features are available on the Web. At the "Resources" link on the Office of University Relations home page: UT Martin Publications, Printing & Style Manual (updated) and PowerPoint Template Documents. At the Welcome Center link on the university home page: access the UT Martin video and 30-second TV commercial. For details, call the Office of University Relations, ext. 7615.

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The Web Events Calendar, accessible from the home page, is managed by Boling University Center Information Center.

Campus departments/organizations hosting or facilitating events must submit information to the Information Center in order for an event to be posted on the Web calendar. The calendar also is the source of the Addenda calendar content. Use the form, at www.utm.edu/infocenter, or call ext. 7000.

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