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• **Dr. Tama Kott**, assistant professor of music, was invited by Oxford University Press to sit on a panel at the American Musicology Society Conference reviewing a forthcoming music appreciation text. Subsequently, she was asked to review the text. Additionally, she recently performed with the Carroll Symphony Orchestra, Carrollton, Ga., and the Paducah Symphony Orchestra, Paducah, Ky. After serving on the faculty of the Long Island Conservatory (2008), N.Y. Kott was invited to serve as a consultant during the process to become affiliated with the SUNY System.

• **Dr. Amy Yeung**, associate professor of music, recently adjudicated at the Memphis Chapter of National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. Several of her students won places: Sarah Jenkins (first place in the senior women category); Erin Horton (third place in the senior women category); Chris Buckner (second place in the junior men category), and Karen Langdon (third place in the junior women category). This year, 80 voice students from the West Tennessee area auditioned.

• Faculty and students from the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems recently participated in the Mid-Southeast Chapter of the Association of Computing Machinery annual conference, in Gatlinburg. A UT Martin student group consisting of Adam Corum, Ryan Hart, Ben Hollomon and Brian Hawks garnered a fourth-place award among the 19 presentations in the undergraduate student category. The title of their presentation was "Parallel Adventures with Conway's Game of Life." **Bob Bradley** served as adviser to the group on their project. The above students, along with Jacob Robertson, served as technical support for the conference. Faculty presenting at the conference included Bradley and **Dr. Otha Britton** with "Web-Based Application to Assist with Testing and Grading Computer Programs" and **Dr. Jim Clark** with "Behind the Scenes at the Annual Conference of the Mid-Southeast Chapter of the ACM." Other people attending from UT Martin included **Dr. Denise Williams**, who served as program chair for the conference. Clark served as conference vice chair and Bradley served as treasurer for the chapter. In elections held at the meeting, Clark was elected chair and Bradley was retained as treasurer of the chapter for the next year. The Mid-Southeast Chapter of the ACM has

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Pictured are members of the UT Martin Undergraduate Alumni Council (UAC) lending a helping hand to We Care by preparing Christmas Stockings for We Care's Christmas Store. The stocking drive is sponsored by Sodexo Dining Service, Kiwanis Club of Martin and UAC. More than 700 stockings will be donated to We Care this year, worth about \$3,500 and include more than 100 hours of community service by these three groups and members of the campus community.

## 24th Santa's Village open Dec. 11-14

Santa's Village will celebrate its 24th year of being a true Santa's helper this year and continues to set records in donations of food, toys and attendance. The holiday fantasyland, which provides the sights, sounds and fun of Christmas, is staged each year at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex.

The event is slated for 6-9 p.m., Dec. 11-12; 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Dec. 13; and 1-5 p.m., Dec. 14, and will carry out the

"Christmas Around the World" theme in scenes from holiday festivities in different countries. Opening ceremony is set for 6 p.m., Dec. 11. Co-sponsors for the event are Martin Parks and Recreation, the University of Tennessee at Martin and the C.E. Weldon Public Library. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5 worth of nonperishable foods and/or toys.

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## Access, midday yoga to be offered by ECCE

The Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) will offer a course on beginning Microsoft Access. From 9 a.m.- noon, Dec. 9 and 11, students will learn how to design and create a database, edit data, sort, filter, use queries to find answers, create quick forms for data entry and create quick reports that can be customized. Students will also get the chance to work with Access 2007 and Vista. The registration fee is \$85. Doug Bloodworth, UT Martin analyst and programmer, will teach the class.

Midday yoga - Session I, is planned

12:05-12:55 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 20-Feb. 24, has a \$50 registration fee. Instructor will be Ken Zimmerman, Yoga Alliance registered yoga teacher. Each class of the six-week session will combine gentle bends and stretches with basic yoga poses. The class is suitable for beginners or experienced practitioners. Participants should go to class with an empty stomach (at least two hours since a meal). Classes are done in bare feet, and clothing should allow freedom of movement - shorts or tights.

To register, call ECCE at ext. 7082.

**Monday, Dec. 8**

- 8 a.m. - Buyback - Cash for books (Dec. 8-11)
- 7 p.m. - Martin Kiwanis Club, Hardy Graham Stadium parking lot, City of Martin 2008 Christmas Parade

**Thursday, Dec. 11**

- 6 p.m. - Santa's Village, arena, Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex (Dec. 11-14)
- 9 p.m. - SGA Freshman Council meeting, Room 111, Boling University Center

**Saturday, Dec. 13**

- 11 a.m. - Commencement, Elam Center

**Sunday, Dec. 14**

- 2 p.m. - Skyhawk women's basketball @ Missouri

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held an annual conference in Gatlinburg since the late 1950s. Attendees normally include faculty and students from Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Kentucky. Student presentations are judged in competitions in undergraduate, master's and doctoral student categories.

- **Dr. Lynn Alexander**, College of Humanities and Fine Arts interim dean, English Department professor and chair, has an article in the latest issue of *Nineteenth-Century Gender Studies*, "Laboring Fathers: Parenthood, Class, and Gender." The article focuses on representations of working-class fathers in Victorian literature and art. In particular, Alexander looks at how the images were used to create sympathy for the reformist movements during the nineteenth century. The journal is available online at <http://www.ncgsjournal.com/issue43> and the article itself is available at <http://www.ncgsjour>

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

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**Information about 403(b) regulations listed**

Earlier this year, the Office of Benefits & Retirement Services notified all employees that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was in the process of revising 403(b) regulations. The university's overall goal regarding the 403(b) tax deferred income (TDI) program is to continue to provide this benefit for employees to save for retirement. The university has performed a thorough review of its plan, providers, policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the new regulations.

In order to fulfill these new responsibilities in a manner which best meets the interests of all employees, the university will initiate certain modifications to the 403(b) plan. These changes could impact some employees and require them to modify certain 403(b) participation agreements currently in place.

To more effectively monitor the plan, the university will limit the approved 403(b) plan providers. Based upon the majority of current enrollment, the University of Tennessee has selected five approved providers: AIG VALIC, Ameriprise Financial, Fidelity Investments, ING Financial and TIAA-CREF for the 403(b) TDI program, effective Jan. 1, 2009. In addition, all balances in the University of Tennessee 403(b) plan will be subject to the new University

of Tennessee 403(b) rules that include no loans and no in-service financial hardship withdrawal provisions (the change will not affect any existing loan payment or loan term). If you are interested in a retirement savings plan that offers loans or hardship withdrawals, the State of Tennessee's 401(k) plan offers loans and hardship withdrawals and the State of Tennessee's 457 plan offers hardship withdrawals.

If you are currently participating in a University of Tennessee 403(b) with one or more providers that are not on the approved list, important information about your options has been sent to your home address. If you are currently participating in a University of Tennessee 403(b) with one or more of the approved providers, you do not have to take any action at this time.

Please understand that these changes have been made after careful deliberations and are being made to maintain compliance of the 403(b) TDI program with the new IRS regulations. We apologize for any disruption this may cause you. If you have any questions or would like more information, [www.tennessee.edu/retirement](http://www.tennessee.edu/retirement), or contact the Office of Benefits and Retirement, at 865-974-4341 or [benefits@tennessee.edu](mailto:benefits@tennessee.edu).

**'Guide to Speakers, Sources' is updated**

Do you need a speaker for a club or service organization meeting? The UT Martin "Guide to Speakers and Sources" is an online guide to speakers and topics. This guide is designed to acquaint the public with the wide range of human resources available at UT Martin. A variety of groups may find this guide useful in the selection of speakers or experts for various projects and/or meetings.

The guide, at [www.utm.edu/departments/univrel/resources.php](http://www.utm.edu/departments/univrel/resources.php), is prepared in alphabetical order by general topic and divided into subtopics. For assistance in making contacts with the speakers and sources, or for assistance in finding campus experts for topics not listed, call the Office of University Relations at ext. 7615.

**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](http://www.utm.edu/departments/univrel/news_clippings/index.php)

**Use Web events calendar**

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](http://www.utm.edu/infocenter), or call ext. 7000.

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