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Sarbanes to speak on Feb. 18

Paul Sarbanes, former United States Senator from Maryland and co-author of the landmark Sarbanes-Oxley legislation, will speak at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 18, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.



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His speech, "Sarbanes-Oxley and the Future of American Business," is co-sponsored by BancorpSouth, UT Martin Honors Programs, the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking, and the American Democracy Project. It is free and open to the public.

As chair of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Sen. Sarbanes co-sponsored "The Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Act," more widely known as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. With the savings of numerous Americans ruined, and public confidence in business shaken by corporate scandals involving Enron, WorldCom, Tyco and other

major corporations, Congress set out to fashion legislation that would reform accounting and corporate practices, as well as restore public and investor confidence in corporate America. The resulting Sarbanes-Oxley Act was signed into law in July 2002 and has been referred to as "the most far-reaching reforms of American business practices since the time of Franklin Delano Roosevelt." The act, which created stronger oversight boards, enacted stricter accounting standards and holds corporate leaders personally responsible for the accuracy of corporate financial reports, has proven controversial during the past five years, attracting numerous critics and supporters.

"Sarbanes-Oxley and its associated regulations have dramatically changed the way accountants, bankers and American companies in general conduct business. Notwithstanding legitimate concerns about regulatory burden and cost, Sox has changed corporate operations, professional practice and business school curricula," said Dr. Tom Payne, Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking.

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Four to interview for academic affairs post

Interviews are slated to begin Feb. 11 with four candidates for the vice chancellor for academic affairs post.

The interview process will include meetings with faculty, staff and students and an open forum. The search advisory committee is chaired by Dr. Jim Byford, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences dean. Finalists will be recommended to Chancellor Rakes for consideration.

"The search advisory committee has done an excellent job in its global search," said Byford. "I think we have four candidates with the credentials and experience that merit a closer look during an extensive interview process. I feel confident we will find a successful candi-

date in this pool."

The candidates include:

- Dr. Richard A. Beck, associate vice president for academic and student affairs, Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas, July 2001-present;

- Dr. Donna L. Burgraff, dean, College of Business, Education and Professional Studies, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, Minn., 2005-present;

- Dr. E. Jerald Ogg Jr., interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, UT Martin, Martin, 2007-present; and

- Dr. W. Harold Ornes, dean, College of Science, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah, July 1999-present.

The interview schedule is as follows: Ogg, Feb. 11-12;

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• "Time-varying Risk and Return Characteristics of U.S. and European Bond Markets: Implications for Efficient Portfolio Allocation," co-authored by Dr. Phil Young, Robert R. Johnson and Dr. Thomas H. Payne, was published in *Journal of Asset Management* 8, December 2007, pp. 337-350, and "An Examination of Relative Volatility in the German Debt and Equity Markets," co-authored by Young and Johnson, was published in *Journal of Business*.

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Spring record is set with 6,711 students

A record 6,711 students are enrolled for spring semester. The enrollment tops the spring semester high of 6,504 students set in 2007 and is the ninth consecutive spring semester increase. The most recent figures resulted in spring semester records for total undergraduates, transfer students and total full-time equivalent and full-time equivalent undergraduates.

The 3.2 percent spring 2008 enrollment increase also follows a fall 2007 enrollment of 7,173 that set four all-time. All numbers

are compiled and reported by the Office of Institutional Research.

"We continue to plan and ensure we have the resources to address expanding needs for the university," said Chancellor Rakes. "A UT Martin education is a true value, and I appreciate the confidence more and more students are demonstrating by choosing UT Martin. This level of excellence is a reflection of the hard work of our faculty and staff."

The 2008 spring enrollment set a spring semester

record for undergraduate students, with 6,331, a 5.7 percent increase over spring 2007; transfer students, with 256, a 13.8 percent increase; undergraduate FTE, with 5,508, a 3.6 percent increase; and total FTE, with 5,693, a 2.1 percent increase over spring 2007. FTE is the total number of student-credit hours divided by 15 for undergraduate students and 12 for graduate students. Also increasing over spring 2007 were the number of entering freshmen and non-degree-seeking students.



Jolinne Balentine-Downey, left, director of the Interfaith Student Center at UT Martin, Eddy Brasher, social work student, and Robert Nunley, representing the Martin Housing Authority Stuart Center After-School Program, participated in a recent Service Learning Fair, part of a American Democracy Project Service Learning grant. Drs. Rebel Reavis and Nancy Sonleitner, assistant professors of sociology, organized the event to connect students looking for volunteer opportunities with community organizations seeking volunteers. Participants in the event were students interested in volunteering and community organizations from West Tennessee. This Service Learning grant is being implemented in social problems classes (SOC 202), and volunteering is part of the assessment for the course.

'The Lives of Others' is foreign film Feb. 15

"Das Leben der Anderen (The Lives of Others)," the first movie in the 2008 Modern Foreign Languages Foreign Film Series, is scheduled at 7 p.m., Feb. 15, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

"The Lives of Others," a critically acclaimed, Oscar-winning film, is the emotionally-charged experience Lisa Schwarzbaum of Entertainment Weekly calls "a nail-biter of a thriller!" Before the collapse of the Berlin Wall, the State Secret Police closely monitored East Germany's population. Only a few citizens above suspicion, like renowned pro-Socialist playwright Georg Dreyman, were permitted to lead private lives. But when a corrupt government official falls for Georg's stunning actress-girlfriend, Christa, an ambitious Stasi policeman is ordered to bug the writer's apartment to gain incriminating evidence against the rival. Now, what the officer discovers is about to dramatically change their lives, as well as his, in this seductive political thriller Peter Travers of Rolling Stone proclaims is "the best kind of movie: one you can't get out of your head." Dr. Charles Hammond, assistant professor of German, will introduce the film.

Each foreign film is in its original foreign language and contains English subtitles. All foreign film series movies are free and open to the public. The film series is funded by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council. For more information, contact the Department of Modern Foreign Languages at ext. 7420.

AAUW to meet on Feb. 21

The American Association of University Women will meet at 6 p.m., Feb. 21, at Catfish Restaurant. Speaker will be Kyoko Hammond, Department of Modern Foreign Languages lecturer. The topic is "Japan: Its Culture and Women's Status."

Students are invited and eat for free. RSVP to sbyrd@utm.edu or Dr. Cherry Watts, cwatts@utm.edu.

IACUC meeting is noted

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee meets throughout the year to review protocols for research involving vertebrates and/or for training of the members. The next meeting will be at 4 p.m., Feb. 18, in the first floor conference room of the Administration Building.

'Festival of Choirs' to be presented on Feb. 26 at The Dixie

The New Pacer Singers, under the direction of Dr. Mark Simmons, will join choirs from area colleges and universities at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center, in Huntingdon, for the "Festival of Choirs." The event is slated for 7:30 p.m., Feb. 26. Each choir will perform two songs and all will unite as a mass choir to perform a grand finale.

"Festival of Choirs," produced by the West Tennessee Higher Education Consortium and coordinated by Dr. Jeremy Kolwinska, Department of Music chair, is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Tickets are available at The Dixie. For tickets, visit or call the box office between 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Phone reservations will be accepted at 731-986-2100, but tickets will be held at will call - none will be mailed.

Other schools participating in "Festival of Choirs" include: Bethel College, Lane College, Lambuth University, Jackson State Community College, Dyersburg State Community College and University of Memphis.

For more information, contact The Dixie at 731-986-2100.

Nappo is chosen for Tomlinson lecture

The Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society chapter will meet at 7 p.m., Feb. 12, Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center, for the Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture. This year's Muriel Tomlinson lecturer is Dr. Daniel Nappo, Department of Modern Foreign Languages chair. His presentation is titled "The Rise and Fall of Mexican Cinema." The lecture is free and open to the public.

The Muriel Tomlinson Lecture is an annual event honoring the memory of Dr. Tomlinson, a loyal member of Phi Kappa Phi who died in 1976. A distinguished professor is chosen each year to give this lecture.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was founded more than 100 years ago and is America's oldest all-discipline college honor society. It awards more than \$700,000 each year to outstanding members for further academic study. UT Martin outstanding juniors and seniors will be initiated into PKP on April 15. Dr. Ernest Moser, College of Business and Public Affairs dean, and Phi Kappa Phi president, will preside at the Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture.

For more information, contact Jenna Wright, instructor of English, at ext. 7300.

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Pitts' photo aids wildlife fund

A photo shot by a professor of biology more than a decade ago turned into artwork that has adorned special Tennessee license plates. A portion of the proceeds of the sale of those plates since 1995 has benefited the Watchable Wildlife Endowment Fund.

Dr. David Pitts recently received a certificate of appreciation from Gov. Phil Bredesen for contributing the photo that was used to create the plate.

Recently, Pitts was recognized at a faculty meeting by Chancellor Rakes.

The bluebird plate went on sale 13 years ago at an additional cost of \$25. A total of \$22 from the sale of each plate was earmarked for the Watchable Wildlife Endowment Fund. Tennessee

Wildlife Resources Agency began using the earnings in 1999 to fund various projects such as several observation towers including the Black Bayou (Reelfoot Lake) Refuge Observation Tower, Blythe Ferry Crane Day Activities, Wildside Television Show, Bowmantown Wetland Walkway and Trail and the Interior Low Plateau Bird Project.

In excess of 150,000 bluebird plates have been sold thus far, producing \$4.9 million for the fund. The money placed in the fund is to remain in perpetuity with the earnings of the fund available to fund non-game, endangered species and other watchable wildlife programs as determined by the TWRA.



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Two Magellan monthly newsletters available on ECCE Web site

Magellan Health Services, UT Martin's provider of Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs) publishes two monthly newsletters: Frontline Supervisor and rEAP the Benefits. You can find the newsletters on the Web site at <http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/training/index.php> - under publications.

The newsletters are tools used to promote the EAP. They are written by a national publisher for distribution by EAP Programs. They contain articles focused on common problems seen in the EAP office and heard around the workplace.

Topics include the following: workplace communication and relationships with coworkers; worker productivity tips; family, home and community issues; personal fitness and emotional wellness; personal effectiveness and goal achievement; team building and productivity; improving relationships with supervisors; hot productivity and health topics; stress management tips; EAP education for employees (confidentiality, what EAPs do, when to use); and customer service - attitudes, difficult customers and peak performance.

The Frontline Supervisor, in addition to the above, gives tips for supervisors regarding when to refer employees to the EAP. It focuses on helping supervisors motivate employees to accept a referral and reduces frustration with the informal referral process.

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Training opportunities are noted

Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education February and March training opportunities include the following:

- "Time Entry Details for Timesheet Completion, Time Entry Presenter," presenter, Judy McMorries, 10 a.m.-noon, Feb. 20;
- "Minding Your Memory: Improving Memory Practically and Mindfully," Dr. Michelle Merwin, IAAP February Meeting noon-1 p.m., Feb. 21;
- "Procrastination" (EAP), Dr. Michelle Santiago, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Feb. 21;
- "Student Worker Training," Candy Goad, McMorries, April Boals, Mary Sue Hatchel, 10-11 a.m., Feb. 12, 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m., Feb. 13;
- "Delegation Skills," Tomi Rogers, 9 a.m.-noon, Feb. 19;
- "Listening Skills," Brian Roe, 1-4 p.m., Feb. 19;
- "Building a Team: Teambuilding at Its Best" (communication certification course), Rogers, 1-4 p.m., Feb. 21;
- "Giving and Receiving Feedback," (communication certification course), Roe, 9 a.m.-noon, Feb. 22;
- Open lab, 1-5 p.m., Feb. 27;
- "HR/Payroll Reports," 10 a.m.-noon, Feb. 28;

- "Supervisor Training" (EAP), to educate supervisors about services provided by the Employee Assistance Program, 8:30-11:30 a.m., March 3;
- "Memo/Business Letter Writing" (communication certification course), 9-11 a.m., March 11;
- "Introduction to Communication," (communication certification course), Roe, 10-noon, March 12;
- Building Conflict Management Skills (communication certification course), Stefani Mundy, 1-4 p.m., March 12;
- Managing Across Generations (communication certification course), Mundy, 8:30-11:30 a.m., March 13;
- Open lab, 1-5 p.m., March 19;
- "Grants: Preventative Maintenance: Everything You Need to Know and More," Karen Gunter and Angela Page, 2-3 p.m., March 19;
- "Stress Management for Work and Home" (EAP), 1:30-3:30 p.m., March 20; and
- "IRIS Training for Travel" (TRIP), Linda Keene, 1:30-3:30, March 26.

To register or for more information, call ECCE at 800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082 or register online at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_credit_registration.php.

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- Feb. 14 – International Programs welcome socials
- Feb. 15 – Weakley County legislative breakfast

Monday, Feb. 11

– 6:30 p.m. – FAFSA night, Room 205, Administration Building

Tuesday, Feb. 12

– 2 p.m. – Student teacher conferences, Room 217, Boling University Center

– 7 p.m. – Phi Kappa Phi lecture, Watkins Auditorium, university center

Wednesday, Feb. 13

– 11 a.m. – The Undeclared Club, Room 231, university center

– 7 p.m. – SAC, “The Art of Kissing Chocolate Festival,” Watkins Auditorium, university center

Thursday, Feb. 14

– 4 p.m. – International Programs welcome socials, Room 206BC, university center

– Skyhawk women’s/men’s basketball at Tennessee Tech

– 7:30 p.m. – Men’s basketball vs. Tenn. Tech Web cast, Watkins Auditorium, university center

– 9 p.m. – Student Government Association meetings, Room 111, university center

Friday, Feb. 15

– Rodeo Boosters Running/Roping Show (Feb. 15-16), Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex

– 7:30 a.m. – Weakley Co. Legislative Breakfast, Room 206ABC, university center

– 8 a.m. – SGA networking weekend, Rooms 229, 231, 232, university center

– 2 p.m. – Faculty meeting, Room 111, university center

– 2:30 p.m. – University Scholars Prospect Weekend, Room 230ABC, university center

– 6 p.m. – University Scholars Prospect Weekend, Room 206ABC, university center

– 7 p.m. – Foreign Film Series, “The Life of Others,” Watkins Auditorium, university center

Saturday, Feb. 16

– Skyhawk women’s/men’s basketball vs. S.E. Missouri

– Skyhawk equestrian team at Best of the West, Fresno, Calif.

– Skyhawk rifle team at NRA Sectional/NCAA qualifier, Ole Miss

– Skyhawk softball, Southeasten Louisiana Tournament

Sunday, Feb. 17

– Skyhawk softball at Southeastern Louisiana Tournament

– 7 p.m. – J.B. Smith percussion masterclass, Room 141, Fine Arts Building

Web resources are available

Several new and updated features are now 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: UT Martin video and 30-second TV commercial. For details call the Office of University Relations, ext. 7615.

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Burgraff, Feb. 12-13; Ornes, Feb. 13-14; and Beck, Feb. 14-15.

Other members of the search advisory committee include: Brandy Cartmell, director of academic records and registrar; Cynthia West, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice interim chair; Dr. Darrell Ray, associate professor of biology; Doug Cook, Department of Visual and Theatre Arts chair; Grayson Uldrich, Student Government Association vice president; Dr. John Overby, Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science chair; Dr. Kathy Evans, associate professor of education; Keith Carver, assistant vice chancellor for development; Dr. Nancy Warren, Department of Nursing chair; Phil Bright, Office of Human Resources director; Sam S. Richardson, assistant professor of library science; and Shannon Burgin, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Ogg will continue to serve as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs until the new vice chancellor is named.

For more information, visit www.utm.edu/vcaa_search.php.

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• **Dr. Mahmoud Haddad**, professor of finance, along with Drs. Ghassem Homaifar and Said Fakhani, presented their coauthored paper, “Intertemporal Test of Beta Stationarity Performance of Islamic Sector Structured Mutual Funds,” at the Economic Research Forum 14th Annual Conference in Cairo, Egypt, in December. Haddad also presented his co-authored paper with Dr. Sam Hakim, titled “The Impact of War and Terrorism on Sovereign Risk in MENA Countries,” at the conference.

Duo percussion and clarinet recital Feb. 18

Drs. J.B. Smith and Bob Spring, professors of percussion and clarinet at Arizona State University, will present a duo recital at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 18, in the choir room of the Fine Arts Building. The event is free and open to the public.

This world-renowned ensemble, Desert’s Edge Clarinet/Percussion Duo, will perform contemporary works for clarinet and percussion, many of which are commissions.

For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music, at ext. 7418.

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arguably the most important corporate legislation since the New Deal,” said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director. “It is also one of the most controversial. While some hail the legislation as enforcing ethics upon American business and credit it with restoring the confidence of both citizens and investors, others criticize it as an expensive overreaction that has jeopardized the ability of American companies to compete in the global market.”

The son of Greek immigrants, Sarbanes was born and raised on the eastern shore of Maryland. Taught from an early age the importance of hard work and public service, Sarbanes is the manifestation of the American Dream. After receiving a bachelor’s degree from Princeton University in 1954, Sarbanes spent three years as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, from which he received a degree in 1957. Returning to the United States, Sarbanes entered Harvard University Law School and graduated in 1960.

After a few years in private law practice, Sarbanes entered public service in 1962, when he served as administrative assistant to Walter Heller, Council of Economic Advisors chair. He was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1966 and served there until he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1970. During his two terms in the House, Sarbanes participated in the Watergate hearings and, in 1974, introduced the first article of impeachment against President Richard Nixon. In 1976, Sarbanes was elected to the first of five terms in the United States Senate. In 2006, he announced that he would not seek re-election and, in 2007, he left the Senate after 30 years service, the longest serving senator in Maryland history.

The lecture is sponsored by Bancorp-South as part of the Honors Program and Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking speaker series with support from the Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise, the American Democracy Project and the College of Business and Public Affairs Warren and Pat Carmichael Fund. Contact McDonough, at ext. 7436, for information.

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