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• **Dr. Tom Rakes**, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs (professor of educational studies), was the first of three featured speakers on the topic of appropriate hiring practices for administrative appointments at the recent winter meeting of Chief Academic Officers meeting in Charleston, S.C. Sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Rakes offered suggestions for conducting successful administrative searches including preferred inquiry, reviewing work product and ensuring consistency of process. The meeting was attended by 140 chief academic officers from across the nation.

• **Anna Clark and Jenna Wright**, instructors of English, gave a presentation titled "Maintaining Identity in a Changing Academic Environment: A Writing Center in Transition" at the recent yearly conference of the Southeastern Writing Center Association in Chapel Hill, N.C. The conference was co-hosted by Duke University and the University of North Carolina.

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Students claim top TVA prize

University of Tennessee at Martin finance students won first prize in the 2005 Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Investment Challenge, in competition with 24 other schools. The TVA provides cash awards to the top three universities in the Investment Challenge that earn the highest return for each calendar year. UT Martin had the highest returns, managing a stock portfolio valued at \$690,000 at the end of 2005.

For the year of 2005, UT Martin students earned a 20.22 percent return on their investments. The finance program will receive a first-prize award of \$15,000 for the student efforts. The University of Alabama at Huntsville placed second with an annual return of 16.55 percent and the University of Kentucky earned third

place with a return of 16.49 percent. The Investment Challenge program as a whole returned 6.5 percent versus 4.9 percent for the S&P 500 for 2005. This makes six out of seven years that the Investment Challenge program has beaten the S&P 500.

TVA's Investment Challenge is an innovative and unique partnership between TVA and 25 universities in its service territory that provides a real-world learning experience in portfolio management. The challenge gives teams of students hands-on experience managing TVA stock portfolios.

Students actively manage TVA funds by designing long-term investment strategies, placing trades and providing performance reports to TVA. UT Martin students were guided by Dr. Mahmoud Haddad and

Dr. Arnold Redman, both professors of finance. The students learn how to manage real money and meet all the requirements. They are held to similar guidelines as TVA's professional money managers.

"Our students last year obviously did a superior job in managing our portfolio, with a current value of around \$725,000," said Redman.

Dr. Thomas Payne, UT Martin Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking, added, "The challenge in itself provides excellent hands-on, real-world experience for the students."

The TVA Board created the Investment Challenge Program in 1998 to diversify the management of its Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund and give Tennessee Valley students

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Customer service is focus

The Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) has scheduled Fred Landiss to present a customer-service seminar from 9-11 a.m., March 22, on the UT Martin campus.

Landiss's presentation is "Winning Customers Through Service ... Does your business need an "Extreme Makeover?" The veteran banker, humorist and customer service advocate will share the story of his bank's transformation from a \$24 million "fixer-upper" into a

half billion dollar "showplace" and the role customer service played in the remodel. Does service count? You bet your tool belt it does.

Landiss is senior vice president and director of marketing and public relations at Farmers and Merchants Bank, Clarksville.

The registration fee is \$45 per person; \$35 per person for six or more from the same company. Advance registration is required. Contact ECCE at 7082.

Dance ensemble to present annual concert on March 8-9

The University of Tennessee at Martin dance ensemble will present its annual concert at 8 p.m., March 8-9, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

The performance will feature Allison Greene of Pittsburgh, Pa., who will present an original ballet piece and will dance a solo choreographed by Claudia Morris, UT Martin assistant pro-

fessor of dance and director of the dance ensemble. The March 8 program also will feature a special appearance by 12 dance students from Hillcrest High School in Memphis, under the direction of Taurus Hines.

Greene will teach a multi-level open master class in ballet and contemporary techniques from 4-5:45 p.m., March 8. The class, in the Elam Center dance studio, is open to anyone over the age of 12. The cost is \$5.

ON THE CALENDAR

FEB. 27-MARCH 5

Monday, Feb. 27

- 6 p.m. - Photography Club meeting, Room 217, Boling University Center
- 6 p.m. - MED meeting, Room 230BC, Boling University Center
- 6:30 p.m. - Steve Houghton and the Caixa Trio Concert, Harriet Fulton Theatre
- 7 p.m. - BSA Gospel Fest, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
- 8 p.m. - Jeannie Pritchett, Senior Clarinet Recital, Recital Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 28

- OVC Men's and Women's Basketball, first round
- 10 a.m. - UT Martin Career Fair, First and Second Floor Hallways and Lobbies, Boling University Center
- 11 a.m. - TRIO SSS study hall, Room 125, Boling University Center
- 1 p.m. - Skyhawk softball vs. MTSU (Martin) DH
- 3 p.m. - Undergraduate Council meeting, Room 229, Boling University Center
- 4 p.m. - Skyhawk baseball at Memphis
- 5 p.m. - Senior Exhibitions - Eun Sun Kim, Michael Piazza and Bradley Sartain, Gallery, Fine and Performing Arts Building
- 6 p.m. - R.U.F. meeting, Room 111, Boling University Center
- 8 p.m. - Daniel Spencer, Junior Horn Recital, Harriet Fulton Theatre

Wednesday, March 1

- Intramural basketball tournament (March 1-8)
- 8 a.m. - Career Day interviews, Room 230ABC, Boling University Center
- 8 a.m. - College of Business and Public Affairs Career Day, Boling University Center
- 8:30 a.m. - Employee Assistance Program Supervisor Training, Room 111, Boling University Center
- 2 p.m. - Skyhawk baseball vs. Union (Martin)
- 5:30 p.m. - LEAD Level I, Room 206A, LEAD Level II, Room 206C, LEAD Level III, Room 230AB, Boling University Center
- 6:30 p.m. - JARS meeting, Room 229, Boling University Center
- 9 p.m. - Undergraduate Alumni Council meeting, Room 111, Boling University Center

Thursday, March 2

- Fee deferment payment due
- 5 p.m. - College Democrats, Room 217, Boling University Center
- 7 p.m. - Collegiate LDSSA, Room 217, Boling University Center
- 8 p.m. - Band concert, Harriet Fulton Theatre
- 9 p.m. - SGA Freshmen Council meeting, Room 111, Boling University Center

Friday, March 3

- OVC Men's and Women's Basketball, Final Four, Nashville
- Skyhawk softball at UTC Frost Classic (Chattanooga) March 3-5

- 8 a.m. - Family and Consumer Sciences Nutrition Symposium, Watkins Auditorium, Duncan Ballroom, Boling University Center
- 8 a.m. - College of Business and Public Affairs Advisory Council meeting, Boling University Center
- 6:30 p.m. - JARS meeting, Room 229, Boling University Center
- 10 p.m. - SAC movie, "Kicking & Screaming," Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center

Saturday, March 4

- OVC Men's and Women's Basketball, Championship (Nashville)
- 8 a.m. - Modern Foreign Languages, Foreign Language Day, Boling University Center
- Skyhawk baseball vs. Freed Hardeman (Martin) DH
- 6 p.m. - Nashville Area Alumni Reception, location TBA

Sunday, March 5

- 5:30 p.m. - Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
- 6:30 p.m. - Delta Sigma Theta, Room 230C, Boling University Center
- 8 p.m. - Sigma Chi meeting, Room 229, Boling University Center
- 8 p.m. - Gamma Kappa Pi meeting, Room 231, Boling University Center
- 9 p.m. - Omega Psi Phi meeting, Room 209, Boling University Center

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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Clark and Wright discussed how the writing center's support role for English 100 and 110 classes affects the center's overall operation - especially student tutoring, writing workshops, center administration, and center budget, as well as the impact on the community of campus writers.

• **Dr. Neil Graves**, professor of English, read a paper on the topic of poverty and wealth in Shakespeare's Sonnets at the recent annual conference of the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, at Arizona State University, Tempe.

• **Dr. James Butler**, associate professor of agricultural education, and officers of UT Martin Collegiate Future Farmers of

America (FFA) hosted approximately 235 high school FFA members and advisers during the Third Annual Blue and Gold FFA Leadership Banquet. This activity celebrates and recognizes the FFA organization during National FFA Week. FFA student membership in Tennessee is near 13,000. Nationally, membership is approximately 500,000.

• **Dr. Brenda Gullede**, chair, Department of Educational Studies, and Dr. Merrieth Bruning, Eastern Illinois University, recently presented a research paper, "Challenges, Choices, Changes, and the Chair," at the 23rd Annual Academic Chairpersons Conference in Orlando, Fla.

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experience in managing a stock portfolio. Originally, 19 universities received investment funds of \$100,000 a piece, for a total of \$1.9 million. The program has expanded to include 25 universities, and the funds total approximately \$10 million.

Museum schedule told

On March 1 the University Museum, located in the Paul Meek Library, will close until late August to accommodate overflow storage during a shelving installation project. Until then, come visit during business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays.

EAP contest deadline set

The Employee Assistance Program is calling for entries in its "Re-energize Yourself" Contest. Write an account of how you stay motivated or energized to perform tasks at work and/or in personal life.

All entries will become the property of the State Employee Assistance Program and should be typed-written on one page (8-1/2x 11) single or double-spaced (maximum length). Entries may be faxed or mailed to the State EAP Office no later than March 31. Include name, address, department and telephone number. The winner will receive a prize at the EAP Awareness Month Awards Ceremony in April. Address entries to: State EAP Office, 312 Eighth Ave. N., William R. Snodgrass - TN Tower, 13th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243. Fax entries to: 615-741-8196.

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