

# Addenda

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## Applications increase for sixth consecutive year

Applications for summer and fall admission have increased by 15 percent over the same period last year, according to the Office of Admissions.

"While not all applications translate into enrollments, we are pleased to see a continued increase as a reflection of student interest in the quality of our academic offerings and campus programming," said Chancellor Rakes. "This is particularly significant considering our recent increase in academic standards."

This is the sixth consecutive year that application numbers have increased. A recent report showed that by Jan. 3, 2009, 2,131 students had applied for admission to UT Martin, up from 1,901 by that date in 2008. Also, there has been a 20 percent increase in housing applications this year.

Feb. 1 is the deadline for scholarship applications.

"The number of applications has increased simply because UT Martin offers features and services students want," said

Judy Rayburn, director of the Office of Admissions. "We think students tend to make their decisions based on a school's atmosphere. Students are looking for more personal attention. They are looking at the size of the university and the opportunity to be involved in campus activities." She added, "Students who choose UT Martin like the fact that their classes are going to be smaller and taught by faculty, not graduate students, and they like the fact that they will have

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## Farm Credit Services donates new trailer

Farm Credit Services of Mid-America recently donated a trailer to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for use by student organizations and judging teams in their travels. The donation is part of a regional stewardship program supported by Farm Credit through its "Support for Agriculture Program." The FCS board of directors annually allocates more than \$1 million to agriculture programs that build leadership, encourage teamwork and provide educational advancement and support in rural America. Farm Credit Services of Mid-America is a \$16 billion financial services cooperative serving more than 85,000 farmers, agribusinesses and rural residents in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee.



Pictured with the new trailer are, from left, Tim Williams, FCS regional vice president; Dr. Jerry Gresham, UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources chair; Dr. Philip Smartt, associate professor of natural resources management; Dr. Jimmy Butler, professor of agricultural education; Mike Johnson and Jerry McCullough, FCS financial services officers; Dr. Jim Byford, UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences dean; and Dr. Clay Bailey, assistant professor of animal science. Johnson made the presentation to Gresham.

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• Dr. S.K. Airee, professor of chemistry, served as a reviewer for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Undergraduate Science Research Program (USRP), sponsored by the Merck Institute for Science Education (MISE). He worked with three other chemists and four biologists, along with a representative from each AAAS and Merck Institute, Jan. 9-10, in Washington, D.C., to select 14 awardees from a total of 38 applicants. Merck/AAAS USRP objectives emphasize interdisciplinary undergraduate research at the chemistry-biology interface.

## Fast-pace, variety featured in Montage Concert

The Department of Music's annual Montage Concert will be at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 26, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. The concert has a fast-paced format that features a variety of performances by students and faculty. There will be performances by soloists, cham-

ber groups and large ensembles. Music will also be performed in the lobby before and after the concert for additional listening pleasure. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music, at ext. 7418 or [jhill@utm.edu](mailto:jhill@utm.edu).

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**Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 19, 2009**

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Chancellor Rakes talks to Dennis Henderson, president of TLM Associates, Inc., and WestStar Board of Trustees member and Alumni Council chair, at the recent WestStar leadership program reception for new members of the 2009 class that was hosted in Martin.

## Business assistance available on Feb. 12

The Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center offers aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners one-on-one consulting each month. The center also offers approximately 20 small-business seminars each year for little or no cost to assist area business people in a variety of decisions.

The next opportunity to get advice on marketing, customer service or cash flow issues from Ron Acree, Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) consultant, will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 12.

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.. For additional services offered by the REED Center, go to [www.utm.edu/reed](http://www.utm.edu/reed).

## Sick Leave Bank totals for last quarter reported

The Sick Leave Bank reported 256 members for the period ending Dec. 31, 2008. There were no new members, 25 terminations and three requests for hours during the period. The beginning and ending balances for the period were 1,696.53 and 1,472.53.

## Acropolis, Patmos – travel to Greece in May

Dr. Nathan Howard, professor of ancient history, will lead a travel-study trip to Greece, May 15-26.

Points of interest include a tour of Athens (Acropolis, Temple of Zeus, Panathenian Stadium, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier); a five-day cruise on the Aegean Sea, disembarking at islands such as Mykonos and Crete; visiting the sites of three of the Wonders of the Ancient World (Olympia, Ephesus in Turkey, Rhodes); landing on the islands of Patmos (apostle John's Revelation) and Santorini (possible site of lost city of Atlantis); touring Mycenae (Tomb of Agamemnon), Delphi (ancient oracle), and Meteora (suspended monasteries); and much more.

Estimated price is \$3,750. Cost includes round-trip flights from Memphis or Nashville to Athens; 10-night accommodations, double occupancy; all transfers on land/cruise tours; 21 meals: 10 breakfasts, four lunches, seven dinners; sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach; services of English-speaking tour manager (days 8-11); entrance fees per itinerary.

For more information, contact Howard, at ext. 3470, or email [nhoward@utm.edu](mailto:nhoward@utm.edu). The deadline for payment is Feb. 15.

### 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)

### CALENDAR

Jan. 19-25

#### Monday, Jan. 19

- Martin Luther King Holiday (no classes, offices closed)

#### Tuesday, Jan. 20

- 5:30 p.m. - Unity Services, Interfaith Student Center (Jan. 20-22)

- 7:30 p.m. - University Trio, Harriet Fulton Theatre, Fine Arts Building

#### Thursday, Jan. 22

- 5:30/7:30 p.m. - Skyhawk women's/men's basketball vs. Southeast Missouri State, Kathleen and Tom Elam Center

- 8 p.m. - Open Mic Night, Captain's Coffee, Paul Meek Library

- 9 p.m. - Student Government Association meeting, Room 111, Boling University Center

#### Friday, Jan. 23

- 6 p.m. - Unity Gospel Concert, Watkins Auditorium, university center

#### Saturday, Jan. 24

- Skyhawk women's equestrian team vs. University of South Carolina, Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex (time TBA)

- 1/3 p.m. - High School/Middle School Honor Band, Harriet Fulton Theatre

- 4/6 p.m. - Skyhawk women's/men's basketball vs. Eastern Illinois, Elam Center

#### Sunday, Jan. 25

- 3 p.m. - Robert Mancusi, faculty voice recital, Harriet Fulton Theatre

## Open Mic Night, Jan. 22

The next Open Mic Night at Captain's Coffee in Paul Meek Library will be 8-10 p.m., Jan. 22. There are two featured performers slated, with open mic beginning at 10.

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access to those faculty members outside of class."

Rayburn said that in addition to strong programs, proximity to home, cost of attendance and apartment-style housing also are important considerations when students choose to apply to UT Martin.

"I am pleased to see the growing interest and value attributed to a UT Martin degree," Rakes added. "Continuation of our ongoing planning involving on- and off-campus initiatives ensures that our students have access to a world-class education."

For application information, visit the UT Martin admissions homepage at [www.utm.edu/admis.php](http://www.utm.edu/admis.php) or call ext. 7020.

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