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• Dr. Cahit Erkal, professor of physics, and Dr. Misganaw Getaneh, assistant professor of physics, recently presented physics demonstrations to 46 students from Dyersburg Middle School. Demonstrations involved contents in mechanical, electrostatic, magnetic and low-temperature properties of matter. A number of processes that demonstrate low-temperature properties of matter at liquid nitrogen temperature were discussed.

• The Spring 2009 issue of "The Mayo Review," a literary journal at Texas A & M University-Commerce, published a poem titled "At the History Forum" by Robert Cowser, professor emeritus of English.

• The Office of University Relations earned three awards during the annual Communications Awards competition, sponsored by the Tennessee College Public Relations Association. Awards were presented during the TCPRA's annual spring meeting, May 14, at Austin Peay State University. Kara Hooper, publications coordinator, was designer and editor for the admissions viewbook (Gold Award)

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Col. John C. "Chuck" Harrison, inspector general, Joint Force Headquarters, Tennessee National Guard, and a UT Martin alumnus and ROTC Hall of Fame member, was the guest speaker at the annual Memorial Day Commemoration, May 22.

## Women business owners focus of conference

WestStar, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development/Business Enterprise Resource Office and Tennessee Economic Council on Women will sponsor a women business owners opportunities conference called "Building Blocks for Success."

The event is planned from 7:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., June 30, at the West Tennessee Center for Agricultural Research, located at 605 Airways Blvd. in Jackson. The registration fee will be \$35 per person/\$60 for two, and a continental breakfast and lunch are included.

Opportunities abound for women business owners seeking to sell in the business-to-business (B2B) marketplace. This multi-billion dollar market segment consists of buyers from government and private industry who purchase services, equipment, supplies, transportation, wholesale, retail, agriculture, finance, or most any good or ser-

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Gov. Phil Bredesen recently designated June 18 as a day of recognition honoring the 25th anniversary of the UT Martin Kid College. Pictured with Chancellor Rakes and Debbie Mount, director of non-degree programs, holding the certificate are, from left, Dylan Mires, son of Daniel and Tracey Mires, who attended Kid College from 2002-2007 and now serves as a Kid College volunteer; EmilyGrace Bell, daughter of Steve and Erica Bell, current Kid College participant who, along with her sister, Erin, recorded the Kid College radio ad; and Amelia and Audrey Sliker, daughters of David and Karen Sliker, future Kid College participants.

## YSA is slated for June

A select group of 50 West Tennessee high school junior and senior students will attend a week-long summer residential program that will expose them to the rigors of college life. The students will participate in academic and social growth and development activities, June 21-27, at the annual UT Martin Young Scholars Academy.

"This year's theme is 'Creative and Innovative Problem Solving for Today's Youth.' It is my hope that through challenging learning experiences, these students will return to their home schools with a greater awareness of how to learn and a better understanding of deep learning regardless of the subject matter," said Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Students will improve their skills and abilities in mass media/communications, English composition, critical reading and writing, elocution and etiquette and basic tax preparation. Additionally, students will increase their knowledge in health care and health careers as well as learn about the history of public education. They will also participate in recreational and leisure activities to promote healthy lifestyle choices. For more information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at ext. 7710.



The 32nd Annual Area Collegiate Chemistry Meeting, co-sponsored by Murray State University and UT Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, recently was held in Murray. American Chemical Society president-elect Dr. Joseph Francisco was the keynote speaker. Twenty-one UT Martin students and faculty attended the meeting, and six UT Martin students presented research papers. Left to right, front row, are James K. Griffin, Casey M. Ellington, Elizabeth A. Abernathy, Christy R. Lowe, Kayla A. Poindexter, Kayla Baker, Punam Patel, Tiffany Brewer (presenter), Carolyn U. Nguyen (presenter), Lauren Bivens (presenter), Kiran G. Vaswani (presenter) and Dr. S.K. Airee (SAACS adviser); back row, Cory L. Jones, Dr. Paul Higgs, Ashish J. Patel, Bradley A. Bugg (presenter), ACS president-elect Dr. Joseph S. Francisco, Robert H. Mitchell and Dr. Charles R. Thomas, Department of Chemistry chair. Not pictured are Dr. Jozsef Devenyi, associate professor of chemistry; Dr. James Smart, assistant professor of chemistry; and Brandi Griggs (presenter).

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College Viewbooks) and Research Grant and Awards Report (Bronze Award-Special Publications). Trevor Ruskowski, university photographer, earned a Bronze Award for his portrait photo of Lester Hudson, Skyhawk basketball player.

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vice. This niche market offers contracting jobs that can help establish strategic relationships to increase a company's competitive edge, so the business can grow exponentially.

Susan Hendrix O'Connell, Henco Furniture, Selmer, will be the plenary session speaker. Dr. Christy Shaffer, Inspire Pharmaceuticals president and CEO, Durham, N.C., and a UT Martin alumna, is the luncheon speaker.

In addition to informative sessions, panel discussions, workshops and exhibits, an "Opportunities Room" will be available. The room will be staffed with representatives of governmental agencies and private-sector businesses who will share upcoming bid and contracting opportunities. Participants will learn first hand if there is a match between a company's goods or services and the 20 participating buying entities. They'll also leave with information on how to competitively vie for contracts.

Session topics include: business planning, Internet marketing, human resources, time management, grant writing, customer service, certification processes and Internet social networking. Others are stress management, fitness and wellness, business etiquette and dress for success.

Registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. If registering by mail, send checks made payable to WestStar to UT Martin, 321 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. One check for a group will be accepted, but there must be a separate registration form filled out for each attendee. If registering by email, send to Virginia Grimes at vgrimes@utm.edu. Make sure to include name, business, complete address and phone number. The check should arrive by the deadline, June 22. There will be no refunds. For more information, call Grimes at ext. 7298.

### CALENDAR

June 1-14

#### Monday, June 1

- Classes begin/first half summer, full summer courses

#### Wednesday, June 3

- Each semester every student must confirm that he/she plans to attend. Otherwise, all classes will be removed from the student's schedule.

## Dual-credit students take first in state

Rossvie High School financial planning students enrolled in a UT Martin dual-credit course, Andrew Garrett, Ranita Hom and Tristen Hoten, recently competed in the Federal Reserve Personal Finance Challenge in Nashville. After securing second place in the online competition against 150 Tennessee high schools, the Rossvie team took first place against seven teams in the in-person challenge.

The students are enrolled in a college credit financial planning courses taught by Biba Kavass. They receive one high school credit and three college credits from UT Martin. The course covers personal finance, the stock market, mutual funds, bonds, investment taxes and estate planning.

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## Equipment, quilts on display

Computers are so common they are almost invisible, but walk into an office several decades ago and much different equipment - most of it quite noisy - would have been in use.

Visit the library and try your fingers on a Royal manual typewriter - no backspace key here. Just how big is a floppy disk, a minifloppy, or a microfloppy? How do you program a mechanical calculator? The public is invited to take a look at a few oddities from yesteryear in the exhibit area in the library, just between the circulation and reference desks.

While there, walk into the museum. A new exhibition of the handwork of local quilter, the late Frances Williams, is on display. She died in October, 2008, but left her family a collection of her handwork that provides examples of whimsical inventiveness and straightforward skill. Shown with the permission of daughters, Mary Jane Warde and Linda Waymon, these 10 new and old quilts each provide a colorful example of traditional, utilitarian women's domestic handwork.

The J. Houston Gordon University Museum is accessible through the Special Collections reading area, just off the Paul Meek Library main lobby. It is open weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., including the summer months.

## University Relations office offers Web link resources

Several updated 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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