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• **Lane Last**, associate professor of art, has had four films selected to present in the anime category of the third international edition of CyBorg Film Festival in June. Art Director Luisella Chiribini and the Anghiar Association of Culture are presenting the event at the Sala Audiovisivi, Piazza del Popolo, Anghiar, Italy. The project proposes to promote, inform and educate the public of the cinematographic image by creating a window to exchange and compare the creative and productive differences of audio and visual languages.

• **Drs. Emery Gathers** and **Otha Britton** in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems, recently attended the 37th Tennessee Higher Education Information Technology Symposium at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Participants included information technology professionals and computer science professors from institutions of higher education throughout Tennessee including the UT System, the State Board of Regents System and private institutions. Gathers monitored a session on "Security: It's Everyone's Responsibility." Britton gave a 45-minute presentation, "Using NetBeans for Developing Web Applications," and also moderated a session. Both Gathers and Britton received technology grants from UT Martin's Office of Research, Grants and Contracts to participate in the conference.

## Next recycling day is June 7

UTM Recycles! will sponsor a summer Community Recycling Day in Martin from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., June 7, in Hardy Graham Stadium parking lot. The following materials will be accepted: paper and cardboard, aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastics, scrap metal, eyeglasses, used clothing in good shape, cell phones, ink cartridges and rechargeable batteries. Food and beverage containers should be rinsed and it is helpful if all material is sorted beforehand.

Partners and sponsors of UTM Recycles! include the American Democracy Project, the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the UT Martin Physical Plant, Sodexo, the Agronomy Club, Tri-Beta and Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society. For more information, contact Dennis Kosta at dkosta@utm.edu.



Attending the West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory dedication on campus, May 22, are, from left, Dr. Jim Byford, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences dean; Dr. Ronald Wilson, state veterinarian; Dr. Joseph DiPietro, University of Tennessee vice president for agriculture; Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Ken Givens; Chancellor Rakes; Tennessee Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Terry Oliver; and Dr. Jerry Gresham, Department of Agriculture chair.

## Diagnostic lab opens on campus

Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Ken Givens joined Chancellor Rakes and other state and local officials on May 22 to dedicate the new West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory on campus. The facility will provide a variety of services in support of animal disease diagnosis and regulatory activities.

"The new West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic

Laboratory is a prime example of how the Agricultural Enhancement Program is making a positive difference for our state," said Gov. Phil Bredesen, who was represented by Givens at the dedication. "I'm proud to join the Department of Agriculture in supporting this facility, which for the first time will make critical disease diagnostic and reporting services readily accessible to West Tennessee vet-

erinarians, farmers and pet owners."

"I want to commend UT Martin for delivering on a promise to operate a first-class facility with first-class service," said Givens. "This is a great day for Tennessee agriculture and particularly for the livestock industry in West Tennessee. Not only will this facility function as an integral part of a statewide animal disease net-

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## UT Martin is offering online MBA

A fully accredited online master of business administration (MBA) program is now offered by UT Martin. The 22-month sequence of courses in the 35-hour program makes it convenient for professionals working full time to complete the degree. The UT Martin online MBA is the first UT graduate business program offered completely online.

"The online access provides practical access to tailored instruction for working professionals," said Chancellor Rakes.

The program, initially designed with a focus on banking and financial services professionals, also offers the convenience of an online "classroom" for anyone employed full time. Lectures, course materials and helpdesk assistance are available 24/7. Complete classroom presentations, including lectures and multimedia information, are provided through streaming video to home or office computers. Lectures will even be accessible from PDAs

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and podcasts.

As the only program in West Tennessee outside Memphis accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the UT Martin MBA is a comprehensive business degree. The program is designed to develop a range of relevant skills and knowledge including: teamwork, problem solving, business ethics, communication, leadership, financial analysis, sales and marketing, technology, human resources, strategic planning, regulation and economic trends.

Dr. Tom Payne, Horace and Sara Dunagan

Chair of Excellence in Banking, said the new online MBA serves the needs of bank employees with different professional backgrounds, undergraduate degrees, job responsibilities and work schedules. It will also serve the needs of banks with branches across West Tennessee and the surrounding region as they develop the next generation of leaders. The program provides a way for bankers to develop their finance, accounting, marketing, management and technical skills as they work in teams to solve problems and learn from highly-qualified faculty. He added, "The challenges and opportunities facing the

banking industry make the investment in education and training more important now than ever."

"This format combines several 'firsts' for the UT Martin MBA," said Dr. Kevin Hammond, professor of marketing and MBA coordinator. "The high-quality online delivery, industry-specific cohort and emphasis on banking and financial services within the general MBA, provide a unique opportunity for banking professionals to develop valuable skills."

For more information, visit [www.utm.edu/onlinemba](http://www.utm.edu/onlinemba) or call ext. 7324.

# Rogers dies May 21

Steve Rogers, of Martin, retired Paul Meek Library director of library services, died May 21. He was 55.



ROGERS

"The Paul Meek Library and the UT Martin campus community have lost a true friend with the sudden passing of Steve Rogers," said Mary Carpenter, director of library services. "Steve dedicated his career toward the advancement of the Meek Library and was genuinely interested in each member of the UT Martin family. He will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Linda, and entire family."

Rogers joined UT Martin in 1976 as audiovisual librarian after earning bachelor of arts in history and master's of science in library science degrees at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. He was named director of library services in 2001, after serving as interim director since 1999. He also was a professor of library science and media services librarian. While he was director, several library services were initiated including a fivefold expansion of electronic databases, the physical and operational transfers of the University Museum to the library, the initiation of a wireless laptop checkout program for students, the purchase of an online reserve system and the acquisition of more than 33,000 volumes. He retired in June 2007 after 32 years. During his career, he was a member of the Tennessee Library Association, West Tennessee Library Association, the American Association of University Professors and Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society. He received the Outstanding Employee Award in 1987. He also had served as a C.E. Weldon Library trustee. His scholarly interests included library instruction. He was an avid photographer and enjoyed playing tennis and racquetball. In 2007 as the state titleholder, Rogers won a bronze medal in the National Senior Games Racquetball Tournament in Louisville.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Kay Butler of Martin; children, Jon Rogers of Rutherford; and Lauren Rogers of Knoxville; and his father, Ralph N. Rogers of Martin. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ruth Duncan Rogers.

A memorial service was held May 28 at Paul Meek Library. The family requested that memorial gifts be made to the Library Development Fund in lieu of flowers.

# Lab

work, but it will help to further diversify and support the development of our livestock industry in West Tennessee."

The partnership between the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and UT Martin was made possible by the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program, established in 2005 by Bredesen and supported by the Tennessee General Assembly. The goal of the TAEP is to help improve animal health and livestock production and to encourage farm diversification in Tennessee.

The laboratory opening follows an announcement in fall 2006 of a partnership between the TDA and UT Martin to improve cattle management and health in West Tennessee with a mobile, high-tech trailer funded by the TAEP that is being used as a tool to educate and demonstrate proper cattle management and care. In fiscal year 2006, a total of \$750,000 from TAEP funded renovations and equipment for the new laboratory.

President John Petersen was represented by Dr. Joseph DiPietro, UT vice president for agriculture.

"With the establishment of the West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab at UT Martin, each region of the state is now equipped to identify and monitor animal health concerns such as foreign animal disease, herd disease outbreaks, secure the safety of the food sup-

ply, maximize animal health and assure public health," said DiPietro. "The lab will also further the commitment to increased communication among the public, producers and veterinarians in West Tennessee."

The West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory will function as a satellite facility of C.E. Kord Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory operated by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture in Nashville. Another regional laboratory operating independently is located at University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine in Knoxville.

The 2,200 sq. ft. facility will provide post-mortem tissue collection services only. Samples will be shipped overnight to Kord laboratory, where all definitive diagnoses will be made by state veterinary pathologists. Veterinarians, producers and West Tennessee residents will be able to submit animals to the facility for necropsies.

"This is a great example of our continuing partnership with the state to ensure an increased level of special services to those within our region," said Chancellor Rakes. "We are fortunate to have this unique laboratory facility located in West Tennessee."

For more information about the West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, contact Dr. Janet Bailey, facilities manager, at ext. 1071.

### Submit your news to the Addenda

<b>CALENDAR</b>	• June 2 – Classes begin
	• June 5-6 – SOAR
	<b>Monday, June 2</b>
	– Classes begin – 9 a.m. – West Tennessee Writing Project Summer Institute, Room 147, Fine Arts Building
	<b>Thursday, June 5</b>
	– SOAR, Boling University Center (June 5-6)

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