

# Addenda

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## Midsouth CCSC conference slated April 3-4

Computer Science and Information Systems professionals from the Midsouth region will attend the annual meeting of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges (CCSC) meeting on campus, April 3-4.

The keynote speaker for the conference is Dr. Robert M. Panoff, founder and executive director of Shodor Education Foundation, who will speak on "Computational Thinking Across the Curriculum: The Power and the Peril." Sessions dedicated to workshops, tutorials and panel discussions will continue throughout the conference. Twenty-two teams of students will compete in a programming contest in Boling University Center, April 3. At the awards banquet April 3, Dr. Jesse Poore, co-founder of the University of Tennessee-Oak Ridge National Laboratory Joint Institute for Computational Sciences and director of the UT-Oak Ridge National Laboratory Science Alliance, will speak on research opportunities at Oak

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Among those discussing various aspects of the UT Martin-University of New Brunswick Saint John partnership are, from left, Dr. Paul Crapo, Center for Global Studies director; Chancellor Rakes; and University of New Brunswick Saint John Vice President Dr. Robert Mackinnon.

## Pact yields global benefits

During a four-day visit to the Midsouth, Dr. Robert Mackinnon, vice president of the University of New Brunswick Saint John, met with Chancellor Rakes and Dr. Paul Crapo, Center for Global Studies director, to continue developing ties between their institutions.

Initially formed in 2005, to date this partnership has involved visits by official delegations to both campuses, a UT Martin travel-study program to Saint John, two faculty guest lecturers from UNB Saint John, and faculty exchanges between the departments of English and

nursing. Future plans include semester-long student exchanges and expansion of departments participating in collaborative projects.

"I think the partnership with UT Martin has been tremendous for both our students and our faculty, as well as the institution," said Mackinnon. "To have that kind of exchange of ideas among partner institutions is really important. It opens up both campuses to a wider world. From a student's point of view, to learn about the South and Tennessee . . . through the eyes of your fac-

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## African American conference in its 11th year

"Challenges and Opportunities" is the theme of the 11th annual African American Leadership Conference, slated 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m., April 7, at the West Tennessee Center for Agricultural Research, in Jackson.

This conference is made possible by WestStar Leadership, Tennessee Access & Diversity Initiatives, Wal-Mart, Gibson County Utility District, First South Bank, Hardin County Government, City of Covington, City of Brownsville, West Tennessee Healthcare and the University of Tennessee Institute of Public Service.

This year's keynote speaker is Beverly Robertson, National Civil Rights Museum president. Robertson is also principal of TRUST Marketing and Communications Consortium. She has more than 25 years experience in public/community relations, communications, strategic planning and research. A graduate of Memphis State University, she completed post-graduate management courses through the Wharton School of Business. She has been featured in numerous publications, including *Essence*, *The New York Times*, *Ebony*, *Black Enterprise* and *Redbook Magazine*.

Registration and a continental breakfast is slated from 8:30-9 a.m. UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes and David Belote, UT Martin WestStar executive director, will speak from 9-9:15 a.m., followed by Robertson from 9:15-10 a.m. "Opportunities and Challenges for the Non-Traditional Student" is the topic of a 10-10:45 a.m. panel, moderated by Youlanda Jones, UT Martin Ripley Center director, and Glenn Baker, recruiter/training coordinator, Tennessee Technology Center in Covington. "Economy Crisis" is the topic of Martha Perine Beard, senior branch executive of the Memphis Region of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, from 11-11:45 a.m. A graduate of Clark Atlanta University, she received a master's degree in economics at Washington University and completed special studies at Harvard University and Yale University. "The Networking Game" will be presented by Sharon Taylor McKinney,

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• Drs. Tom Payne, professor of finance and chairholder, Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking, and Arnold Redman, professor of finance, co-authored a paper, "Contagion Effects in Consumer Lending: Are Community Bank Portfolios At Risk?" Payne presented the paper at the 2009 meeting of the Southwestern Finance Association in Oklahoma City, Okla., in February. The paper will be published in the 2009 proceedings of the Southwestern Finance Association.

## Lyric Opera April 4-5

The Department of Music presents one of the masterpieces of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, "The Magic Flute," at 7:30 p.m., April 4 and 3 p.m., April 5, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

The cast features young talent from the Department of Music: Chris Buckner, of Ripley; Ginna Cherry, of Ripley; Matthew Cook, of Martin; Te'Rell Douglas, of Jackson; Josh Gatlin, of Union City; Michael Gore, of Memphis; Aaron Hand, of Fairview; Erin Horton, of Murfreesboro; Sarah

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## Percussion recital is March 30

Drs. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music and director of percussion studies, and Joshua Smith, professor of percussion at Bethel College, will perform a faculty duo percussion recital at 7:30 p.m., March 30, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre. Solo works include "Fabian Theory" by Australian composer Nigel Westlake involving delay pedal and marimba and "Dis Qui Etude" by Christopher Deane using paint stir sticks on vibraphone. Duets include "Recital Duo" for two drum sets, "Rhythm Strip" for multiple snare drums, "Zig Zag" featuring crazy sound effects and two Brazilian duets for marimbas and pandeiros.

The recital is free and open to the public. For more information contact Hill at ext. 7418.

## Concert planned April 2

The percussion studio will perform chamber works at 7:30 p.m., April 2, in Recital Hall 142 of the Fine Arts Building. Works will include the music of Dr. Scott Roberts, associate professor of music, Dr. Julie Hill, assistant professor of music, and the grand finale will feature virtuoso percussionist Dr. Dan Moore, vibraphone and electronic percussion specialist from the University of Iowa.

This concert will be free and open to the public. For more information, contact Hill at ext. 7403.

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ulty on our campus - that has been fabulous."

Speaking about future research collaborations and travel-study opportunities, he added, "I think there are all kinds of potential advantages to the partnership."

Rakes stressed the importance of the relationship for UT Martin faculty and students, noting that Canada is the United States' largest trading partner and that Tennessee and New Brunswick are participants in the recent Southeastern United States-Canada agreement which links states in the eastern U.S. with Canadian provinces.

Mackinnon credited Crapo with structuring the partnership with a strong foundation to endure inevitable changes on each campus. "Our partnership is now firmly grounded and set to grow and flourish in the years to come."

## Students to give free tax form help on April 4

The student chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants will partner with the United Way of West Tennessee and First State Bank of Sharon to sponsor a free federal income tax preparation/filing assistance session.

This event will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., April 4, in the first floor computer lab, Room 124, in the Business Administration Building. Several accounting majors, who have passed an IRS tax preparation certification program, and bank employees will perform this free tax

preparation and filing service. The Department of Computer Science and Information Systems will provide the facilities and technical support.

This service is not intended for lengthy or complex tax returns. The primary clients targeted are students who need to file to get excess withholdings refunded and students and others who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit. No appointment is necessary. The service is provided on a first-come, first served basis.

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Ridge National Labs and the Science Alliance.

Dr. Otha Britton, professor of computer science, is the local site chair for the conference; Bob Bradley, instructor of computer science, is the local chair for the student programming contest; Dr. Jim Clark, Department of Computer Science and Information Systems chair, is serving as vendor/local registration chair; Dr. Bryan Foltz, assistant professor of information systems, is chairing a panel discussion; and Clark is leading a tutorial session at the conference. Most sessions will be held in the Boling University Center. For conference information, visit the CCSC Web site: <http://www.ccsc-ms.org/> or call ext. 7573.

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Jenkins, of Cordova; Brittney Joyner, of Friendship; Kimberly Kraft, of Martin; Karen Langdon, of Jackson; Patrick Nugent, of Memphis; Linzie Tedford, of Memphis; Brittany Thompson, of Ripley. Dr. Robert Mancusi, assistant professor of music, and his children will also take part in the production.

Mancusi, who also serves as the stage director, directs the production. Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of music, directs the music for this production. Dr. Scott Roberts, associate professor of music, will provide the accompaniment.

Admission for adults is \$5. Students with UT Martin ID and children under 12 will be admitted free. For more information, contact ext. 7402.

## CALENDAR

March 30-April 6

### Monday, March 30

- Skyhawk golf, Larry Nelson Collegiate Invitational, Chateau Elan Resort, Braselton, Ga. (March 30-31)  
- Advising/early registration (Summer/Fall 2009-March 30-April 7)

- 7:30 p.m. - Concert series: Julie Hill/Josh Smith, duo percussion recital, Recital Hall, Fine Arts Building

### Tuesday, March 31

- 2:30 p.m. - Skyhawk women's tennis vs. Murray, Skyhawk Tennis Complex

- 5 p.m. - Brad Gambill and Chris Johnson, senior art exhibition, lobby, Fine Arts Building

- 6 p.m. - Skyhawk baseball vs. Lipscomb, Skyhawk Baseball Field

### Wednesday, April 1

- 4 p.m. - Skyhawk softball @ Memphis

- 6 p.m. - Skyhawk baseball @ Evansville

### Thursday, April 2

- 5 p.m. - Artists of the 21st Century, art exhibition, West Tenn. Regional Art Center, Humboldt

- 7 p.m. - Skyhawk rodeo, host: NW Mississippi Community College (Senatobia)

- 7:30 p.m. - Academic Speaker, Robert M. Hazen, "Genesis: The Scientific Quest for Life's Origins," Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center

- 7:30 p.m. - Percussion chamber concert, Room 142, Fine Arts Building

- 9 p.m. - SGA Senate meeting, Room 111, university center

### Friday, April 3

- Skyhawk track @ Washington University, St. Louis

- 2 p.m. - Dan Moore, percussion masterclass, Room 141, Fine Arts Building

- 7 p.m. - Phi Sig Follies concert, Skyhawk Fieldhouse

### Saturday, April 4

- Skyhawk golf, TSU Spring Invitational, Hermitage Golf Course, Hermitage (April 5-7)

- 10 a.m. - Skyhawk men's/women's tennis @ Eastern Kentucky

- 1 p.m. - Skyhawk baseball @ Eastern Kentucky

- 1 p.m. - Skyhawk softball @ Tennessee State

- 7 p.m. - Elvis for the Hungry, Watkins Auditorium, university center

- 7:30 p.m. - Lyric Opera Theatre, "The Magic Flute," Harriet Fulton Theatre, Fine Arts Building (April 4-5)

### Sunday, April 5

- Noon - Skyhawk softball @ Tennessee State

- 1 p.m. - Skyhawk baseball @ Eastern Kentucky

- 1 p.m. - Skyhawk men's/women's tennis @ Morehead State

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Business Enterprise Resource Office, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Memphis, from 11:45-noon, followed by lunch from noon-1 p.m. "Fitness and Exercise" is the last session of the day with Dr. Jayson Cannon, Covington chiropractor, from 1:15-1:45 p.m. Award presentations are slated for 1:45-2 p.m.

To register, mail form to WestStar, UT Martin, 321 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. Email registrations to [vgrimes@utm.edu](mailto:vgrimes@utm.edu) or fax to 731-881-7019. The registration deadline is April 1. The conference fee is \$35 per person/\$60 for two. The fee includes breakfast and lunch. For more information, call ext. 7298.

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