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• **Dr. James N. Butler**, associate professor of agricultural education, recently attended the Tennessee Agri-Tourism Conference in Franklin.

• **Dr. Jeff Miller**, assistant professor of English, has been selected for inclusion in the 2005-2006 edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

• **Dr. Bob Peckham**, professor of French, attended the 38th Annual Conference of the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association, as organizer, chief presenter and instrumentalist of a three-hour immersion workshop, "French and Francophone Songs." The Web site address is <http://www.utm.edu/staff/globeg/atelmusique.shtml>. He also was a participant in a panel on "Foreign Language Advocacy in Tennessee."

• **Julie Hill**, assistant professor of music and director of percussion studies, has published a new work for percussion, "Sonhando em Salvador." The composition is published by Innovative Percussion Publishing. At the recent Percussive Arts Society International Convention, all copies of the piece were sold. The work is based on the Samba Reggae rhythms performed throughout the Pelourinho District of Salvador da Bahia, Brazil. The rhythms in "Sonhando em Salvador" are derived from the composer's experience with Escola Didá, a fine arts academy in the Pelourinho District dedicated to social reform for "at-risk" women and children through percussion. The UT Martin percussion ensemble will perform this work, April 30, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

• **Dr. Otha Britton**, professor of computer science, **Bob Bradley**, instructor of computer science, **Dr. Emery Gathers**, professor of computer science, and **Dr. Jim Clark**, interim chair of the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems, participated in the recent Mid-Southeast Chapter of the Association for

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ROTC triumphs in Ranger Challenge

The ROTC program, consisting of 10 students, placed first in its division during the annual Ranger Challenge competition recently hosted at Fort Jackson, S.C. The competition hosted 30 universities from Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. The 36-hour competition consisted of the following events: written map reading and patrolling test, weapons disassembly and assembly, 50-meter swimming relay, Army physical fitness test, hand grenade assault course, obstacle course, day and night land navigation course, 6.2 mile foot march with weapon and pack, and a mystery event which was an eight-man

Humvee pull that was 125 meters up an inclined slope.

The following students represented UT Martin at the competition: David B. Stamps (team captain), Chance M. Barr, Jeffery B. Cashon, Kyle J. Maki, Cristine L. Manning, Cameron S. Mays, Jonathan T. McAnally, Eric J. Moore, Stephen M. Moore and Travis J. Payne. The Most Valuable Team Member was Mays, who consistently supported the team with high achievements in all the events. There also were two alternate members of the team, Israel P. O'Bryan and Randall S. West, who participated in the training and were alternates for the competition.

Last year the Ranger Challenge Team placed second for the first time in UT Martin history. This year ended with a strong first-place finish. The 10-man team, coached by Capt. Donny Hebel and Master Sgt. John Buckley, participated in two months of rigorous training. They participated in physical conditioning at 6 a.m. every weekday along with numerous afternoon and weekend training sessions to prepare for the competition.

"There were times when we got so frustrated during the training because we seemed to let ourselves down with mistakes ... but we pulled it together in the

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Tomita visiting professor this fall

Akira Tomita, an associate professor with specialties in art pedagogy and photography, is this year's distinguished visiting professor from Hirosaki University.

For the past 20 years, UT Martin and Hirosaki University in Japan have conducted a visiting professor exchange as part of their sister university relationship.

Tomita has master's degrees in art from Tokyo University and in anthropology from Saitama University. Before joining the faculty at Hirosaki, Tomita worked in Hon-

duras for three years with the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers program which is similar to the American Peace Corps. He continued living and working in Honduras as an artist, photographer, musician and furniture designer for an additional three years. He also worked in Mexico for two years with the Japan International Corporation Agency. He was a specialist in wood-working at Durango State University in Durango, Mexico.

Tomita is currently teaching a digital photography class to students at

UT Martin. As an artist, Tomita tries to teach his students more than the technique of using photography equipment. "I don't focus on the equipment. Before learning technique, students must acquire a philosophy and sensitivity to a message or social meaning that they can express through the art of the photograph," said Tomita. The students in his digital photography class will have an exhibition of their work on display in the gallery of the Fine and Performing Arts Building on the UT Martin campus

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ON THE CALENDAR

Nov. 21-27

Monday, Nov. 21

- Advising and early registration (Spring 2006)
- **4 p.m.** - Freshman Experience session, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
- **4 p.m.** - Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk and 5K Race, Elam Center
- **7 p.m.** - SAC Monday Night Football Party, Game Room, Boling University Center
- **9 p.m.** - SGA Freshman Council meeting, Room 111, Boling University Center

Tuesday, Nov. 22

- Advising and early registration (Spring 2006)
- Santa's Village setup, Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Nov. 21** - Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk and 5K Race
- **Nov. 24-25** - Thanksgiving holiday, offices closed

- Skyhawk rifle team at Alaska-Fairbanks
- **9:30 a.m.** - Supplemental instruction, Room 217, Boling University Center
- **Noon** - ACT Discover, Room 111, Boling University Center
- **4 p.m.** - Freshman Experience session, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
- **5:30 p.m.** - Skyhawk women's basketball vs. Kentucky Wesleyan (Martin)

Wednesday, Nov. 23

- Thanksgiving holiday, no classes
- **Noon** - Supplemental instruction, Room 217, Boling University Center
- **1:30 p.m.** - Student Affairs staff meeting, Room 206A, Boling University Center
- **8:30 p.m.** - Poetic Z101, Room 231, Boling

University Center

Thursday, Nov. 24

- Thanksgiving holiday, no classes, offices closed
- Boling University Center closed for Thanksgiving break through Nov. 26

Friday, Nov. 25

- Thanksgiving holiday, no classes, offices closed

Saturday, Nov. 26

- Thanksgiving holiday, no classes, offices closed
- **6 p.m.** - Skyhawk men's basketball vs. Webster University (Martin)

Sunday, Nov. 27

- **5 p.m.** - Student organization meetings, Boling University Center

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from Dec. 1-6.

He currently has a photo exhibition, "Tugaru," on display at the C.E. Weldon Public Library in Martin. It is composed of approximately 200 photos of the area around Hiroasaki known as Tugaru.

The visiting professor also plays the Japanese version of the guitar and has other musical interests. On Dec. 8, he will perform on saxophone in a UT Martin jazz band concert at 8 p.m., in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of

the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

Tomita has published several articles on a variety of topics related to his work and studies in art, anthropology and music. He has displayed his photographic works in numerous exhibitions throughout Japan. His second book, "Fet and Violence: The Cultural Politics of Steel Pan and Carnival," is being published in Japan and will be released later this month. Tomita will return to Japan at the end of the fall semester.

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Computing Machinery fall conference in Gatlinburg. The conference was attended by computer science professionals and students from Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. Britton, Gathers and Clark each presented professional papers. Britton's talk was titled "Professional Development - Free!!! - is the ACM Professional Development Centre a Worthwhile Tool for Faculty?", Gathers spoke on "Interfacing COBOL Applications to the .NET Environment," and Clark's talk was titled "Good News and Bad News - Overloading Operator New." Britton is serving his first year of a two-year term as treasurer of the Mid-Southeast Chapter, elected last year to succeed Gathers, who served four years in that capacity. In the past, Britton also has served as the conference chair (four years) and chapter chair (two years).

Local team claims 4th

Two teams of three students each participated in the International Intercollegiate Programming Contest regional competition, Nov. 5, at Murray State University.

The contest is sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and included teams at regional sites in Illinois, Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee.

Team Blue consisted of Daniel Adler, Jason Middleton and Adam Corum. Team Orange had members Tony Warmath, Brandon Baker and Marcus Harris.

Approximately 200 teams participated in the regional event. Teams were given a time limit to solve eight programming problems of varying levels of difficulty. Historically, it is an achievement to solve one of the problems. Team Blue managed a fourth-place finish in the contestants' first attempt.

Faculty members Bob Bradley and Dr. Jim Clark accompanied the students and served as judges during the competition.

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end," said Mays. Cadet Stamps added, "We were so exhausted at midnight after the entire day of physical and mental rigor, but we were so excited that we couldn't sleep." Payne said, "I felt prepared for the competition, but never expected my adrenaline to push me even further than I performed during training."

UT Martin was consistent throughout the competition. The team placed within the top five for each event while winning the day and night land navigation courses as well as the 6.2 mile foot march for the second straight year. They went to the competition with the hopes of victory, keeping their focus and not becoming distracted. The teams were prepared and the competition was high. In the end, it was UT Martin on top.

Tanner to speak on Nov. 30

Eighth District U.S. Representative John Tanner will speak at the University of Tennessee at Martin at 4 p.m., Nov. 30, in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center. His presentation, "The United States and the New World Order," is open to the public.

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