

# Addenda

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Among those participating in the Student Recreation Center groundbreaking are, from left, Gina McClure, director of Campus Recreation; Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs; Dr. John Schommer, faculty member of the UT Board of Trustees; Brittany McGruder, student member of the UT Board of Trustees; Chancellor Rakes; UT President John Petersen; Lane Lyle, Lyle Cook Martin Architects; Crawford Gallimore, UT Board of Trustees member; Scott Fleming, Fleming Associates president; Mark White, A&K Construction project manager; Erin Chambers, former Student Government Association president; Tim Nipp, Physical Plant director; Jim Fassiotto, A&K Construction site superintendent; and Al Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

## Ceremony marks start of new recreation center

UT Martin broke ground, Oct. 3, for a 96,000 square foot campus recreational center. Target completion date for the \$16.5 million project is spring 2010.

UT President John Petersen and Chancellor Rakes participated in the ceremony that took place at the site on Mt. Pelia Road during homecoming week activities. The UT board of trustees approved construction of the facility in November 2006.

"Campus recreation is a vital component for student life at UT Martin," said Rakes. "I know opening a modern recreational facility will be a welcome addition to multiple playing fields, swimming and many other recreational sites our students enjoy on a daily basis." He added, "Our recreation staff is among the busiest on campus, and we are anxious to complete this new facility."

The new Student Recreation Center will allow the Office of Campus Recreation to expand hours and offerings. For the fiscal year 2008, more than 3,000 students participated in intramural activities, and leisure recreation recorded participation counts of 46,000.

Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs, noted that in 2005, the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association estimated that by 2010 new construction and renovations for indoor campus recreational sports facilities would cost colleges and universities at least \$3.17 billion, at an average cost of \$14.2 million. "UT Martin is among a growing list of educational institutions across the nation that are responding to students' desire to enhance their physical and mental health, as well as to have a respite from rigorous academic work," she said.

The Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (2006) further outlined indirect bene-

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- Lane Last, associate professor of art, recently had films shown at the "digitalCINEMAFestival 2008, an international short-film festival that was part of the 43rd DIMITRIA Arts Festival of the Municipality of Thessaloniki, the second biggest arts festival in Greece.

- Georgia Baskett, assistant professor of library science and Paul Meek Library catalog librarian, recently attended the 2008 Tenn-Share DataFest and Fall Conference at the Nashville Public Library. Tenn-Share promotes resource sharing among Tennessee libraries. Baskett, Cindy Gaylord, catalog department, and Linda Martin, circulation department, were among Tennessee library staff members awarded MP3 players for completing the Tenn-Share Learn & Discover course this summer. Tenn-Share Learn & Discover

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## First preview day is slated for Oct. 18

The first of two preview days is set for Oct. 18. Preview days are opportunities for high school seniors and their families to visit and learn about the university. Each event is designed to enable future college students to become familiar with the Martin campus and to get that all-important first impression of university life. A second day is planned Nov. 15.

Representatives of UT Martin will provide information and answers to students' questions on a variety of topics, including scholarships and financial aid; college and housing costs; and the various university academic programs.

Registration for the preview day, Oct. 18, will be from 9-9:30 a.m., in the Boling University Center, and Nov. 15, from 9-9:30

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At a recent dinner hosted by Chancellor Rakes and Dr. Glenda Rakes are the faculty who were promoted, granted tenure or received a faculty award at Honors Day 2007. From left are, front row, Jenna Wright, Dr. Linda Husmann, Dr. Lucia Flórido, Earlene Moore, and Dr. Amy Yeung; back row: Ed Wheeler, Dr. Eric Pelren, Dr. Lisa LeBleu, Dr. Bob LeMaster, Dr. Kurt Gorman, Mary Radford, Dr. Dawn Wilkins, Dr. Greg Nail, Gloria Browning, Dr. Leslie LaChance, Dr. Ray Witmer, Michelle Horton, Dr. Charles Bradshaw, Dr. Janet Wilbert, Lane Last, Dr. Randy Garza, Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, Dr. Daniel Nappo, Dr. Michael Gibson and Dr. Cahit Erkal.

## Poet, author is next academic speaker on Oct. 27

Acclaimed poet and author Richard Tillinghast will speak at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 27, in Watkins Auditorium. His visit will be co-sponsored by Honors Programs and the Department of English.

"Richard Tillinghast is among the most interesting poets working today," said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director. "He has published widely and on a wide variety of topics. I encourage everyone to attend this session to hear the poetry and reflections of a master artist."

Born and raised in Memphis, Tillinghast has always enjoyed a deep interest in the arts. He played the drums in several groups in nightclubs around Memphis and, later, in Marin County, Calif. He took painting and drawing classes at the Memphis Academy of Art and currently writes about art and architecture for *The Hudson Review* and *The New Criterion*. But poetry was always his first love, and he studied under the famed poet Robert Lowell while a graduate student at Harvard University and later published a biography of his mentor, "Robert Lowell's Life and Work: Damaged Grandeur" (1995). Having served on the faculties of Harvard University, the University of the South at Sewanee and the University of California at Berkeley, Tillinghast joined the faculty of the

University of Michigan in 1983, where he taught until his retirement in 2005. While at Michigan, he founded the Bear River Writer's Conference in Petoskey, Mich., in 2000 and served as director until 2005. After leaving Michigan, he moved to County Tipperary in Ireland, where he continues to write and participate in writing projects such as the Poet's House.

Tillinghast has received numerous grants and fellowships, including a Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fellowship, a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and a Creative Artist Grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts. He has published eight books of poetry and two books of essays. His poems have appeared in many magazines including *Paris Review*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The New Republic*, *The New Yorker*, *Poetry*, *Poetry London*, *Poetry Ireland Review*, and online on *Slate* and *Poetry Daily*. His poems have also been fea-



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tured on Garrison Keillor's National Public Radio show "The Writer's Almanac."

Widely traveled, Tillinghast often writes about the places and cultures he has visited and observed. He has a special interest in the Middle East, particularly Turkey, and is currently at work on a book of prose about Istanbul. His essay, "Istanbul in Winter," was recently awarded the Cleanth Brooks Prize by the *Southern Review*.

In 2008, he published three books: one, "Finding Ireland," "a poet's explorations of Irish literature and culture;" the second, a collaboration with his daughter, Julia Clare Tillinghast, "Dirty August," translations from the Turkish of selected poems of Edip Cansever; and the third, from which he will read at UT Martin, "The New Life."

"It's always exciting to have a writer on campus and to be able to discuss their approach to the creative process," said Dr. Lynn Alexander, Department of English chair. "Mr. Tillinghast's work is very interesting and accessible - we should have some very interesting things to talk about. Adding to the interest is the fact that Mr. Tillinghast is from Memphis."

For more information, contact McDonough, at ext. 7436 or danmc@utm.edu.

## Sick Leave Bank totals are reported for quarter

The Sick Leave Bank reported 281 members for the period ending Sept. 30, 2008. There were 26 new members, two terminations and 12 requests for hours during the period. The beginning and ending balances for the period were 2,676.61 and 1,696.53.

## Next community recycling day is Oct. 18

UTM Recycles! will sponsor the next Community Recycling Event from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 18, in Hardy Graham Stadium parking lot. The following materials will be accepted for recycling: paper and cardboard, aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastics of any kind, steel cans and other scrap metal, eye glasses, used clothing in good shape, cell phones, rechargeable batteries and ink cartridges. To learn how to join UTM Recycles! and/or volunteer at the Oct. 18 event, contact Dr. Angie Mackewn, assistant professor of psychology, at ext. 7370 or amackewn@utm.edu.



Erin Jordan, Hendersonville health and human performance major, was crowned 2008 University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming queen during halftime of the UT Martin-Tennessee State University football game, Oct. 4, at Hardy M. Graham Stadium. She was escorted by her parents, Debra and Jeff Jordan.



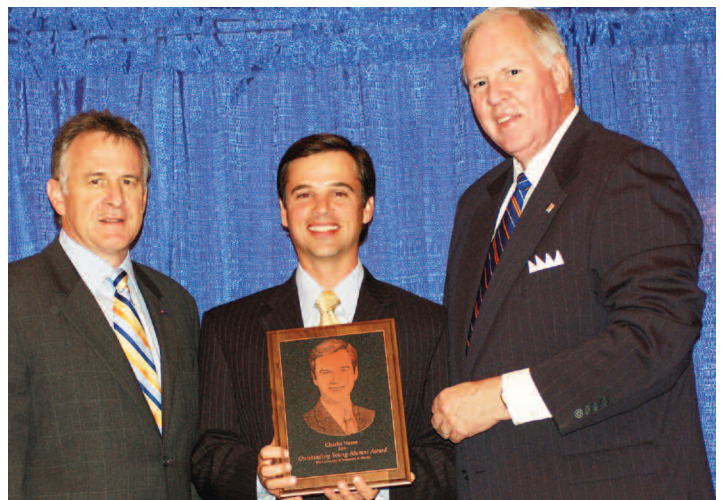
UT Martin junior Mike Hicks scored a touchdown in Saturday's 30-27 homecoming loss to Tennessee State. Hicks caught a 21-yard pass from quarterback Cade Thompson to give the Skyhawks a 7-0 lead. The Ole Miss transfer had four catches for 59 yards in the game. The Skyhawks are 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference.



UT President John Petersen, left, and Chancellor Rakes are pictured with J. Houston Gordon, of Covington, during the annual Alumni Awards Banquet, hosted on Oct. 3. Gordon received the Chancellor's Award for University Service.



UT President John Petersen, right, and Chancellor Rakes are pictured with Dr. Jane Kao, of Dallas, during the annual Alumni Awards Banquet, hosted on Oct. 3. Kao received the Outstanding Alumni Award.



UT President John Petersen, left, and Chancellor Rakes are pictured with Charlie Neese, of Williamson County, during the annual Alumni Awards Banquet, hosted on Oct. 3. Neese received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

is an eight-week online course designed to introduce Tennessee library staff members to Web 2.0 applications.

• Several Department of Mathematics and Statistics faculty members conducted sessions at the recent annual conference of the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville. **Dr. Curtis Kunkel**, assistant professor, presented "An Introduction to GeoGebra;" **David Ray**, instructor, presented "Using Activities to Explore the TI-Nspire Graphing Calculator;" **Theresa Rushing**, instructor, presented "Going Fishing? You Will Need Worms!" Other attendees at the conference from the department were **Dr. Stephanie Kolitsch**, associate professor; **Dr. Louis Kolitsch**, professor; **Dr. Desirée McCullough**, associate professor; and **Dr. Bill Austin**, professor emeritus. **Patty Flowers**, Coordinator III, in the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts, also made a presentation, "How Can I Know They Understand?"

Approximately 70 area teachers in grades kindergarten through college attended the recent Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee Northwest Annual Fall Mathematics Workshop on campus. Faculty from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics conducting sessions were Kunkel presenting "An Introduction to GeoGebra," Rushing presenting "Let's Go Fishing," McCullough presenting "Statistics and Math Activities for Grades 3-5," Jo Ann Simmons presenting "Stepping Up to the New Standards," and Kolitsch and McCullough presenting "Project MATCHES: Mathematical Applications, Technology and Content for High School Education Standards." Those making presentations from other departments were **Dr. Jeff McCullough**, Department of Engineering, whose topics for two presentations were "Real-world Middle School Math Using Vernier Software and Technology" and "Real-world High School Math Using Vernier Software and Sensors" and **Dr. Joyce Swan**, instruc-

tor/adviser/coordinator of Educational Studies at the McNairy County Center/Selmer, whose topics for two presentations were "Math Mysteries and Chasing Vermeer" and "Puzzling Pentominoes."

At the luncheon **Dr. Jerald Ogg**, vice chancellor for academic affairs, welcomed the teachers and commended them for contributing to the growth and success of UT Martin by preparing area students for college studies. He went on to point out that as a result of the preparation of incoming students, the university continues to experience an increase in student enrollment even with increases in admission standards. The university has also been able to develop new programs and prosper in spite of budgetary constraints.

Officers for the 2008-2010 term for the Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee Northwest include: McCullough, president; Kolitsch, treasurer; Kunkel, Web master; Rushing, immediate past president; and Swan, college representative.

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a.m. in the Elam Center.

On each occasion, registration will be followed by a welcome and general information session, the university's academic fair, which will take place in the Duncan Ballroom in the university center, Oct. 18, and in the Elam Center, Nov. 15, academic department visits and campus tours.

For more information about Preview Day activities and events, call the UT Martin admissions office at ext. 7020.

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fits to students who participate in campus recreation. Students tend to develop a positive self-image and increased self-control and gain social interaction skills and maturity, Toston added. "We at UT Martin are tuned into the needs of our students, and we have responded by funding a facility that will have a positive impact on the mind, body and spirit of our students. I know that our students value and appreciate the way in which we have responded to their need for a healthy lifestyle."

The facility will include four basketball courts/indoor soccer arena, a walking/jogging/running area, a weight room, cardio-fitness areas, an aerobic room, a multipurpose room, locker rooms and racquetball courts. Also, there will be space for a lounge area, equipment checkout stations, offices, classrooms, storage and janitorial rooms.

"I'm excited about this facility and what it means for students here at UT Martin. Students will now have a place that can service their recreational and wellness needs

and a place to call their own," said Gina McClure, director of campus recreation.

The new recreational center will be built primarily for students, as student fees will be the main funding source. Other potential users may include faculty, staff, retirees, alumni and families of UT Martin students and employees, who will pay a fee for use of the facility.

Lyle Cook Martin, of Clarksville, and Fleming Associates of Memphis, are serving as project architects in a joint venture, and A&K Construction Co., of Paducah, Ky., is building the center.

UT Martin's current primary recreational facility, the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center, houses campus recreation, athletics and academic departments, which also divide operational time. The Elam Center also serves as a regular location for campus-wide and community events, limiting its hours available for recreation.

For more information, contact McClure at ext. 7745.

### CALENDAR

Oct. 13-19

Monday, Oct. 13

- Fall break (Oct. 13-14)

Thursday, Oct. 16

- Last day to drop a class

- 7 p.m. - Skyhawk football @ Tennessee Tech

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

- 9-11 p.m. - SGA Freshman Council meeting, Room 111, Boling University Center

Friday, Oct. 17

- 8 a.m. - West Tennessee Quarter Horse Association, Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex (Oct. 17-19)

Saturday, Oct. 18

- 8 a.m. - Community Recycling Event, Hardy Graham Stadium parking lot - east end

- 8 a.m. - Dennis Alexander piano workshop, Room 142, Fine Arts Building

Sunday, Oct. 19

- 3-5 p.m. - James Ross, Chicago Symphony percussionist, percussion clinic, Room 141, Fine Arts Building (Oct. 19-20)

### Call Information Center, use Web form for Web calendar submissions

The Web Events Calendar, accessible from the home page, is managed by Boling University Center Information Center.

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