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• **Dr. S.K. Airee**, professor of chemistry, participated in the 20th International Conference on Chemical Education in Mauritius in August. The theme of the meeting was "Chemistry in the ICT Age." He presented a paper, "Green Chemistry in the Context of Curricular, Extra-Curricular and Community Outreach Activities." Besides the presentation, he also was chair of a session "Chemistry at Secondary and Tertiary Level." The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) sponsored the meeting. Airee became an IUPAC Fellow in 2006.

• **Lane Last**, associate professor of art, has been included in an upcoming exhibition in Australia. The event, Digital Fringe, plans to broadcast this cutting-edge digital artwork on screens of every size across Melbourne and regional Victoria, Sept. 24-Oct. 12.

First 'Talking About Teaching' session set

The Office of Research, Grants and Contracts announces the first session in the 2008-09 "Talking About Teaching" series is slated for noon-1 p.m., Sept. 17, in Room 125 of Boling University Center.

The 2008 Teaching Award recipients will lead the discussion. All faculty members are invited to attend.

'Women of Paris' presented, Sept. 17

Co-founders of the Chicago Cabaret Professionals, Claudia Hommel and her musical partner Bob Moreen, will present "Women of Paris" at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 17, in Harriet Fulton Theatre located in the Fine Arts Building.

In "Women of Paris," Hommel celebrates female singers of Paris - among them, Paulette Goddard, the creator of the 1905 song, "Fascination;" Mistinguett, for whom "My Man" was written; African-American entertainers adopted by Paris as its own, Josephine Baker

and Bricktop; the icon of post-war Left Bank "beat," Juliette Gréco, and the superstar of French chanson, Édith Piaf. They will give a pre-concert presentation at the theatre at 7 p.m.

The production is sponsored by the Department of Music, the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and the Center for Global Studies and International Education. For more information, contact Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of music, at ext. 7408. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public.

State's largest percentage increase noted in preliminary reporting

UT Martin continues to set all-time enrollment records, claiming the largest percentage increase among Tennessee four-year public universities in preliminary fall reporting. Along with that, UT Martin had record-high enrollments in six categories, based on fall 2008 enrollment figures.

A total of 7,578 students are enrolled for the fall semester, an increase from 7,173 recorded for fall 2007.

The fall 2008 total includes all-time record fall enrollments for total headcount, incoming freshmen, undergraduates, dual-enrollment students, total full-time equivalent and undergraduate full-time equivalent students. Public higher education funding

is based on fall semester full-time equivalency.

"We are pleased to see this level of continued student interest in our programs," said Chancellor Rakes. "Such enrollment growth is one indicator of support and affirmation concerning the overall quality of the college experience UT Martin provides."

Based on final figures, this fall's enrollment at UT Martin is a 5.6 percent increase over fall 2007. Final figures are compiled by the university's Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

The record enrollment also reflects 1,342 freshmen, the largest freshman class on the

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Events mark '08 Constitution Week

The U.S. Constitution will be at the center of several events slated during Constitution Week this month. Events will be sponsored by the American Democracy Project and the Student Government Association. They are free and open to the public.

The observance will begin with the movie, "Iron Jawed Angels," to be shown at 6 p.m., Sept. 15, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Dr. Harry C. Boyte, founder and co-director of the Center for Democracy and Citizenship at the University of Minnesota Hubert H. Humphrey Insti-

tute of Public Affairs, will speak on the subject "Redeeming the American Dream: State Universities and the Future of Democracy," 7:30 p.m., Sept. 16, in Watkins Auditorium.

Since 1987, Boyte has worked with a variety of partners in Minnesota, nationally and internationally on community development, citizenship education and civic renewal. Currently, Boyte is working with state legislators, community groups, immigrants, foundations, and nonprofit, religious, educational, neighborhood and citizen organizations to create Minnesota

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Choral Society reorganizing

The UT Martin Department of Music has announced the return of the Martin Choral Society. This community choir ensemble encourages all interested people in Northwest Tennessee, vocally experienced and those with limited experience, to come and join this



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Monday, Sept. 15

- 4 p.m. - "Grief: What's Normal?," Room 229, Boling University Center

- 6 p.m. - Constitution Week movie, "Iron Jawed Angels," Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center

Wednesday, Sept. 16

- 7:30 p.m. - "Women of Paris" with singer-actor Claudia Hommel, singer-pianist Bob Moreen, Harriet Fulton Theatre, Fine Arts Building

- 7:30 p.m. - Constitution Week speaker, Dr. Harry C. Boyte, "Redeeming the American Dream: State Universities and the Future of Democracy," Watkins Auditorium, university center

- Constitution Week voter registration drive, university center (Sept. 16-18)

Thursday, Sept. 17

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

Friday, Sept. 18

- 3 p.m. - Brian Mason, percussion clinic, Room 141, Fine Arts Building

Saturday, Sept. 19

- Skyhawk Marching Band Invitational, Graham Stadium

- 6 p.m. - Skyhawk football at Austin Peay

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group.

The first performance will be of the "Messiah," by George Fredrick Handel, Nov. 30. Rehearsals are scheduled at 7 p.m., on Monday evenings, beginning on Sept. 29 and will be held in the choir room of the Fine Arts Building, located on Mt. Pelia Road at UT Martin. Music scores will be provided, but singers are welcome to bring their own copies. Registration is not required, and there is no fee. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Simmons, UT Martin assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, at ext. 7412 (email: marks@utm.edu), or Sherry Adams at ext. 7402 (email: sadams@utm.edu).

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UT Martin campus. Fall enrollment indicates that first-time freshmen have an average 3.38 high school grade-point average, up from 3.37 in 2007, and an average ACT score of 22.40, up from 22.07 in 2007.

"Although enrollment growth is exciting, more important is the fact that this entering class is the most academically capable group of new students we have admitted," said Rakes.

Compared to last year's totals, UT Martin will have 405 more undergraduates and graduates for a 5.6 percent increase, and 113 additional dual-enrollment students, a 15.4 percent increase.

The enrollment growth trend follows the recent notification from The Princeton Review that named UT Martin a "Best Southeastern College" for 2009.

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Works Together, a movement to strengthen civic life in Minnesota. He also serves on the steering advisory committee of the University of Minnesota's Office of Public Engagement. For several months each year, Boyte resides in South Africa, where he is working with colleagues to analyze models of citizen democracy across Africa. Working with the Institute for Democracy in South Africa, he co-directed Lessons from the Field, an in-depth look at what has happened to South African democracy since the election of President Nelson Mandela in 1994. In the 1960s, Boyte worked for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as a field secretary with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the southern civil rights movement.

Prior to Boyte's speech, student leaders will meet from 2:30-3:45 p.m., in Room 206A, university center, to discuss which knowledge-acquisition and life-strategy values are right for the student culture at UT Martin (or for any university). The ideas generated from this discussion will be used in a Values Summit slated for Oct. 30. This Values Summit will draw from discussions with student leaders, administrators, faculty and community members. The summit will also be a celebration of the civic engagement work being done and a time to plan more projects.

Capping activities, a voter registration drive (co-sponsored by the SGA) is planned for Sept. 16-18, in the university center.

For more information, contact Dr. Mike McCullough, ADP director, at ext. 7325 or mccullou@utm.edu, or Dr. Heidi Huse, assistant professor of English, at ext. 7280 or hhuse@utm.edu.

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One-time bonus is topic of system message

Due to funds being set aside by the legislature, a one-time bonus will be paid on October 1, 2008, to employees who meet the eligibility guidelines below:

Regular employees in an active pay status on Oct. 1, 2008, with three or more years of eligible service will receive a one-time bonus based on the employee's percentage of appointment: 1%-25% will receive \$100, 26%-50% will receive \$200, 51%-75% will receive \$300 and 76%-100% will receive \$400.

The bonus payment will be issued by means of the employee's usual payment method - either by check or direct deposit - and is subject to federal income and Social Security withholding tax.

The bonus is included as compensation for retirement purposes, with the exception of university employees participating in federal retirement plans.

The bonus payment may be deferred through the Deferred Compensation Program using the same provisions as those for longevity pay. Forms are available at <http://www.tennessee.edu/retirement> and should be returned to the Office of Benefits and Retirement no later than Sept. 19. Contact the Office of Benefits and Retirement Services at 865-974-4341 or by e-mail at benefits@tennessee.edu with questions.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the bonus, contact a campus or institute human resources department. Human resources contact information, as well as all HR-related news and information, can be located online by going to <http://www.tennessee.edu/system> and clicking the human resources link.

Use our 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: UT Martin video and 30-second TV commercial. For details call the Office of University Relations, ext. 7615.

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