Schools and Students

Tennessee-Martin

A student from Blue Springs has been awarded a scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee-Martin for the 2016-17 academic year, according to Dr. James Mantooth, executive director, Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement.

Alexius Semone Thomas, of Blue Springs, daughter of Tina Saulsbury and Cedric Thomas, is a freshman. She received the Explorer Out-of-State Transfer Scholarship. UT-Martin is a four-year university located in northwest Tennessee and is part of the University of Tennessee system.

UT Martin Homecoming Week begins with Rope Pull Monday

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UT Martin Homecoming Week begins Monday afternoon at 4 with the Rope Pull by Pacer Pond.

UTM fraternities and sororities battle it out in rope pull, which is a tug of war, in a tournament that runs through Friday.

Monday’s fraternity Rope Pull events include Sigma Chi against Pi Kappa Alpha(Pikes) at 4:40 and Sigma Phi Epsilon(SigEp) versus Sigma Alpha Epsilon(SAE) at 5:10.

Sororities participating in Rope Pull are Alpha Delta Pi(ADPi), Alpha Omicron Pi(AOPi), Chi Omega, Zeta Alpha Tau, and Sigma Alpha.
UT Martin kicks off homecoming week

October 3, 2016

by Chelsea Ambriz

MARTIN, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee at Martin begins their homecoming traditions this week, kicking off their celebrations Monday afternoon.

"Go Skyhawks, beat Austin Peay," said student Grace Hassell.

"It's always a great day to be a Skyhawk," Keith Jones said.

Bleachers will soon be filled for a homecoming tradition that students and alumni look forward to all year, kicking off the first event of the week.

"I'm looking forward to rope pull. That's always exciting and fun to look at. Also, probably the step show after the game this weekend," Jones said.

Rope pull is one of the longest- and biggest-running traditions for UT Martin, according to Jared Anderson, associate director of annual giving for the Alumni Center.

"We have those pulls starting at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and so we've got pulls on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, so that goes all week," Anderson said.

"We're fighting against Chi Omega, which is holding the championship right now," Hassell said. "We're hoping to pull through with the win today so we can continue for the rest of the week."

Free events are available each day for students and alumni to attend leading up to the big game this weekend.

"One of the things I'm most excited about for homecoming week is to see all the alumni come back and give their support to the school as well as the activities on campus," Jones said. "And just seeing all the people come out and celebrate."

"My favorite thing about homecoming is just being able to be with my sorority every day and getting to support my sisters," Hassell said. "Although I'm not personally participating in anything I guess you could say, I'm on the pom squad so I'm just ready to cheer on AOII and everything this week."

Alumni are encouraged to come back to campus with their families and re-experience the traditions. The homecoming game against Austin Peay kicks off at 2 p.m. Saturday.
Mid-week UT Martin Homecoming Festivities

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Wednesday's UT Martin Homecoming festivities include Homecoming Queen Elections from 10 that morning until 6 at the University Center, and the Rope Pull by Pacer Pond at 4.

Rope Pull will take place once again on Thursday at 4 before the Championships begin Friday afternoon at 3:30.

Coming up Thursday night is the Womanless Beauty Revue presented by the Public Relations Student Society of America at 7 in Watkins Auditorium.

UTM Youth Machine Course

MARTIN — Parents of students in grades three through five can register their children for a course on simple and powered machines offered from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 15, on the main campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Students will work in teams of two or three as they use Legos to build and explore machines and mechanisms, investigate motorized machines, calibrate and capture wind, and study gearing mechanisms.

The registration fee for this course is $35. A limited number of kits are available, so registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

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UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame

Posted on October 3, 2016 by Derek Kelley in Local News, Local Sports

UT Martin’s Class of 2016 for the Athletics Hall of Fame includes four people who went above and beyond contributing to Skyhawk sports.

Athletic trainer Linda Barker, former soccer player Katie Behrens, former football player Don Chapman, and former tennis player Amy Goff Waldron will be enshrined at the 33rd Annual Letter Winner’s Breakfast Saturday morning October 8 at 7:30 in the Student Life Center.

This year’s inductees will be recognized during halftime of UTM’s homecoming game against Austin Peay, which begins at 2 that afternoon.

Four Named for UTM Athletics “Hall of Fame”

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During the 33rd annual “Letter Winner’s Breakfast” at the Student Life Center, athletic trainer Linda Barker, football player Don Chapman, soccer player Katie Behrens and tennis player Amy Goff Waldron will be enshrined in the Hall.

Ms. Barker was a native of Binghampton, New York, and served as athletic trainer for two decades.

Ms. Behrens is the only Skyhawk in school soccer history to earn All-OVC accolades in all four seasons, and one of five players in school history to earn an All-OVC first team selection twice in a career.

Chapman is a native of Marietta, Georgia and rushed for over 1,000 yards in all four seasons, becoming the only Ohio Valley Conference player to ever accomplish the feat.

He was also named All-American during the 2006 season in which the Skyhawks won the OVC Championship.

Ms. Waldron was the first UT-Martin tennis player to receive All-OVC honors in her four years of play.

Her play helped the Skyhawks to win their first two OVC Championships in 1994 and 1995.

The Hall of Fame ceremony will take place Saturday morning at 8:00 as part of Homecoming Week on campus.
Philippine native adjusts to Tennessee

Adrian De Sagon has lived in Martin for the past six years, but he wasn’t always as comfortable in rural Tennessee as he is now.

De Sagon is originally from the Philippines, and he immigrated to the United States after graduating from high school.

“I grew up in a big city, so it was a little bit of a shock whenever I (came) here, since Martin is a small town with farmland everywhere,” he said. Now, as a junior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, he is taking advantage of opportunities to see even more cultural differences.

De Sagon, an international studies major with a Japanese minor, joined a group of fellow UT Martin students for a travel-study to Japan this past May. The 10-day trip included tours of Tokyo and other tourist locations, as well as interaction with students and faculty at Hirosaki University.

UT Martin serves as Hirosaki University’s partner school, and exchange students visit both institutions on a regular basis.

De Sagon was most impressed with the country’s history and is excited to have seen some of the sites he has studied.

“It was actually more than what I expected. When you see something (on) the television, it’s not the same as when you are there experiencing it yourself,” he said. “It’s a blend of history and the modern Japan. It was really amazing.”

While he is already bilingual, De Sagon hopes adding Japanese as a third language will help him find a job in international affairs.

“I really want to travel, so hopefully (I will find) a job in the (U.S.) state department ... or, if not here, then something in the foreign service back in the Philippines,” he said.

He encourages his fellow students to take advantage of travel-study options while in college, especially since the cost of travel is often lower with an educational group.

De Sagon also stresses the importance of being exposed to different cultures.

“When you’re in an area, you think the country that you live in is what the world looks like, but it really isn’t. You’re just stuck in that one box. It’s really good to see the other side of the world and other people’s perspectives,” he said.

De Sagon knows first-hand the impact of learning a new culture, and says the experience is worth it in the end.

He plans to graduate in May 2018 with a bachelor’s degree in international studies.

For more information on UT Martin’s international studies program or travel-study options, contact the Center for International Education at 731-881-1023.
Course to be offered at UTM

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NEW AGENT — Tim Corcoran is a new agent with Martin Realty Company. After completing the necessary courses and passing the state licensing exam, he is ready to serve you in your real estate needs. Corcoran is an Ohio native who, after completing a tour in Afghanistan with the United States Marine Corps, moved to Martin to attend UTM. He graduated this past spring with a degree in business management. “During my time here I have grown to be quite fond of this town and all the great people here. I have been fortunate to have met a profusion of great individuals, and I am looking forward to continuing that experience,” Corcoran said. “I am excited to work with you in the future. Please keep me in mind if you, or someone you know, is interested in buying or selling a home.”
HER MOMENT OF GLORY — Kourtney Lofaro, a senior at Westview, was honored as football homecoming queen Friday night.

Lofaro honored at homecoming

By LINDA THURSTON
Press Editor

According to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, cerebral palsy is considered a neurological disorder caused by a non-progressive brain injury or malformation that occurs while the child’s brain is under development. Cerebral palsy primarily affects body movement and muscle coordination. Though cerebral palsy can be defined, having cerebral palsy does not define the person that has the condition, the foundation says.

Someone at the foundation must have met Kourtney Lofaro.

Kourtney, a senior at Westview, walked out onto the field at Hardy Graham Stadium on Friday night wearing a crown that signified her election as football homecoming queen.

Disability does not define her.

As a child, Kourtney couldn’t walk without the help of crutches or braces. In fact, she was often confined to a wheelchair.

But after what her father describes as “lots of surgery,” by the age of 9 she was able to walk unassisted.

And her example, overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles and never complaining, is what has earned her three honors as a high school senior.

She was named senior maid, was elected homecoming queen by 80 percent of the student body and elected football homecoming queen unanimously. She is the first student in the history of the school to earn all three honors.

“We’re so proud of Kourtney because she’s such an inspiration to her fellow students,” her mother said. “It’s such a testament.”

Kourtney is the daughter of Joe and Susan Lofaro of Martin. Joe, now disabled, is the former sports information director for the University of Tennessee at Martin. Susan worked at Weakley County Motors before realizing that Kourtney needed her full-time attention.

Kourtney will graduate with a 3.5 grade point average, and her father is especially proud that she got an “A” in geometry this year.

“She doesn’t like math,” he admits, so earning that “A” is just another sign of her determination to succeed.

Next year she plans to attend Dyersburg

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State Community College. Because she had the help of teacher’s aides throughout her elementary and high school years, she hopes to become a teacher’s aide, or perhaps even a teacher.

In either case, she’ll have much to teach her future students.

“The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will,” Vince Lombardi once said.

Kourtney Lofaro is the personification of will.
CLASS OF 1966 RETURNS – Members of the University of Tennessee-Martin Branch class of 1966 returned to campus Sept. 24 to celebrate their golden class reunion. Attendees were able to tour the UT Martin campus and watch the Skyhawks face Tennessee Tech from the new academic/press box building at Graham Stadium. UTMB officially became the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1967. Pictured in the Dungan Alumni Center are (back row, from left) Nancy Adams Jones of Murray, Ky.; Jerry Carpenter of Martin; Ronnie Armstrong of Savannah; Paul Blount of Savannah; Dr. Jim Byford of Martin; Dr. David Pitts of Martin; Sam Nailling of Union City; and Clare Nell Chandler Breen of Decatur; (front row) Gail Sykes Blair of Alcoa; Janet Dowdy Daugherty of Fairview; Carol Warmbrod Avens of Germantown; Sandra Carney of Nashville; Ida Bonner Newman of Lexington; Jerrie Conley of Martin; Eileen Mitchell Lowery of Williamsburg, Va.; and Emily Pyron Martin of Cornersville.

FALL PREVIEW DAY – Emily Fowler, Bailey Wisener and Gabbie Nutting, all seniors at Westview High School, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Fall Preview Day on Sept. 24. This event is held to inform prospective students about academic programs, financial aid, scholarships, housing and student life at UT Martin. Pictured are (from left) Linda Fowler, Kelli Wisener; Emily Fowler; Bailey Wisener; Gabbie Nutting and Pattie Nutting. Fall Preview Days will also be held Oct. 29 and Nov. 12. For more information about UT Martin or to schedule a campus tour, visit utm.edu/advantage.
WARMING UP ON A COOL DAY – Alumni and members of the equestrian team at the University of Tennessee at Martin warm up horses before the equestrian event on Thursday. Pictured are (from left) Emily Holder, Jordan Elmore of Hillsboro, Ohio, and Kenzie Perry. Behind Elmore are members of the Auburn team.

Photo by Linda Thurston

RETIREES HONORED – Retired UT Martin faculty and staff were honored during the annual Retired Faculty and Administrative Staff Dinner held Sept. 27 in the Duncan Ballroom. Recent and longtime retirees were hosted by the chancellor’s staff and college deans. The event included a university update from Dr. Bob Smith, interim chancellor. Pictured are recent retirees who received additional recognition: (back row, from left) Vachik Lazarian, Office of International Programs and International Admissions; and Dr. Jimmy Butler, Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources. Chancellor Smith is pictured with the group; (front row) Dr. Sue Byrd, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences; Kristy Crawford, Office of Education Graduate Studies; and Nancy Yarbrough, Division of Finance and Administration.
Former UT Martin employee Dr. Keith Carver expects appointment as UTM chancellor next week

Posted on October 5, 2016 by Derek Kelley in Local News

Dr. Keith Carver, a former UT Martin employee, is expected to be appointed UTM’s new chancellor next week during the University of Tennessee’s Board of Trustees meeting in Knoxville October 13-14.

Dr. Carver served as assistant vice chancellor for development at UTM from 2006-2010 and was recently recommended to be UTM’s next chancellor by UT President Joe DiPietro last month. This is the final process before Carver becomes acting chancellor.

The appointment and compensation of the next UTM chancellor is on the agenda of the Board of Trustees meeting.

UT Martin Named one of America's 100 Best College Buys

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Written by Noland Cook, Director

MARTIN, TN (KFVS) - The University of Tennessee at Martin has been named on "America’s 100 Best College Buys," compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc., for the 11th consecutive year. UT Martin is one of four institutions listed from Tennessee.

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In order to be named to the list, the school must be an accredited, four-year institution offering bachelor's degrees and full residential facilities, including residence halls and dining services.

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3 alumni to be recognized at UTM homecoming

Three people have been chosen to receive alumni awards during homecoming festivities this weekend at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin interim chancellor, will present the awards during the Chancellor’s Brunch and Awards Program in the Paul Meek Library, slated to begin at 9:30.

The individual awards are as follows:

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Murphy also served as grand marshal of the 20th annual Tennessee Soybean Festival parade in 2014.

For more information about the awards or UT Martin’s homecoming, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (731) 881-7610 or email at alumni@utm.edu.
Soybean board funds research

The Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board recently awarded the University of Tennessee at Martin three grants—totaling more than $34,000—to support faculty research projects.

Grant recipients were Drs. Barbara Darroch, Paula Gale and Sandy Mehlhorn, all from the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources.

Dr. Darroch will conduct a project titled “The Effect of Planting and Maturity Group on Plant Development and Yield of Soybeans” to evaluate the effect of seeding date on representative soybean cultivars from different soybean maturity groups.

A replicated field trial will look at early and late seeding dates, similar to standard seeding dates used by farmers when planting soybeans after no winter cover crop or after wheat has been harvested in late spring or early summer.

Dr. Gale’s project, “Measuring Water Dynamics in Soybean Production Systems: A Student Learning Opportunity,” involves measuring percolation and infiltration of water in soybean production systems under a variety of winter cover crops. This project is student-centered and will provide a full spectrum of research experiences, from experimental design to data interpretation and presentation.

“Project RTOT: Enhancing Unmanned Aerial System-based Precision Agriculture Education by Integrating Research, Teaching and Outreach in Tennessee,” conducted by Dr. Mehlhorn, takes a three-fold approach to integrate research, teaching and outreach based on a collaborative effort between UT Martin and Middle Tennessee State University. The theme is to enhance unmanned aerial system-based precision agriculture. This initiative benefits producers, agronomists and economists through UAS-centered remote sensing research within different cropping systems; helps students and faculty members through instrument acquisition and teaching enhancement; and improves public understanding and awareness of UAS-based technology through outreach activities.

UTM sets Homecoming

The University of Tennessee at Martin will host its annual homecoming week festivities Oct. 3-9, featuring the homecoming football game against Austin Peay State University at 2 p.m., Oct. 8, in Hardy M. Graham Stadium. This year’s activities focus on the theme “Superheroes.”

Saturday, Oct. 8, is the busiest day of homecoming week and begins with the Letterwinners’ Breakfast and Athletics Hall of Fame inductions at 7:30 a.m. in the Student Life Center. The Chancellor’s Brunch and Awards Program will follow at 9:30 in the Paul Meek Library.

Quad City will open at 10:30 and feature a variety of tents and activities, including the “Ivy Tower of Power” sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Alumni Relations. Quad City traditionally includes special events such as a petting zoo and pet show, as well as the football team’s “Skyhawk Walk” at 11.

Quad City will end with the start of the football game at 2 p.m. in Hardy M. Graham Stadium. Football tickets can be purchased in advance or at the gate. Chair seats are $20 each, reserved bench back seats are $18 each and general admission is $15 per person. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets for $12 each in advance. UT Martin students with valid student IDs may enter free of charge.
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UT board to appoint UTM chancellor

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees will meet Oct. 13-14 on the UT Institute of Agriculture campus in Knoxville. The meeting of the full board will begin at 1 p.m. (EDT), Oct. 14 in Hollingsworth Auditorium and will be webcast live and archived for later viewing. A link to the webcast will be available at tennessee.edu.

Among the topics of discussion will be the appointment of a new chancellor for the University of Tennessee at Martin. Items on the full board agenda include:

• FY 2016-17 performance goals under the performance incentive payment plan for university officers
• Limited duration appointment and compensation of an executive vice president and chief operating officer
• Appointment and compensation of the UT Martin chancellor
• Appointment and compensation of the chief financial officer

Various committees and subcommittees will convene on both days of meetings, and all sessions will be held in Hollingsworth Auditorium. New subcommittees will meet to discuss their functions and anticipated meeting schedules. One subcommittee will have a public rulemaking hearing on the proposed UT Knoxville student code of conduct.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, Oct. 13

• 8:30 a.m. - Subcommittee on Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities/Public Rulemaking Hearing on proposed UT Knoxville Student Code of Conduct
• 10:15 – Subcommittee on Community and Alumni Relations
• 11 – Subcommittee on Nonacademic Programs
• 11:45 – Subcommittee on Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid
• 1:15 p.m. – University Life Committee
• 2 – Advancement and Public Affairs Committee (Members of the public have requested to speak on past and future salary increases and on the outsourcing of facilities services.)
• 3:15 – Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee

Friday, Oct. 14

• 8 a.m. – Executive and Compensation Committee
• 9 – Subcommittee on Efficiency and Cost Savings
• 9:15 – Finance and Administration Committee
• 11 – Athletics Committee (compliance education program for trustees)
• 1 p.m. – Full board meeting

The full agenda and materials for all meetings will be posted at trustees.tennessee.edu.

Anyone with a disability who wishes to attend this meeting may contact the individuals listed below to request auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate attendance.

Contact may be made in person, by writing, by email, by telephone or otherwise and should be received no later than 5 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, Oct. 5.

The University of Tennessee System distributes this notice to all faculty and staff as part of its compliance with the adequate public notice requirement of state open meetings law.

For more information, contact Gina Stafford, UT Office of Communications and Marketing, at 865-974-0741 or by email at stafford@tennessee.edu.
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Senior Night Held at Bethel

MCKENZIE (October 4) — Approximately 100 high schools seniors from the five special school districts in Carroll County had the opportunity to visit with representatives of post-secondary educational programs. Students and their parents heard about opportunities for scholarships, and visited with representatives of colleges and universities, the National Guard, art schools, technical schools, and cosmetology schools.

Universities throughout Tennessee were in attendance and had booths set up in the Crisp Arena. Bethel Enrollment Services helped students complete the all-important FAFSA government financial aid documents, which is necessary to obtain scholarships from many universities and post-secondary schools.

LOCAL STUDENT EXPERIENCES SCIENCE — Avery Blackmon of Medina, is shown assembling a mousetrap-powered vehicle during the first of four STEM Camp Saturdays at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The first camp, held Sept. 24, introduced 12 area students to science, technology, mathematics and physics through a variety of hands-on activities. Blackmon is shown working with Darian Harris, a UT Martin student assistant. STEM Camp Saturdays will also be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 22, Nov. 19 and Dec. 10, on UT Martin’s main campus. The camp is open to students in grades five through eight. The registration fee is $25 per session, and financial assistance is available for eligible students. For more information or to register, visit utm.edu/connect and select non-degree programs, or contact the UT Martin Office of Educational Outreach at 731-881-7082.
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Children's course to utilize LEGOos

Parents of students in grades 3-5 can register their children for a course on simple and powered machines to be offered Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon on the main campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Students will work in teams of two or three as they use LEGOos to build and explore machines and mechanisms, investigate motorized machines, calibrate and capture wind and study gearing mechanisms.

The registration fee for this course is $35. A limited number of kits are available, so registration is on a first-come, first served basis.

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ATTEND RECEPTION — Rachel Dunn (right), a student at Obion County Central High School, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin's Parent and Family Reception recently in the Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center. This event was held to give parents the opportunity to have all their questions answered in one setting. Miss Dunn was joined by her mother, Dasha Dunn.
FAMILY VISIT — Dylan Armstrong (center), a student at Obion County Central High School, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin's recent Parent and Family Reception in the Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center. This event was held to give parents the opportunity to have all their questions answered in one setting. He was accompanied by his parents, John and Jhelia Waddell.

AT UT MARTIN — Union City High School student Amber Weaks recently attended the University of Tennessee at Martin's Parent and Family Reception in the Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center. Parents had the opportunity to have all their questions answered in one setting during the event. Miss Weaks was joined by her father, Kevin Weaks of Union City.
WestStar applications due October 14

Applications are now being accepted to participate in the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program's class of 2017. The program is the largest and oldest regional leadership development program in Tennessee and boasts 768 graduates in its 27-year history.

The WestStar program consists of eight specially designed seminar programs addressing issues important to West Tennessee's development. Each seminar takes place over one-and-a-half days. The program begins December 13 and ends June 20, 2017.

The WestStar mission is to identify, encourage and equip community-minded people who want to become more involved, help West Tennessee become a better place and accept assertive leadership roles. For additional information or to apply, contact the WestStar Leadership Program at 731-881-7298 or visit www.utm.edu/departments/weststar/.

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VISIT UTM – Billy Gibson (center), a student at Peabody High School, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin's Parent and Family Reception on October 3 in the Duncan Ballroom of the Boling University Center. This event is held to give parents the opportunity to have all their questions answered in one setting. Gibson is pictured with his girlfriend, Megan Goodrich, and mother, Sandy Gibson. For more information about UT Martin or to schedule a campus tour, visit utm.edu/advantage.
UTM Fall Preview Days Oct. 29, Nov. 12

High school students and their families are invited to attend a special fall Preview Day, set aside to provide students an opportunity to speak with academic advisors, financial counselors and other campus resources at the University of Tennessee at Martin Oct. 29 and Nov. 12. Check in each day is at 9 a.m., followed by an official welcome at 9:30 a.m. A panel of current UTM students will answer questions at 10 a.m. and participants may visit academic departments beginning at 10:45 a.m., with full campus tours beginning at 11:30 a.m.

There is no charge to attend but pre-registration is encouraged, online at utm.edu/preview or for further information, contact the UTM Office of Undergraduate Admissions, 731-881-7020 or email admitme@utm.edu.

UTM Senior Day asset to SFHS Class of 2017

(Editor’s Note: The following was submitted by South Fulton High School student Karman Winters)

Michelle Johnson, the new guidance counselor at South Fulton High School, recently took the senior class to the University of Tennessee at Martin for their annual senior day.

Senior year is very exciting, but reality set in for our students when they walked into the UTM ballroom to speak to different colleges and TCAT schools. Students began the day by loading the bus with their friends to spend a day out of school. As students began streaming into the ballroom, it suddenly became real. Seniors from across the area came together to begin looking at both local and state schools.

Many students hadn’t even begun to look at schools until this point. Students were able to eat on campus before they came back to school. This was a fun and educational day for all the students and the chaperones.

BROCK ATTENDS FAMILY RECEPTION:

Lindley Brock (right), a student at Dyer County High School, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin's Parent and Family Reception on Oct. 3 in the Duncan Ballroom of the Boling University Center. This event is held to give parents the opportunity to have all their questions answered in one setting. Brock is pictured with her mother, Dana Wilson. For more information about UT Martin or to schedule a campus tour, visit utm.edu/advantage.
MARTIN – Emily Lacy, of Dyersburg, jumped at the opportunity to leave the United States for the first time and tour four countries in Europe, but she didn’t just go for herself. She went for her future students.

During the spring 2016 semester, Lacy, a junior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, enrolled in a course studying World War I and its effects over the past 100 years. This course included a 10-day travel-study experience to Ireland, London, Belgium and France to see first-hand a few sites of the war and participate in various centennial celebrations being held across Europe.

For Lacy, standing on the battlefields described in her history books was a profound experience.

“Even if you read about it, you don’t get the full impact of how those countries and those citizens’ lives were affected because it wasn’t like that here. When you go and you actually get to see all these cemeteries ... there’s thousands of people from countries everywhere buried in every single one of the countries we visited,” she said.

One of her favorite stops was a visit to the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium, where local citizens have observed the Last Post Ceremony each night since the 1920s. “The citizens come out every night at 8 p.m. in that little city, and they have a moment of silence. Sometimes they have a band play or a church choir sing in respect to the lives lost in the war. It’s an incredible experience,” Lacy said. (The ceremony was observed at a military cemetery in England during the Nazi occupation of Ypres in World War II until the city was liberated by Allied forces.)

The memories she made and the pictures she took aren’t just for her benefit, however.

Lacy tours Europe, hopes to connect students with history

Lacy, an elementary education major, hopes to one day pass her memories on to her students and bring these countries and their people to life for a new generation.

“When I teach about (these countries), it won’t just be textbook history. It will be something that I’ve seen and something that I can bring ... into the classroom and bring it to life,” she said. “If you just read it out of the textbook, you might remember it, but you’re not going to have a connection to it. But if your teacher has a connection, and she brings that to life for you, it’s a more authentic experience.”

Lacy, who has always wanted to travel, believes the university trip was less stressful than if she had tried to visit these countries on her own.

“This trip was planned for you; you didn’t have to worry about anything. You just went and enjoyed yourself,” she said. “It’s something I never thought I’d be able to do on my own. ... The Imperial War Museum (in London) was out of the way, so I don’t think I ever would have known to go there if I hadn’t been with (the trip).”

She urges her fellow students to take advantage of travel opportunities while in college, as the trips planned are unique experiences rarely found anywhere else.

“It’s worth it. It’s worth every penny; it’s worth every minute. If you’re even slightly considering going on a travel-study, it’s all planned out for you. It’s all there. You just have to pack a bag and go,” she said. “There will be another experience just handed to you for you to take, so take it and run with it.”

For more information on travel-study and study abroad opportunities through UT Martin, contact the Center for International Education at 731-881-1023.
CHILDRESS ATTENDS UT MARTIN PARENT AND FAMILY RECEPTION:

Olivia Childress (center), a senior at Dyer County High School, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Parent and Family Reception on Oct. 3 in the Duncan Ballroom of the Boling University Center. This event is held to give parents the opportunity to have all their questions answered in one setting. Childress is pictured with her parents, Tracy and Wally Childress. For more information about UT Martin or to schedule a campus tour, visit utm.edu/advantage <http://utm.edu/advantage>.
UTM Faculty Members Receive Awards

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The centers were designed by Montgomery, Shelton and Davis and led by Davis and a group of student volunteers from the UT Martin Department of Chemistry and Physics. Topics included the periodic table, the chemistry of candy, light and sound, bubbles, women in science, the Nobel Prize, and mass and measurements.

Pictured with the ChemLuminary awards are (l-r) Dr. Robbie Montgomery, Dr. Phil Davis and Dr. Abigail Shelton, faculty members in the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Chemistry and Physics.

2016-2017 Kiwanis Officers Installed

Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor John Fry of Union City installed newly-elected officers of the Martin Kiwanis Club on October 5. Pictured left to right are Anita Bell, past-president; Jim Clark, president; Vickie Hazlewood, president-elect; Clinton Smith, secretary; Anna Clark, assistant secretary, and Steve Lemond, treasurer. Not pictured are David Spencer, assistant secretary, and Christie Ricketts, vice president.
UT Martin Somerville Student Takes Flight in Agricultural Business

Fall semester is in full swing and Danielle Ables is a student that is striving hard and making UT Martin Somerville proud. Danielle is the daughter of Melissa Graham and Glenn Rogers. She is originally from Mississippi, but is now living right here in Somerville.

This past summer Danielle walked into the Somerville City Hall and decided that it was time to take control of her life and enroll into some college classes. She decided to enroll at UT Martin Somerville because she had visited the UTM campus a few months back and really enjoyed it, but college away from home was out of the question. "I knew I had found my spot when I walked into Mrs. Tapp's office. She greeted me with a smile and began to encourage me at that moment and told me I could do it," said Danielle.

During Danielle's first class at the Somerville Career Center, she walked into her Intro to Agriculture class with Professor Walter Battle. Danielle went on to say, "He made the class worthwhile. He has made learning about cotton, corn, soybeans, and wheat fun. He would even call me after class to make sure I understood everything."

After her first day of class, she noticed a flyer about FedEx looking for people to work in the hub late in the fall semester. Danielle Ables

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evenings. She decided to meet the FedEx bus that early August morning and go down to Memphis to learn more about the hub. When she walked out that afternoon, she had a job. "I was so excited that FedEx wanted me to work in the hub. Working in the hub meant I would get health benefits, tuition reimbursement, and they would even pick me up in Somerville and bring me back," said Danielle. "I was able to work because even though I am taking 16 college credit hours, it didn't hinder me because of the way the center does the class schedule, it worked perfectly for me."

"I have met so many new friends since I started at UT Martin Somerville. We are all freshman and we have the majority of all of our classes together. I now have college friends that I can talk to about class and have study sessions with," stated Danielle. "I believe I am receiving a better college experience than I would have if I had gone to main campus. At the Somerville Center I am not seen as another student ID, but as a person. When I need anything at all, I can pick up the phone and send a quick text or make a quick call and get my question answered right then."

Danielle summed it by saying, "I am so glad I am an Agriculture Business major as I have discovered personally that FedEx even ships chickens!"

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Somerville Approves Lagoon Bid at Workshop; Gets Update on UT Martin Somerville Plans

The Town of Somerville Board of Mayor and Aldermen held a committee meeting on Tuesday, October 4th. CDBG Grant

The board was told that two re-bids were opened today on the CDBG project on the Arlington lagoon and Somerville's lagoon. Ronald Franks Construction was the low bidder at $249,761.88. The Somerville portion is $113,988 and $135,773.88 for Fayette County's portion. This was sent on to the full board meeting next week.

Update on UT Martin

The board received an update on the UT Martin Somerville center's design from architect Ellen Wadley. She said there have been minor changes on the plan and minor changes on the schedule. The plan is to finish the drawings this month and advertise for a couple of weeks. November 10th they would receive bids and present them to the board on November 14th. Then they can give notice to the contractor the next day and start construction.

Finance

The board reviewed their financial reports. City administrator Bob Turner went over some of their capital projects. They have budgeted two new police vehicles. They are waiting on bids for a 2017 truck for the fire department. Turner said we are still waiting on AT&T on the cemetery road project. In the next two weeks they are to move their lines to the other telephone poles and eliminating the old poles.

Planning Director Blake Walley spoke about the TML safety grant which is a 50% match for safety equipment having to do with GPS tracking and driver safety schools. We decided to go with safety tracking with the officers and the cars.

Police Chief David Webb stated from an officer's safety standpoint, it allows us to have a record of where they have been and would protect the officer from false allegations. This is strictly GPS. The grant is $250k, with a $2500 match. This will go to the full board.

Turner asked do we want to open a special checking account for receiving and distributing funds for UT Martin Somerville. Right now any funds go into the general fund. Mayor Ronnie Neill asked him to check with the auditor to get his opinion.

Marketing & Business

The board discussed the park at the old Morris Clinic building. The lot is a little over two-tenths of an acre. Turner came up with a plan to hold 15 parking spaces with some green space.

He also drew up another plan with a bandstand in the back corner, some green space, and 12 parking spots. Alderperson Sandra Myers commented I don't think there would be enough room for seating with the bandstand there unless we block off some of the street.

The board decided to keep looking at their options. It was also mentioned that the rose bushes around the square need to be trimmed back.

Public Safety

The fire department had 87 total calls for September, with 60 inside the city and 27 in the county. Neill asked what is the status of the EMT training for the firefighters. Turner said they all are enrolled in school and taking the classes. It takes about a year to be trained.

Alderman Jason Hamilton asked what if someone from the sewer department wanted to go, would they be allowed to go or is it only for police or fire. Turner said I don't know if EMT is related to the sewer job. We pay for them to go to school for sewer related and water related issues.

For September the police department had 428 calls for service, 69 incident reports, 23 arrests, 288 traffic stops, and 181 citations. Hamilton asked Chief Webb how is the crime in the city, is it at a very minimum. It is being maintained, right, and Webb said correct.

Mayor Neill asked what happened to our reports on the court fine collections. Turner said we found we were doing better than most municipalities were but he will get the report together again.

Public Works

They went over the public works report for September. Turner went over the plans for the Gas Reliability Phase 4 project. He said we need to replace two odorant machines, replace some gas valves that are original from 1955, and a large meter needs to be replaced and a bypass valve placed there.

He said there are other items to look at, such as replacing some pressure gauges and 2 bypass valves. This all depends on approval of the full board.

Entrance Signs

Blake Walley said he has sent out several designs, asking for feedback, and has received six back so far. We need to come to an agreement on what style the board wants for the city signs and how many we want to put up.
Somerville Planning Director Blake Walley and Aldermen Mike French and Sandra Myers at last week's workshop.

Halls resident takes part in UTM Homecoming event

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Kaleidoscope: A Diversity of Dance at Capitol Theatre

The University of Tennessee at Martin Dance Ensemble will present their fall showcase and workshop, “Kaleidoscope: A Diversity of Dance,” at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 21-22, at the Capitol Theatre in Union City. The program is offered in conjunction with the Masquerade Theatre Program. This showcase includes student choreography as well as work created by Sarah McCormick, associate professor of dance. Area dance students will join the ensemble to present a variety of performances. Admission is $10 for adults over 12 years of age and $5 for students. Children under 12 are admitted free of charge.

The Capitol Theatre is located at 118 First St. in Union City.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7400.

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For more information on the program, contact Shelton at 731-881-7462 or by email at ashel18@utm.edu.

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NATIONAL RECOGNITION — Pictured with the ChemLuminary awards are (from left) Dr. Robbie Montgomery, Dr. Phil Davis and Dr. Abigail Shelton, faculty members in the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Chemistry and Physics.
PARENT AND FAMILY RECEPTION - Angela Barr (right), a student at Westview High School, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin's Parent and Family Reception recently in the Duncan Ballroom of the Boling University Center. This event is held to give parents the opportunity to have all their questions answered in one setting. She is pictured with Althea Barr. For more information about UT Martin or to schedule a campus tour, visit utm.edu/advantage.

PARENT AND FAMILY RECEPTION - Avery Blanchard (right), a student at Westview High School, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin's Parent and Family Reception recently in the Duncan Ballroom of the Boling University Center. This event is held to give parents the opportunity to have all their questions answered in one setting. Blanchard is pictured with her father, Dr. Tom Blanchard, UT Martin professor of biological sciences. For more information about UT Martin or to schedule a campus tour, visit utm.edu/advantage.

PARENT AND FAMILY RECEPTION - Malori Shelton (center, right), a student at Greenfield High School, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin's Parent and Family Reception recently in the Duncan Ballroom of the Boling University Center. This event is held to give parents the opportunity to have all their questions answered in one setting. Shelton is pictured with family members (l-r) Maura, Laura and Jamion Shelton.
CREATIVE ENGINEERING — Alyssa Brooks of Martin is shown assembling a mousetrap-powered vehicle during the first of four STEM Camp Saturdays at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Brooks is shown with (back, from left) UT Martin student assistant Lawson Mann and fellow campers Anna Claire Gallien, Sarah Beth McCaleb and Jacob Riley, all of Martin.

Three more camps offered

Local students graduate from STEMulation Saturday camp

Twelve students in grades five through eight attended the first of four STEMulation Saturday Camps, Sept. 16, on the main campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Parents can still register their children for three remaining camps offered from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 22, Nov. 19 and Dec. 10.

The STEMulation Saturday Camps, sponsored by the Northwest Tennessee STEM Innovation Hub, give students the opportunity to work through a series of hands-on STEM-based activities both individually and in teams.

All activities are aligned with National Science Teacher Association academic standards and include egg drop vehicle construction, T-Bot II hydraulic arm, mousetrap vehicle construction, EZ Build dragsters and LabQuest activities.

During the Vernier LabQuest Activity, students use analytical equipment to investigate how adding a solute to a solvent affects its freezing point. Students can also apply potential and kinetic energy by building and racing mousetrap-powered vehicles.

The registration fee for this camp is $25 per session, and financial assistance is available for eligible students.

Teachers or parents can contact Debbie Mount, UT Martin Office of Educational Outreach, for more information regarding qualifications.

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Student organizations built superhero-themed can sculptures with donated goods, which were later taken to We Care Ministries in Martin.

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Pictured during Quad City are (from left) Garrett Cote ('14) of Clarksville, Mary Wiggins ('11) of Martin and Emily Ann Sparks ('08), of Union City.

Pictured during Quad City at the petting zoo are (from left) Austin Duran of Memphis, Winston Bee Sr. of Piperton, Mohammed Alyousef of Saudi Arabia and Austin Merrill of Greenbrier.
Pictured during Quad City are Mayor Jake ('06) and Alyssa ('09) Bynum with their children, Nash and Ella.
HOME COMING FESTIVITIES — Homecoming at the University of Tennessee at Martin draws not only current students, but alumni and students' relatives. Above, members of Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity compete in the traditional Rope Pull events. At left, Bibi Soliman, of Nashville, was crowned homecoming queen, and Paulina Castro (below) of Martin was named to the homecoming court. Soliman represented Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Castro is the daughter of Victor (left) and Laura Castro. Quad City opened Saturday at 10:30 and featured a variety of tents and activities, including the "Ivory Tower of Power" sponsored by the UT Martin Office of Alumni Relations. Quad City traditionally includes special events such as a petting zoo and pet show, as well as the football team's "Skyhawk Walk" at 11. See more homecoming photos on Page 15.
Members of Alpha Phi Alpha compete in the National Panhellenic Council Step Show on Saturday night.

David Murphy (left), owner of Murphy Funeral Home and Florist, Inc.; Dr. Karoline Pershell (center, left), director of research and strategy for Zenti and Service Robotics & Technologies; and Bobby Goode (right), state director for USDA Rural Development for Tennessee, received alumni awards from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the university's homecoming festivities Oct. 8. Murphy received the Chancellor's Award for University Service; Pershell received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award; and Goode received the Outstanding Alumni Award. They are pictured with Dr. Bob Smith (center, right), UT Martin interim chancellor.
Future Vet

KAMRYN GITCHELL, of Ripley, hopes to attend veterinary school after graduation. In the meantime, she's gaining experience on the opposite side of veterinary health – research.

"I feel like working in a vet clinic, you mostly get the treatment side, but working at NEOTECH, I feel like the most important thing is the prevention of all the things you see in a vet clinic," said Gitchell, a junior at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

NEOTECH, LLC, is a vaccine production company in Dresden that produces the nation’s most effective vaccine against canine parvovirus, a highly fatal gastrointestinal disease often seen in puppies.

"I do a little bit of everything. I help them fill the vaccine, crimp it – which is putting the seal on it – and then I help them label it and package it," Gitchell said. "You learn about vaccines in class, but getting to be there and get the hands-on experience and have them explain it to me, I feel like I soak it in more."

Having an internship or job before graduation is essential in the animal science field, especially for vet-school hopefuls. Applicants to veterinary schools are required to show proof of 500 or more hours of professional experience, whether in a clinic, research laboratory or other setting. However, Gitchell points out the value of internships for students in all career fields.

"It gives you a network of relationships," she said. "I know that even if I don't work at NEOTECH in the future, I could come back and Dr. Ben Hatler could probably find me something else. ... I feel like you get an advantage when you do an internship before you get a job because when someone is looking at resumes, they're going to pick the person who has more experience over the person without experience."

Gitchell plans to graduate in May 2018 and attend the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine to specialize in livestock reproduction and embryology.

UT-M Homecoming

CAMERON MOORE, right, of Halls, along with Austin Cox and Marilyn Mendoza, both of Lewisburg, and Felicity Sinc, of Fayetteville, joined in homecoming festivities at the University of Tennessee at Martin. They are pictured during the superhero-themed homecoming week October 3rd through the 7th, ending with the traditional Quad City festivities and homecoming football game October 8th. The Skyhawks emerged victorious over the Austin Peay State University Governors with a final score of 45-31.
Bates initially decided to return to college after her daughter, Stephanie, received her degree and made plans to open a community center near the family home in Ripley. Bates, always interested in serving others, decided to pursue a social work degree and work alongside Stephanie at the new center.

“I wanted to utilize what they have in this community,” Bates said, referring to the UT Martin Ripley Center. “I was close to home so there were some of my fears eliminated.”

Bates eventually changed from a social work major to an interdisciplinary studies degree in order to balance her demanding school schedule with home life and family responsibilities. But even the change in focus didn’t deter her from putting her best into each subject, and her efforts have not gone unnoticed.

“I remember the first time my grandchildren came by the (UT Martin) Ripley Center, and they saw my picture up high. My granddaughter shared with me that she was so proud of me,” said Bates. All but one of her children have decided to return to school as well, and Bates hopes to have the whole family in college soon.

“It was challenging, it is challenging, because of my lifestyle and the things I’ve gone through … but when I put it all together and count it all up, I am who I am and I can make things better for myself,” she said.

There have been times when family responsibilities threatened to pull Bates from the classroom, however. Her mother passed away in January of this year, and Bates considered dropping out at that point. However, her mother had other plans for her.

“On her dying day, she called me to the bed, and she shared with me, ‘Jeanette, whatever happens, I’m not gonna quit. You promise me that you won’t quit either,’” she said.

Now, at the age of 63, she is nearing the finish line.

“When I get that paper in December, I’m gonna walk,” she said proudly. “I’m gonna walk for my mom; I’m gonna walk for my brother; I’m gonna walk for my children, and I’m gonna walk for my grandchildren.”
"I would tell a person who's coming back (to college) to go for it. You don't have to go far, especially if you're here in the community," she said. "Don't be down on yourself, and don't be afraid to share that you don't know how, because if you don't know how, that's an opportunity to learn how.

"There is power in education. There is power in a degree. There is power in your community, so why not utilize the services being offered right in your community?" Bates said. "You may have challenges and difficulties, but at least you are home."

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UT System approves Dr. Keith Carver as new UT Martin chancellor

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MARTIN, TN - The University of Tennessee system has confirmed that Dr. Keith Carver will be the next chancellor at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

UT System President Joe DiPietro approved Carver's nomination by the UT Board of Trustees during its meeting in Knoxville Friday afternoon, according to UT Martin.

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He will start work as chancellor on Jan. 3.

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With new leadership comes new ideas, and Dr. Carver already has goals for UT Martin.

"I want to get real involved in the enrollment and recruitment efforts there, want to get real involved in the student retention efforts," Dr. Carver said.

Carver said it's important to monitor the freshmen as they adjust to college life.

"Making sure we get those students in as freshmen, we keep them matriculating through and becoming engaged alumni," Carver said.

Nearly a month ago, Carver was recommended by the president of the University of Tennessee System, Joe DiPietro, whom Carver served under as his executive assistant.

Carver said this appointment is like a homecoming after previously working as UTM's assistant vice chancellor for development. "Really excited about moving with my family back to West Tennessee and getting started at UT Martin."

Carver said he would not have made it to this point without support from the board.

"I just want to express my gratitude to search committee from UT Martin for this appointment."
Another goal Carver hopes to achieve is partnering with the entire West Tennessee area to grow UTM beyond just the campus.

"... tapping into resources that our alums and the external constituency have but also being a resource for the region too," Carver said.

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Carver to lead UTM

KNOXVILLE — The University of Tennessee board of trustees unanimously approved Keith Carver to become the University of Tennessee at Martin's next chancellor Friday, on the second day of a two-day meeting in Knoxville.

Carver will replace Tom Rakes, who announced his intentions to return to teaching in April 2015. Robert "Bob" Smith has served as interim chancellor since May 2015. Smith's contract ends Jan. 2, and Carver will start on Jan. 3.

Carver and his wife, Hollianne, are both from rural West Tennessee. He said it means a lot to come "home."

"I can certainly identify with the students in that region and (am excited about) what UT Martin can mean for the future of not only the students, but also what Martin can add to the greater community (in) providing education to all of West Tennessee," he said.

Carver will take over the university as it has struggled in recent years with academic accreditation. In December 2015 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS) placed UTM on 12-month academic probation. The school's freshman enrollment has also fallen every year since 2013, from 1,327 to 946 in 2016.

"I think coming out of the SACS' accreditation process will hopefully have a good result that gives UT Martin the opportunity to retell its story," Carver said.

He said he is excited about recruiting students to UTM and said the university would focus on high school freshmen and attempting to create a pipeline that leads to UTM.

During Friday's meeting, UT President Joe DiPietro praised the work Smith has done in his interim role and said the system will miss him.

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The community really wrapped their arms around Bob and he's done a splendid job there ... we owe you," DiPietro told the board.

Smith told the board UTM received the latest written report from a SACS site team Thursday. No findings or judgments were found in the report, he said. UTM will now wait to receive SACS' ruling in December.

"We're in this limbo space between now and Dec. 6," Smith said.

Carver's salary as chancellor will be $300,000.

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Keith and Hollianne are the parents of a daughter, Carson, and two sons, Jack Thomas (J.T.) and Britton.

A bundle for UTM building

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Latimer hopes the Engineering and Science Building will help not only in raising the standard of living for those who get their engineering degree in Martin, but that more of the graduates will decide to make their homes in West Tennessee.

Latimer said he appreciates the hard work UT President Joe DiPietro has done and continues to do to help make UT a better educational institution every year. He also believes the recent selection of Keith Carver to be the new chancellor of UTM is an excellent choice to replace interim Chancellor Bob Smith, who he said has done a superb job in the last year and a half.

The gift agreement notes the Latimer family’s deep ties and long history in the region. It traces back to 1852, when three great-grandsons of Revolutionary War Col. Jonathan Latimer settled in Obion County. In 1930, just three years after the opening of the University of Tennessee Junior College at Martin, Bill’s uncle, William H., played on the college’s football team, earning the nickname “War Horse” from his teammates. He was the first of three generations of Col. Latimer’s descendants to attend this institution.

Representing the second generation, Bill Latimer (B.S. in industrial engineering, UTK, 1960) attended UTM in the summer of 1958.

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The future UT Martin Latimer Engineering and Science Building is named in honor of donor Bill Latimer of Union City.

Latimer gave 6.5 million dollars, the largest gift in university history to make the structure a reality.

The Obion County community leader serves on the UT President’s Council and is also a former President of the UT Martin Development Committee.

The building was approved during last week’s UT Board of Trustees Meeting in Knoxville and will house the engineering, computer science, and mathematics departments at UTM.
HUNTINGDON — The road Brad Hurley took to become president of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce was anything but a direct route from his home in Bruceton to his office in Huntingdon.

"I graduated from the University of Tennessee Martin in 1983, and majored in education," Hurley said. "I was looking to teach social studies and psychology."

But someone else had something in mind for Hurley, who served as student government president his senior year.

"I worked at the University of Tennessee at Martin as an assistant to the chancellor," Hurley said. "I moved to Nashville in 1987 to work in the department of education, and served as chief of staff (before) going with Charles Smith to the Tennessee Board of Regents."

Smith is recognized as a veteran of education administration, including service as Tennessee's Commissioner of Education and Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents.

"I traveled the state, but there could be highly stressful days," Hurley said. "I could be in Nashville and later in the day I could be in Memphis dealing with an issue that came up there. My mother was aging, and I decided it was probably time to move home, and it was about the same time the TTC (Tennessee Technology Center) position had opened in McKenzie."

Hurley, who also serves as the assigning officer and supervisor of Northwest Tennessee football, said the move to TTC was temporary, but one that led him to the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce in 1997.

"My office may be in Huntingdon, but I'm constantly out in the county," Hurley said. "I'm in McKenzie four or five times a week. I lived in McKenzie about six years, and I'm a member of the Rotary Club."

McKenzie is also home to two of the four industrial parks in Carroll County. "There's McKenzie Industrial Park and McKenzie Industrial Park at the airport," Hurley said. "McKenzie Industrial Park has five companies — Shomaker Lumber, Tower Support Services LLC, Profile Metals Inc., Republic Doors & Frames and Cutting Specialists Inc."

At the airport, Hurley said there's three facilities — MTD, a wholesale distribution center, joins McKenzie Valve and Machining LLC, and The Parts Depot.

An 84,000-square-foot building is ready for occupancy in Huntingdon's In-
dustrial Park South, and Gränges AB and Preferred Compounding Corporation account for about 800 jobs at two locations in Huntingdon's Industrial Park East.

Gränges AB made news in August when the Swedish-based company acquired Noranda Aluminum, a Franklin-based company which filed for bankruptcy protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 in February—keeping 400 employees on the payroll.

"The great news that came out of that was, Gränges saw an aluminum company based overseas and the Huntingdon facility looked attractive to them," Hurley said. "They saw the opportunity to become the 'stalking horse bidder,' and they made the highest bid."

(NOTE: A stalking-horse bid is an initial bid on a bankrupt company's assets from an interested buyer chosen by the bankrupt company.)

"Clearly (Gränges) did their homework," Hurley said. "They knew the productivity of this plant, the quality of the workforce, the commitment and dedication of the workforce, and the rest is a new chapter, and we look forward to bigger and better things."

Besides Huntingdon, Gränges AB acquired Noranda facilities in Newport, Arkansas, and Salisbury, North Carolina. Gränges AB becomes the third international company to own the aluminum products business.

Apollo, which named the company Noranda, is an Australian company and purchased Norandal, whose corporate headquarters were in Canada.

Hurley, who is married and has four children, said Gränges is the only foreign company located in Carroll County.

"There are two main points on foreign investment," Hurley said. "One is, most large projects go through the state of Tennessee. Information is sent to the community and we respond. The other, we identify a niche—a region we could be successful in recruiting. We contact consultants and ask if they have someone who is looking. We have been successful calling, and have had some come look at our product."

Hurley said recruiting new industry is a challenge, considering the county is less than two hours from Memphis or Nashville.

"Our strength is to get all 599 square miles in Carroll County going in the same direction," Hurley said. "If we become islands, we're not going to be successful winning projects for Carroll County. We're not afraid of the fact we are halfway between Memphis and Nashville, the 20th and 25th largest cities in the U.S., nor are we afraid to tell anyone we are 30 minutes from Jackson. Jackson has a lot of assets, and we consider those assets ours, too."

Much like Bethel University in McKenzie, Hurley said.

"The growth of Bethel University has been a major plus for Carroll County," Hurley said. "Two years ago, I was in a meeting in Nashville, and a gentleman introduced me. He said Bethel has more billboards in the state than all the other (state) universities put together.

"The fact was, Bethel University is on everybody's radar screen."

Hurley said he's hoping Nashville's growth creates a ripple effect into West Tennessee.

"We hope the growth you've seen around Nashville continues to move westward," Hurley said. "We hope (industry) looks across the river more aggressively than in the past."

Hurley said business activity is not limited in the county to the two largest communities.

"When you look at retail development, you are seeing it outside of Huntingdon and McKenzie," Hurley said. "Apex Bank was the Bank of Camden, and they have placed a branch in Bruceton, and we're very proud to have them in Bruceton. What's good for Carroll County is good for everybody... Atwood, Clarksburg—all of Carroll County benefits."

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Former UT Martin head football coach Don McLeary completed his first season as the freshman coach at South Gibson High School this week, leading the freshman Hornets to a season with one loss.

He said it was an enjoyable season for him because the players always wanted to hear stories from him of his coaching days in Martin and his playing days when he was a Tennessee Vol from 1968.

Hornets head coach Scott Stidham is his son-in-law, and freshman Hornet Nolan Stidham is his grandson.

He added one more story to tell on Saturday when he ran through the "T" formed by the Pride of the Southland Marching Band in Neyland Stadium before the Vols' game with Alabama kicked off.

"It's something Butch Jones started when he got here," McLeary said. "One home game every season, all Vols For Life who played for a championship team are welcome back one home game, and Alabama is this year's game."

McLeary was looking forward to it.

"The roar of the crowd, the way the ground almost shakes when it's time to go out because so many people are making that much noise ... I can't even describe it for you," McLeary said. "It's an unforgettable experience and one I don't want to miss out on any chance I get to do it."

McLeary was told two months ago he wouldn't be able to run through the T. That was because he tore his left Achilles' tendon during a freshman practice in August.

"I was showing one of our players how to return a kickoff because that was one of the things I did when I played," said McLeary, who was a running back for the Vols too. "I took off, and something didn't feel right and I dropped pretty quick. I knew something was wrong."

McLeary added that running through the T was meant to be a tradition.

"I'm glad to come back and take part in the tradition," he said.

It was the team he was on in 1968 that started the tradition of the Vol Walk.

"We didn't try to start any tradition or anything," McLeary said. "Coach [Doug] Dickey just wanted us to stretch our legs before the game, and that's how we did it — walking down the hill from Gibbs Hall."

On Saturday, before Tennessee's biggest game of the year, McLeary finished another story to tell the young players at South Gibson.

"I hope I'm able to make it to the sideline without tearing something else up," McLeary said. "But I am going through and staying out of everyone's way."

"I got hit in the head by a trombone as a player when we ran through and a big lineman pushed me over to the side. I'm glad they've got the T more spread out now."

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But McLeary said he hoped the players learned an important lesson from watching him suffer the injury while demonstrating how to play.

"I didn't fumble the ball, but I've always been able to play a little more tough than I ever have played fast," McLeary said. "But I crawled to my truck and drove to Jackson and made an appointment at West Tennessee Bone and Joint with Dr. [Douglas] Haltom.

"I told him I'm running through the T on Oct. 12. He said I wasn't, and I told him I was. He finally gave in and said if I did run I'd be limping. So I guess I'll limp if I have to."

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The gift was announced during the Chancellor’s Brunch and Awards Program during Homecoming, and will establish the Pat Summitt Women’s Basketball Endowment at UT Martin.

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The board approved David Miller as UT's next chief financial officer, responsible for the administration of all financial operations of the University system. Miller, currently vice president for administration and fiscal affairs with the University of Wisconsin System, will take office Jan. 1 and succeed Butch Peccolo, who retired as treasurer and chief financial officer in December 2015 after 40 years of service. Miller's 18-year tenure with the UW System includes, among other positions, serving as senior vice president for administration and fiscal affairs, associate vice president for financial planning and budget, and assistant vice president for university relations. He served the Wisconsin legislature for five years as a policy analyst and legislative aide and also worked as a legislative analyst for the Tennessee legislature.
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Alex Bynum of Dresden honored with 2016 TAR Presidential Award

Alex Bynum of Dresden, principal broker and partner with Wendell Alexander Realty, was honored with the 2016 Presidential Award by the Tennessee Association of REALTORS® (TAR) at its fall convention.

A unique and distinctive honor, the award is presented by the current president in recognition of the recipient’s service in assisting the president and in contributing to the association as a whole.

“Alex is an outstanding young leader who has made a tremendous positive difference to our REALTOR® members throughout Tennessee,” said Randy Durham, 2016 President of TAR, who presented the award. “Since he became involved in our state association several years ago, Alex’s energetic leadership, strong character and servant-hearted approach have made him a highly valued volunteer and a joy to work in every respect.”

Bynum is a 2009 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he earned a bachelor’s in agriculture. He launched his real estate career in 2010. A former TAR Division 1 Vice President, he serves as 2016 President of the Central West Tennessee Association of REALTORS® and also is a member of the Reelfoot Regional Association of REALTORS® and the Tennessee Valley Association of REALTORS®. In the community, Bynum is a member of the Dresden Rotary Club, an officer in the Dresden Elks Lodge, a former West Tennessee Star Farmer, and an active alumnus of the Pi Kappa fraternity. He owns and operates his own cattle farm in Weakley County.
UTM Engineering building to be named to honor Latimer

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees approved Friday the naming of the future UT Martin Engineering and Science Building for the Latimer family of Northwest Tennessee. The building donor is William H. Latimer III, of Union City, and if funded by the state, the Latimer Engineering and Science Building will be the first capital outlay funded project for UT Martin since 2006.

State building projects at public colleges and universities require a 25 percent match by the institutions to begin construction. The UT Martin building came closer to reality during the 2016 legislative session, thanks to a change in the university’s required match to fund the project. The match reduction from 25 percent to 10 percent was led by State Sen. John Stevens (R-Huntingdon) and was the first of its kind in Tennessee government. The university was given a one-year opportunity to match 10 percent or approximately $6.5 million of the cost to construct the 120,000-square-foot building.

The Latimer gift, the largest single gift since university
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sity records have been kept, provides the entire match required by the Tennessee General Assembly. The gift also equals 150 percent of the total funds raised by the university from all sources last year.

Latimer said he believes everyone should use the talents that they have received from God to help make the world a better place in which to live and to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As he has said, "The most important thing in life is to seek and do the will of God." Latimer also supports in the Habitat for Humanity, saying that it is better to give a hand up than a handout.

Education is one of the most important ways of breaking the cycle of poverty. Latimer said he hopes this Engineering and Science Building will help not only in raising the standard of living for those who get their engineering degree here, but that more of the graduates will decide to make their homes in West Tennessee.

Latimer said he was very appreciative of the hard work and dedication that Dr. Joseph A. DiPietro, president of the University of Tennessee, has done and continues to do to help make the University of Tennessee a better educational institution each and every year. He also said that the recent selection of Dr. Keith Carver to be the new Chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Martin is an excellent choice to replace interim Chancellor Dr. Bob Smith, who has done a superb job in the last year and a half.

The gift agreement notes the Latimer family’s deep ties and long history in our region. It traces back to 1852, when three great-grandsons of Revolutionary War Colonel Jonathan Latimer settled in Obion County. In 1930, just three years after the opening of the University of Tennessee Junior College at Martin, Latimer’s uncle, Will H., played on its football team, earning the nickname “War Horse” from his teammates. He was the first of three generations of Colonel Latimer’s descendants to attend this institution.

Representing the second generation, the donor (who holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering, UT, 1960) attended the University of Tennessee Martin Branch in the summer of 1958.

The third generation included two of the donor’s sons, William Bonner Latimer and Douglas Neal Latimer, who each earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1982 and 1984, respectively.

"It’s fitting that such a significant change to the university would carry the name of a family who has represented both an entrepreneurial spirit in the region and careful stewards of the land held in their care," said Dr. Bob Smith. "Bill’s work is driven by his personal faith, and we are fortunate that he has confidence in UT Martin to carry out his purpose of making life better for others."

Latimer has a long association with the University of Tennessee and currently serves on the UT President’s Council. He is a former member of the UT Development Council and also individual fundraising advisory boards for UT Knoxville, UT Martin and the UT Institute of Agriculture. He is also former president of the UT Martin Development Committee and has supported scholarships at both UT Martin and UT Chattanooga. He was the principal contributor to the UT Health Science Center College of Dentistry clinic in Union City and is a 1996 graduate of UT Martin’s WestStar Leadership Program.

His current gift to UT Martin will make possible the building that will house the university’s departments of engineering, computer science, chemistry and physics, mathematics and statistics, and an entrepreneurial center. The plans include classrooms and teaching laboratories, as well as dedicated student laboratories and project work spaces. The latter will be created in a way to encourage innovative, cross-disciplinary research and design. "The impact of the project ripples across every academic college of the university and creates opportunities in four other buildings to increase instructional capacity," Smith said.

University officials see the building as a cornerstone for providing the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education needed to develop the region’s workforce. An economic impact study conducted by Economic Modeling Specialists International in Moscow, Idaho, and released earlier in 2016 showed the proposed building’s overall economic impact at $56.3 million in added income and the creation of 901 jobs from initial construction through the first 10 years of graduates.

The study also showed that West Tennessee will gain an additional $1.6 million in annual added income from the impact of its graduates and building operations. The city of Martin, Weakley County government, Weakley County Economic Development Board, USDA, Northwest Tennessee Development District, Southwest Tennessee Development District and the university partnered to sponsor the study.

The building is planned for construction on the east side of the university’s academic quadrangle. Rep. Andy Holt (R-Dresden) sponsored the match-reduction bill in the house.
Weststar Risingstar Leadership Summit Seeks High School Juniors And Seniors

MARTIN, Tenn. – The University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program will host its sixth annual RisingStar Leadership Summit for high school juniors and seniors Nov. 17-18 on the UT Martin main campus. West Tennessee students involved in leadership roles in their schools or communities are encouraged to apply by Nov. 4.

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Cary Vaughn, CEO of Love Worth Finding Ministries, will serve as keynote speaker and offer instruction on motivational leadership at noon before students report to afternoon sessions.

The registration fee is $120 per student, which includes lodging at the Hampton Inn in Martin, meals, materials and a RisingStar Summit T-shirt. Interested students should send registration materials and payment to WestStar Leadership Program, 321 Administration Building, Martin, TN, 38238. All checks should be made payable to the WestStar Leadership Program.

Applications can be downloaded at http://www.utm.edu/departments/weststar/events.php. For more information, contact Jordan Jones, summit coordinator, WestStar Leadership Program, at weststar@utm.edu or 731-881-3298.

LOCAL FACES SEEN AT UT MARTIN HOMECOMING – The University of Tennessee at Martin hosted a superhero-themed homecoming week Oct. 3-7, ending with the traditional Quad City festivities and homecoming football game Oct. 8. The Skyhawks emerged victorious over the Austin Peay State University Governors with a final score of 45-31. Pictured during Quad City are (front row, l-r) Tori Collins, of Milan; Shelby McMinn, of Medina; Laura Beth Hardee, of Jackson; (back row) Hannah Grider, of Jackson; and Caitlyn Brown, of Milan. Lower Photo: (l-r) Katherine Smith, of Bradford; Cady Griffin, of Dyer; Morgan Fitzgerald ('16) of Milan; Rachel Fulcher, of Sardis; and Cheyenne Williams, of Reagan. Fitzgerald is currently serving as Miss Jackson through the Miss Tennessee Organization.
Two preliminaries contests for the Miss Tennessee/Miss America scholarship pageants are October 29 in Huntingdon and November 5 in Martin.

Miss UT-Martin, Miss Tennessee Soybean is November 5
Miss University of Tennessee at Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageant officials announced today the 2017 Miss University of Tennessee at Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageant — one pageant, two crowns — will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 7 p.m. in the Harriet Fulton Theatre on the UT Martin Campus.

Executive Director Katrina Cobb said she is impressed with the caliber of this year's contestants. “We are very pleased with the number of intelligent, ambitious and talented young women who have entered the competition to date,” Cobb said. “We encourage other qualified contestants — students and residents of West Tennessee -- to register to participate before the October 24th deadline.”

Contestants will compete in five phases of competition, including personal interview, lifestyle and fitness, evening gown, talent and on-stage question. During the competition, each contestant will also discuss her chosen platform, a social or community issue of concern to herself and our society at large.

The winners of the Miss University of Tennessee at Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival crowns will receive up to $15000 in scholarship funds for her college or graduate school education. The winners will also receive a gift bag from local businesses valued at over $1000. Additional scholarship funds will be awarded along with Miss Congeniality and People’s Choice awards.

During their year of service, Miss University of Tennessee at Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival will speak to business leaders, community groups and others about their platform issues. They will also compete for the title of Miss Tennessee in Jackson in June 2017.

“Miss University of Tennessee at Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival will not only serve as role models for young women and as ambassadors for the Miss America Organization, they will also urge girls and young women to develop their leadership skills and to take an active role in their communities,” said Cobb.

More information about participating in the Miss University of Tennessee at Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageant is available at wwwutm.edu/pageants or by contacting Cobb at pageants@utm.edu.

The First Miss Dixie PAC Pageant is October 29
HUNTINGDON — For the first time, The Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center is hosting a scholarship pageant and Miss Tennessee preliminary. Miss Dixie PAC is Saturday Oct. 29. The one-day event to select a representative for The Dixie and Huntingdon honors the late Dixie Carter. Special guest, Grace Burgess, Miss Tennessee 2016, will join us as the master of ceremonies for the pageant. Applications to be in the pageant are available on the dixiepac.net website. “Dixie was an exemplary representative of a Southern woman with grace, talent, brains, and beauty,” said Lori Neal Nolen, executive director of The Dixie.

“With this title, we look to provide a well-spoken woman a forum in which to share her talents and intelligence through program support in educational efforts and community service.”

The late Dixie Carter, a native of McMinnville, was named Miss Huntingdon and placed first runner-up for the Miss Tennessee crown in 1959. She graduated from Memphis State and made her professional acting debut in a 1960 production of "Carousel" in Memphis. She moved to New York in 1963 where she continued to work on stage.

Carter, however, is best known for portraying Julia Sugarbaker, an opinionated Southern business owner in Atlanta, on the CBS television show "Designing Women," which ran for seven seasons. It wasn’t her first time on TV; Carter also earned roles in "On Our Own," "Filthy Rich," and Diff’rent Strokes." In 2007, she scored her first Emmy nomination for her recurring role on the soapy ABC drama “Desperate Housewives.”

Carter also had success as a cabaret singer in the 1980s and 90s. She married actor Hal Holbrook in 1984, and both were instrumental in helping the town of Huntingdon build the first-class performing arts center, which was named in her honor in 2006. Home of the Hal Holbrook Theatre, The Dixie has hosted some of the finest songwriters and musicians in their respective genres, world renowned symphonies, popular plays, and unique children’s programs not often found in small town Tennessee.

Tickets for Miss Dixie PAC pageant are $15 each and are available at The Dixie box office in downtown Huntingdon, by calling 731-986-2100, and online at dixiepac.net.

See you at The Dixie!
UT Martin sponsors leadership conference

Northwest Tennessee will host the statewide meeting of the Tennessee Association of Community Leadership today through Friday, sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program.

TACL is a volunteer association that builds, supports and enhances community leadership development in counties across the state. The conference theme is “Shaking Up Leadership.”

Activities begin with a tour this afternoon of Reelfoot Lake State Park, followed by meetings and seminars Thursday and Friday in UT Martin’s Boling University Center. Among the conference speakers are syndicated editorial cartoonist Marshall Ramsey on Thursday and author, columnist and motivational speaker Lisa Smartt on Friday. An awards dinner will be held Thursday at Discovery Park of America in Union City.

TACL was founded by Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin interim chancellor, and rotates its annual meetings among the state’s grand divisions. Twenty-nine counties are scheduled to be represented at this week’s conference.

Visit leadershiptennessee.com for the complete conference agenda.

UTM among ‘Best Business Schools’

The Princeton Review has included the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Master of Business Administration program in its annual list of the “Best 294 Business Schools,” 2017 edition.

Approximately 25,000 students from business programs across the country responded to The Princeton Review’s survey to rate their institutions and report on their experiences as students.

The survey included topics such as school administration and professor quality, academic programs, opportunities for women and minor-

ies, student body composition, campus life and personal career prospects.

The publication does not rank schools numerically but instead lists those chosen in alphabetical order. UT Martin’s published profile calls the university “a friendly, flexible, low-key place to get a quality business education.”

The UT Martin MBA program is offered in a hybrid format, which allows students to complete a combination of online and on-campus courses.

A fully online option is also available.

Pat Summitt remembers UT Martin in her will

Pat Head Summitt included the University of Tennessee at Martin in her estate plans with a $200,000 bequest to the women’s basketball program, according to a news release.

The gift, announced during the Chancellor’s Brunch and Awards Program on Oct. 8, will establish the Pat Summitt Women’s Basketball Endowment at UT Martin. Summitt played basketball at UT Martin under coach Nadine Gearin from 1970-74 before receiving her degree and accepting a coaching position with the Lady Volunteers at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

She died June 16 at the age of 64. Summitt announced in August 2011 that she had been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer’s disease. She stepped down as coach of the Lady Vols following the 2011-12 season. In 38 seasons, she recorded 1,098 career coaching victories, the most of any Division I coach men or women, and led Tennessee to eight national championships.

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World War I symposium scheduled

MARTIN (AP) — A symposium that will remember the service of men and women from Tennessee in World War I is scheduled for next month.

The University of Tennessee-Martin says the 2016 Tennessee Great War Commission Symposium will be held in West Tennessee on Nov. 4 through Nov. 6.

An opening commemoration ceremony is scheduled for Nov. 4 at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson. The event will honor the men and women of Madison County who served in the war and include proclamations from Madison County officials.

Four historians are scheduled to give presentations on different aspects of the war’s effect on Tennessee in Jackson on Nov. 5.

The symposium will end with a living history performance Nov. 6 at the Weakley County Courthouse in Dresden.

ENJOY FESTIVITIES

— The University of Tennessee at Martin hosted a superhero-themed homecoming week recently, ending with the traditional Quad City festivities and homecoming football game. The Skyhawks emerged victorious over the Austin Peay State University Governors with a final score of 45-31. Among the local residents who enjoyed festivities in Quad City were (top photo, from left) Garrett Cote, a 2014 graduate from Clarksville; Mary Wiggins, a 2011 graduate from Martin; and Emily Ann Sparks, a 2008 graduate from Union City. Also spotted in Quad City enjoying the fun were (photo at right) Rachel Buttrey and Grady Buttrey of South Fulton, joined by dogs Ruby and Tucker. They are the children of Brad and Dr. Emalee Buttrey, faculty members in the UT Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources.
UTM faculty members lauded

Drs. Robbie Montgomery, Abigail Shelton and Phil Davis, faculty members of the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Chemistry and Physics, received two ChemLuminary awards during the most recent national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Philadelphia.

The team’s program, “Children’s Science Centers,” was named a finalist in three ChemLuminary divisions and brought home awards in the “Most Innovative New Project” and “Fostering Interactions Between Local Sections and Student Chapters” categories.

These awards recognize successful events and programs hosted by the society’s 185 local sections.

Montgomery and Shelton received an Innovative Project Grant from the Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society for 2015, which was used to create the children’s science centers. These special activities were held during each of the section’s seven meetings in 2015 and allowed members with young children to participate in the proceedings while their children learned about chemistry and science at the same location.

The centers were designed by Drs. Montgomery, Shelton and Davis and were led by Davis and a group of student volunteers from the UT Martin Department of Chemistry and Physics. Topics included the periodic table, the chemistry of candy, light and sound, bubbles, women in science, the Nobel Prize and mass and measurements.

UTM dance ensemble sets showcase, workshop

The University of Tennessee at Martin dance ensemble will present their fall showcase and workshop, “Kaleidoscope: A Diversity of Dance,” at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Capitol Theatre, located at 118 South First St. in downtown Union City.

The program is offered in conjunction with Masquerade Theatre.

This showcase includes student choreography, as well as work created by Sarah McCormick, associate professor of dance at UT Martin. Area dance students will join the ensemble to present a variety of performances.

Admission is $10 for adults and those older than age 12 and $5 for students. Children younger than 12 will be admitted free of charge.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at (731) 881-7400.

Vanguard to present ‘Zombies’

James Valcq’s musical comedy satire “Zombies From the Beyond” will come to the University of Tennessee at Martin stage over the Halloween weekend, Oct. 27-30.

Performances will begin at 8 p.m. Oct. 27-29, with a matinee at 3 p.m. Oct. 30, in the university’s Harriet Fulton Theatre, located in the Fine Arts Building.

Songs, dances and laughs abound as Cold War and space race paranoia threaten the good folks at the fictional Milwaukee Space Center in 1955, where the staff is abuzz at the arrival of rocket scientist Trenton Corbett.

Tickets will be available beginning Monday and may be purchased from the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre arts during regular office hours.

Admission is $15 for adults and $5 for students and children younger than the age of 12. The Vanguard Theatre box office opens two hours before each performance and is located in the front lobby of the UT Martin Fine Arts Building.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the department office at (731) 881-7400 or the box office at 881-7090.
Fall Preview Days scheduled at UTM

High school students and their families are always welcome on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin. However, special Fall Preview Days are set aside to provide students an opportunity to speak with academic advisers, financial counselors and other campus resources in a low-stress environment.

Two remaining Fall Preview Days will be held Oct. 29 and Nov. 12 this year.

Each day will begin with check-in at 9 a.m., followed by an official welcome at 9:30. A panel of current UT Martin students will answer questions and discuss the expectations of college life at 10, and participants will be able to visit academic departments starting at 10:45. The day will end with a full campus tour at 11:30.

Fall Preview Day is the ideal place to have questions answered about academic programs, financial aid and scholarships, student activities and residence life. There is no charge to attend, and parents, siblings and other visitors are welcome. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure each student is able to visit areas of personal interest.

Register online at utm.edu/preview.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (731) 881-7020 or email admitme@utm.edu.

UT Martin recognized as a ‘Best College Buy’

The University of Tennessee at Martin is listed among “America’s 100 Best College Buys,” compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc., for the 11th consecutive year.

UT Martin is one of four institutions listed from Tennessee.

“When value is defined as an exceptional return on investment, ‘America’s 100 Best College Buys — 2017’ proves that, for the 11th consecutive year, students at the University of Tennessee at Martin can be assured of the high value of their educational opportunity,” said Lewis Lindsey Jr., IRE president. “Providing a high-quality educational environment at the lowest possible cost is the result of planning and efficiency. (This listing) proves that the students at the University of Tennessee at Martin continue to benefit from the strategic decisions made to provide the highest quality education at the lowest cost.”

An institution must be an accredited, four-year institution offering bachelor’s degrees and full residential facilities, including residence halls and dining services, to be considered for this listing.

The institution must also have had an entering freshman class in fall 2015 with a high school grade point average and/or SAT/ACT score equal to or above the national average for entering college freshmen. Also, the out-of-state cost of attendance in 2016-17 for three quarters or two semesters must be below the national average cost of attendance or not exceed the national average cost by more than 10 percent.

“UT Martin is continuously recognized as a place to receive a high-quality education at a reasonable price,” said Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin interim chancellor. “Now, with the recent reduction of out-of-state tuition, an even wider range of students can have access to UT Martin’s top-notch faculty and hands-on learning opportunities.”

This recognition follows two listings announced in September. UT Martin continued as a top university for public master’s level institutions in the South, according to U.S. News & World Report. UT Martin was ranked 16th, up from No. 19 in the 2016 ranking. The university also appeared among southern regional institutions in the “Best Colleges for Veterans” category.

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UTM Dance Ensemble to Present “Kaleidoscope” October 21-22

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The Capitol Theatre is located at 118 First St. in Union City.
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Bradberry Law Firm Welcomes New Associate

The law office of James H. Bradberry & Associates, located at 109 N. Poplar St., welcomed a new member to the staff recently.
Judge Bradberry announced the addition of Martin resident Ashley Bynum as an associate member of his law office. “She’s been with us a couple of months now, waiting for her bar results,” said Judge Bradberry, who added that she received successful results on her bar exam on Oct. 7, and he swore her in on Oct. 11. “We’re very happy to have her here with us,” he added.
Bynum says she graduated from Westview in 2010, and attended UT Martin, where she majored in political science with a minor in criminal justice. As a student, she served as secretary of the Pre-Law Society at UTM. Bynum received her law degree from UT Knoxville in May of 2016, and she moved back to Weakley County in August of this year.
“I’m excited to get started here, and see how I can be of service,” Bynum said.
Ashley says she is especially interested in practicing family law.
The 24-year-old attorney resides in Martin. She is the daughter of Brad and Angie Bynum of Martin.

UT Martin Retirees Honored

Retired UT Martin faculty and staff were honored during the annual Retired Faculty and Administrative Staff Dinner held Sept. 27 in the Duncan Ballroom. Recent and longtime retirees were hosted by the chancellor’s staff and college deans. The event included a university update from Dr. Bob Smith, interim chancellor. Pictured are recent retirees who received additional recognition: (front row, l-r) Dr. Sue Byrd, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences; Kristy Crawford, Office of Education Graduate Studies; Nancy Yarbrough, Division of Finance and Administration; (back row) Vachik Lazarian, Office of International Programs and International Admissions; and Dr. Jimmy Butler, Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources. Chancellor Smith is pictured with the group.
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Paulina Castro, of Martin, was named to the University of Tennessee at Martin's homecoming court Oct. 8 during the university's football game against Austin Peay State University. Castro is a senior nursing major and represented the Chi Omega sorority. She is the daughter of Victor (left) and Laura Castro.
Pageants slated November 5 at UT Martin

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UTM class on Excel set

Community members interested in learning to use Microsoft Excel are encouraged to register for a basic course offered from 6-9 p.m., Oct. 26, at the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center.

This course is designed to cover techniques to customize and format Microsoft Excel documents. Participants will also learn how to use the program to calculate various formulas and subtotals as time allows.

Anita Bell will instruct the course. Bell has professional experience in manufacturing as an industrial engineer. She has taught more than 70 topics in the past 15 years, including Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint. Bell also participates in small business classes with the UT Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center.

The registration fee for this course is $95 per person. For more information or to register, contact the UT Martin Office of Educational Outreach at 731-881-7082.
UT Martin Somerville Center- Somerville's Success Story Part II

To date, the Town of Somerville has raised almost $2 million in public and private donations and commitments of the anticipated $2.5 million it will cost to renovate the Methodist Hospital building for the UT Martin Somerville Center. The donations are as follows:

**July 2015:** After years of losing money and after months of effort by the Fayette County and municipal governments of Fayette County to save the Emergency Room operated by Methodist LeBonheur, Methodist closed for good in March 2015. After several months of negotiation with Somerville, Methodist Hospital donated the old Methodist Fayette building to the Town of Somerville. The replacement value of this building is estimated at over $11 million by the town's insurance company for insurance purposes. In addition, Methodist Hospital also donated $250,000 in cash which has already been received by the town.

**July 2015:** The University of Tennessee Foundation started receiving donations and commitments from private individuals and businesses which to date totals at least $125,000. These donations have been made to the UT Foundation who will in turn deposit those donations directly into an account designated for the UT Martin Somerville Center as they are received. Some of them have already been received and deposited. Donations continue to roll in.

**August 2015:** A Resolution was unanimously approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Somerville to match the Methodist Hospital donation of $250,000 with $250,000 of town funds. These funds will come directly from the town's reserves which have increased significantly over the last few years due to the cost saving efforts of the current Board of Mayor and Alder-men.

**February 2016:** A Resolution was unanimously approved by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners to support the UT Martin Somerville Center Project by matching the donations made by Methodist Hospital and Somerville with another $250,000. These funds will be paid to Somerville at a rate of $50,000 a year for the next five years starting in March 2017. The first payment has been budgeted in Fayette County's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget.

**March 2016:** The State of Tennessee amended their annual budget to include a direct appropriation of $875,000 to the UT Martin Somerville Center. These funds are considered a match to all of the local funds raised to that date. In addition, the State also placed a recurring annual appropriation of $250,000 in the budget bringing the total commitment by the State in Fiscal Year 2017 to $1,125,000. These funds are paid by the State on a monthly basis in twelve equal installments of $93,750 starting in July 2016 and ending in June 2017. Payments have already been made and have been deposited in the designated UT Martin Somerville Center account.

**April 2016:** The State approved their annual Budget with these appropriations included.

It is estimated that UT Martin will put almost $1 million of its own money into this project in the form of furniture, fixtures, equipment, signage, security, etc. In addition, UT Martin will be hiring professors from around the area to teach at this facility. They project that this center will be a hub for their other centers, providing teachers for a variety of classes.

For information about classes being offered now at the Career Center on the Square or the fall 2017 schedule, call the UT Martin Somerville Center's Director Kara Tapp at (901) 465-7313.
RisingStar Summit open to students

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The registration fee is $120 per student, which includes lodging at the Hampton Inn in Martin, meals, materials and a RisingStar Summit T-shirt.

(For more info, contact Jordan Jones, summit coordinator, WestStar Leadership Program, at weststar@utm.edu or 731-881-3298.)
Presentation For Nursing Class

XAVIER LAWRENCE ANDREWS, right, in rear, coalition director, for the Anti-Drug Coalition of Lauderdale County spoke October 11th to students in the nursing transition class at the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center. On hand for the presentation were, in front, from left, Leigh Huffman, Tamekia Hall, Stephanie Johnson, Malissa Pittman, and Ethel Spivey instructor UTM Ripley Center, and in rear, Eric Pilkington. The presentation included drug trends among youth such as the “Marijuana” use and how it affects the youth in the classroom and how marijuana smoke contains the same if not greater number of carcinogens and toxins that are present in tobacco smoke; how pot smoke deposits more tar than cigarettes and how second-hand marijuana smoke contains carcinogenic and psychoactive chemicals and is a “rising child health concern.”

The class also received information on how to spot drug use in teens. The class is taught by Mrs. Ethel Spivey, Department of Nursing Lecturer, Advisor, and Recruiter UTM Ripley Center.

The next coalition meeting will be held at 6 p.m. October 27th at the UTM Ripley Center. The public is invited. For more information, contact Xavier Lawrence Andrews, PAL Director, at (731)-612-6337 or email xandrews@utm.edu.

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THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY ENTERPRISE

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Cary Vaughn, CEO of Love Worth Finding Ministries, will serve as keynote speaker and offer instruction on motivational leadership at noon before students report to afternoon sessions.

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Dresden to participate in WWI symposium

Dresden will play a major role in a series of events designed to tell the story of World War I veterans.

The 2016 Tennessee Great War Commission Symposium will be held at various West Tennessee locations Nov. 4-6. The symposium, hosted by the Tennessee Great War Commission, seeks to tell the story of the Volunteer State and its citizens during World War I. All events are free and open to the public.

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The World War I Symposium will officially begin with registration at 8:30 a.m., Nov. 5, at the Casey Jones Railroad Museum in Jackson. Attendees will hear keynote speaker Dr. George Nash speak about “Herbert Hoover, the U.S. Food Administration and Dr. J. A. H. Morgan” at 9:10. Nash is a widely recognized authority on the life of President Herbert Hoover and is the author of several books and journal articles on the subject.

The symposium will continue with a presentation by Dr. Tara Mitchell Mielnik, historian and preservation planner with the Metropolitan Nashville Historical Commission, at 10:15. Mielnik will give a lecture titled “Building Powder City: Old Hickory Village, Tennessee.”

Linda Wynn, a faculty member in the department of history and political science at Fisk University, will conclude the morning program with a presentation titled “Black Communities in Tennessee.”

After lunch, attendees can tour an exhibit featuring trains from the World War I period at 12:15 p.m. and view a military exhibit and reenactment beginning at 1:30.

The symposium will reconvene at 3 p.m. in Jackson’s Bemis Museum for a final presentation titled “The Bemus Mill in the Great War” by Dr. Nancy Parrish, adjunct professor at the University of Northern Ohio.

The week’s events will end with a living history performance at 2 p.m., Nov. 6, at the Weakley County Courthouse in Dresden.

This is the second year of the Tennessee Great War Commission’s celebration of the Great War’s 100th anniversary. The symposium is sponsored in part by the University of Tennessee at Martin, the city of Jackson and the Madison County commission, as well as many other organizations and individuals statewide.

For more information, visit tnsos.net/TSLA/GWC/index.htm or contact Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, Tom Elam distinguished professor of history at UT Martin and a member of the TGWC, at 731-881-7472 or by email at accarls@utm.edu.
BASKETBALL BEQUEST — The late Pat Head Summitt included UT Martin in her estate plans with a $200,000 bequest to the women's basketball program. The gift, announced during the Chancellor’s Brunch and Awards Program on Oct. 8, will establish the Pat Summitt Women's Basketball Endowment at UT Martin. Summitt played basketball under coach Nadine Gearin from 1970-74 before receiving her degree and accepting a coaching position with the Lady Volunteers at the University of Tennessee. She passed away June 16 at the age of 64. Pictured after the announcement are Bettye Giles, former UTM women’s athletics director, and Dr. Bob Smith, interim chancellor.

UTM HOMECOMING — Camden native Tiffani Bell (second from left) enjoys the traditional Quad City festivities with friends before UTM’s homecoming football game on Saturday, Oct. 8, where the Skyhawks defeated the Austin Peay Governors 46-31.
Cartoonist lives a humorous life

Syndicated editorial columnist Marshall Ramsey speaks Thursday at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

‘Never underestimate the power of humor — it’s awesome’

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Marshall Ramsey had just run into the ocean when he realized a woman and her two little girls were staring at the scar on his back.

“I said, ‘It’s OK, ma’am. It was a shark attack,’” Ramsey recalled to a laughing audience. “She grabbed her kids and ran out of the water. Never underestimate the power of humor — it’s awesome.”

The twice Pulitzer-nominated editorial cartoonist said he’s been telling that story for 15 years, never mind that the scars on his back are from cancer surgery.

The joke is just one example of how he faces life with humor and hope, a story he shared along with plenty of cartoons Thursday at the Tennessee Association of Community Leadership conference, held at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Ramsey told how he received a phone call on April 17, 2000. It was the worst day of his life, he said. All day he had received death threats over one of his cartoons. When his doctor called to tell him he had malignant melanoma, he laughed. It was the nicest call he had received all day, he said.

Within 24 hours, Ramsey was in surgery. When he woke up, his father came in and poked him in the forehead, told him to get up and “grab the rope.” It was the same message his father had given Ramsey years earlier, teaching him about chasing his dreams on the Tennessee River.

Once, when Ramsey fell with his head down in the water, his father poked him with a paddle and asked if he was still alive. Then he told him to grab the rope and get back up.

“My dad taught me that if you fall down, don’t make that your story. Make your story how you get back up.”

MARSHALL RAMSEY

As a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a degree in business, Ramsey started out working as a janitor, not the career he had in mind. Six months into the job, a sermon and a
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Ramsey

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preacher’s burning eyes changed his attitude, and new doors opened up.

Ramsey got a job at a local paper, launching his career in the newspaper industry. That janitorial job, however, led to the best moments of his life, Ramsey said: meeting his wife and having their sons.

Years later, changes in the newspaper industry meant Ramsey’s newspaper job was cut to part time. Rather than losing hope, he decided it was going to be “awesome.”

He started doing a radio show, wrote three books, got a television show, started another radio show and kept on going.

“If I had stayed in my comfort zone just drawing a cartoon, I never would have figured out I could do all these other wonderful things,” Ramsey said.

Denise Yeargin, a minister from Nashville, said hearing from Ramsey was a great way to start a conference about leadership.

“I think sometimes for me if I can just look at myself and laugh that helps me instead of taking everything so seriously,” Yeargin said.

Lori Weir, who does leadership development in Jackson, said people often later realize they should be grateful for the low spots in their lives.

“The humor in the way he laid out the whole thing was just perfection,” Weir said. “Sometimes those dark threads in the tapestry of our life are the ones that most serve us.”

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Ford named to UT Martin Chancellor's Honor Roll

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The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Summer 2016 Chancellor's Honor Rolls for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for Chancellor's Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the Chancellor's Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Kirsten S. Ford of Hendersonville received Highest Honors.

UT Martin is a comprehensive public university that maintains an excellent reputation for its high-quality undergraduate programs, its beautiful campus and caring professors.
Renewable energy is forum topic

By JAHAAJ JONES
Special to the Press

Students and other community leaders learned more about renewable energy possibilities on the UTM campus recently.

The University of Tennessee Martin hosted the renewable energy forum in Watkins Auditorium. The forum highlighted the importance of renewable energy and brought together different aspects of energy conservation. The speakers and presenters included professors from the university as well as representatives of major energy efficient corporations. The goal of the council was to relay the importance of renewable energy and gain more involvement from students and the community.

The highlight of the forum was the mobile energy classroom, a creation developed by University of Tennessee Martin professors Dr. Paula Gale, Dr. Rachna Tewari, and Dr. John Cole. These professors wrote the grant to build the mobile classroom which serves as a means of education that can be taken anywhere that it is needed. The mobile classroom was funded in the spring and the professors worked hard over the summer leading to a debut at the Soybean festival this past September.

"Tennessee lags behind other parts of the nation in renewable energy generation," said Gale, professor of soil science in the department of agriculture, geosciences and natural resources for the University of Tennessee. "Our goal is to take the mobile energy classroom across Tennessee and we are always looking for student volunteers."

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Doug Sterret, a mechanical engineering professor, has been doing energy work for 12-15 years now and had one question for the audience. "How many people are willing to do a kilowatt of work for ten cents? A dollar? $100? For a dime, you are paying for energy to lift 100 pounds to the top of Mount Everest."

Dr. Sterret worked exclusively on the solar gardens at UTM and gave a detailed description of the garden's goal and how it came to be.

"The solar garden's goal is to design and fabricate an interactive and highly visible solar energy system that is a significant feature for UTM students, staff and visitors," Sterret said.

Funded by Bill Blankenship, the electricity collected by the solar garden goes straight into the grid to be utilized on campus. The solar tree and flowers in front of the library on campus has trackers that measure kilowatts.

Brian Stone of NORESCO, an energy conservation company, explained how NORESCO allows companies to not have to dig into funds to make improvements.

Stone helps find inefficiencies and bundles them into one project. By averaging the improvements, the corrections pay for themselves within years.

For example, NORESCO helps companies bundle costly expenditures such as water, lighting, and pump improvements leading to a completely self-funded operation.

Pat Riley gave a presentation on compressed natural gas and urged everyone to join the CNG road rally for natural gas by visiting http://www.apga.org/events/cngrally.
Sorority to host area meeting

Two local chapters of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. will host the organization’s Tennessee state area meeting Oct. 29 on the UT Martin main campus. UT Martin is home to the sorority’s local undergraduate chapter, Kappa Gamma. The local graduate-level chapter, Nu Sigma, is located in Jackson.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. was founded at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1922. The organization seeks to enhance the quality of life for women and their families throughout the United States and around the world. Members participate in community service as well as civil and social activities, and the sorority works to promote education, health awareness and leadership development among its members. This event is open to members of Sigma Gamma Rho chapters throughout Tennessee. For more information, contact Brie Cobb, Kappa Gamma chapter member, at briacobb@ut.utm.edu.

UT-Martin professors speak at Martin Kiwanis

At the Oct. 19 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Martin, Laura Brown and Todd Sherman, professors in the Department of Health and Human Performance at UT-Martin, shared information about the new Healthy Hawk initiative at the university.

Both are involved in this initiative to encourage health and fitness for all at UT Martin and in the surrounding community. Brown explained that “MWF” can be a key to thinking about good health: “M” for Mindful Mondays (considering overall health and well-being), “W” for Water Wednesdays (reminding all of the importance of drinking water), and “F” for Fit Fridays (making exercise an important part of one’s routine).

Sherman highlighted several ideas that are being discussed as ways to promote healthy habits: expanding the availability of fruits and vegetables, expanding and utilizing walkways, researching the possibility of having hands-free water stations, adding improved fitness stations at certain locations, developing a Healthy Hawk fitness app, perhaps working with ROTC on an obstacle course and more.

“We have dreams of getting more and more people involved by scheduling activities and offering incentives,” Sherman said.

Kiwanis member Anna Clark was invited in September to participate in an organizational and brainstorming meeting of Healthy Hawks and will work with others to promote good health in the community.

Stained-glass art class to be held

The creation of stained glass takes time and preparation.

Those interested in learning the basics of stained glass art are encouraged to register for an informational course offered from 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, Nov. 1-22, at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Dr. John Overby, course instructor, will give information about the tools and equipment required, as well as instructions on how to select patterns, cut glass and finish the art piece. Additional information regarding safety issues, workspace requirements and workspace maintenance will also be discussed. The registration fee for this course is $55 per person.

For more information or to register, contact the UT Martin Office of Educational Outreach at (731) 881-7082 or visit the course website at utm.edu/connect and select non-degree programs.
Students offered opportunity to study and travel abroad

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All students at the University of Tennessee at Martin are required to complete two undergraduate courses in a foreign language. However, those who choose to major or minor in a foreign language or international studies are also required to participate in a travel-study or study abroad program before graduation.

Travel-study trips are typically a week or two in length and primarily expose students to historical sites and cultural opportunities. Study abroad programs, however, can range from one month to one year and include academic language courses at a foreign university. These trips force participating students to immerse themselves in their chosen language, observe the customs of their host country and come home with a complete foreign experience.

A group of UT Martin students spent the month of July in Toledo, Spain, and enrolled in language courses through the University of Castilla - La Mancha, where they took classes from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every day and spoke nothing but Spanish for four weeks. McKell Wilbanks, a junior Spanish education major, says there's no other way to immerse yourself in a language.

"I believe that since I actually went to Spain and got out there and spoke nothing but Spanish ... that helped me learn Spanish so much more and helped me get into it," she said. "I'm at a whole lot higher [level] than where I was before I left and where I would be if I just took two classes here [at UT Martin]."

The students plan to use their Spanish skills in different ways. Wilbanks hopes to become a high school Spanish teacher and pass her love for the language on to another generation. Chelsea Thomson, a senior agricultural business major, and Patricia Ramos, a junior with double majors in Spanish and management, plan to use their skills to work in the human resources industry.

"Going to Spain has helped me toward my career not only by providing an international experience, but by reinforcing a language that is very important in my career field," said Thomson. "Many [agricultural] companies have test crop fields in Mexico, and many agricultural workers are Spanish. By learning Spanish, I have made myself more marketable as an employee because I am able to reach a wider client base."

The University of Castilla - La Mancha also enrolls study abroad students from a variety of other countries, which gives the UT Martin cohort the opportunity to interact with classmates from around the world.

"I think the greatest part about the trip was not only hanging out with the people in my group - I did get really close to them - but we also got really close to other people from other countries. Our favorite group of friends were some people from Lebanon," said Wilbanks. "I really liked getting to know people from other cultures and getting to experience their culture too. They taught us a lot of Arabic words and we taught them a lot of English."

Participating UT Martin students were able to see the world through the eyes of their counterparts from countries such as Egypt, Romania, Lebanon and Mexico. Ramos admits this was an eye-opening experience.

"[Traveling] helps you think differently. When people stay in their own towns or their own states and they don't travel, they don't get to see what other countries experience," she said. "It really opens up your mind to think in a bigger way."

"You think you know how people live, based on what you see in the media and what you read, but when you actually see it for yourself, it's a whole different ballgame," said Kayla Tunstall, a senior international studies major. "This is something every student should do whether it's a requirement or not."

The students each encouraged their UT Martin classmates to take advantage of the university's many travel opportunities and assured them that financial aid is available, if they ask.

"I didn't realize the university offered so many scholarships," said Ramos. "There are so many opportunities that people don't know about."

"I wish I had chosen to study abroad before my senior year," said Thomson. "If you travel early, you might have the opportunity to participate in more than one travel-study. Don't let money hold you back from doing a travel-study. The biggest thing is to ask." Thomson is making up for lost time by traveling to Guatemala with other agriculture students this December, where she will also be able to apply her Spanish skills.

"I believe that we are making a significant impact on our students' academic and personal development (through study abroad experiences). In only four weeks during the summer, study abroad dramatically improves the language proficiency of our students and gets them fired up about further language study," said Dr. Daniel Nappo, professor of Spanish at UT Martin.

"Study abroad is very beneficial because it gives our students first-hand experience in a culture quite different than that of West Tennessee, where the vast majority of our students are from. Apart from the improvement in their Spanish and increased cultural awareness, they also learn how to navigate unfamiliar situations and solve problems on their own."

UT Martin is affiliated with study abroad programs in Spain, Germany, France and Japan. For more information on foreign language requirements or study abroad opportunities, contact the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages at 731-881-7300.
The UT Martin Percussion Ensemble is shown rehearsing their Percussive Arts Society International Convention performance with the help of visiting artist Mohamed Da Costa (center).

Percussion ensemble to perform

The University of Tennessee at Martin Percussion Ensemble will preview their Percussive Arts Society International Convention performance at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 6, in the university’s Harriet Fulton Theater, located inside the Fine Arts Building.

The ensemble recently won the Percussive Arts Society’s International World Percussion Competition in the university showcase category for the first time in school history. They will perform at 2 p.m., Nov. 10, during the society’s international convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

The PASIC preview concert will include music from Brazil, Zimbabwe, West Africa and Trinidad, among other countries. The concert also features an appearance by the UT Martin Dance Ensemble, directed by Sarah McCormick, UT Martin associate professor of dance, and background artwork by Lane Last, UT Martin professor of art, and his students. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for UT Martin and local students. Children 12 and under enter free of charge. Ticket sales will be used to offset travel costs for students performing during the convention.

Community members are also invited to attend a concert celebrating composer Steve Reich’s 80th birthday. The concert will begin at 3 p.m., Oct. 30, in the Blankenship Recital Hall of the UT Martin Fine Arts Building. The afternoon will include performances of Reich’s most notable works, including “Four Organs,” “Electric Counterpoint” and “Mallet Quartet.” Performers will include members of the UT Martin Contemporary Music Group led by Stephen Downing, student artistic director.

Additionally, Dr. Elaine Harriss, UT Martin professor of music, will host a piano workshop from 2-4 p.m., Nov. 5, in room 240 of the UT Martin Fine Arts Building. The interactive workshop for piano teachers and upper-level piano students will explore ways to make learning basic piano techniques easier and more efficient.

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 731-881-7402.
CARTOONIST SPEAKS AT UT MARTIN — Marshall Ramsey, syndicated editorial cartoonist, spoke at the University of Tennessee at Martin on Oct. 21 as part of the Tennessee Association of Community Leadership conference held in the area. Ramsey is an alumnus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has been named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize twice and is the author of multiple books and comic collections. His presentation shared stories about his travels and life choices and encouraged listeners to choose to have a positive attitude through difficult changes.

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES — The University of Tennessee at Martin recognized Judy Jones (center) and Brad Burkett (center, right) with outstanding employee awards during the Clerical and Support Staff Coffee held Oct. 11. One exempt and one non-exempt employee are recognized each semester after being nominated by their colleagues. Jones serves as administrative assistant to the dean of the UT Martin College of Humanities and Fine Arts, and Burkett is associate director of the UT Martin Physical Plant. They are pictured with (from left) Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin interim chancellor; Dr. Lynn Alexander, dean, UT Martin College of Humanities and Fine Arts; and Tim Nipp, director, UT Martin Physical Plant.
The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Phi Kappa Phi Fall Recognition Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the Boling University Center’s Watkins Auditorium. Freshmen and sophomores who excel academically will be honored for their accomplishments during the presentation.

Dr. Dawn Wilkins, professor of biological science, will present a lecture titled “Adventures Studying Birds at Reelfoot Lake.”

Wilkins received a bachelor of science degree in natural resources management with a concentration in wildlife biology from UT Martin. Wilkins later received her master’s degree in biological sciences from Eastern Kentucky University, where she studied communication in red-bellied woodpeckers, and a doctoral degree from Mississippi State University, where she studied the winter foraging ecology of yellow-bellied sapsuckers.

Wilkins is currently a professor in the UT Martin Department of Biological Sciences where she teaches a variety of courses, including ornithology, animal ecology and conservation biology.

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 127 was founded at UT Martin in 1971 and honors students, faculty and staff who have reached high levels of academic success.

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest, largest and most selective collegiate honors society for all academic disciplines.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Christopher Hill, Phi Kappa Phi chapter officer, at chrish@utm.
Incoming UTM boss eager to bring in new AD

By KEVIN WEAKS
Messenger Sports

Keith Carver has a couple of months before he takes over as the UT Martin chancellor in January.

He plans to get busy on the process of hiring an athletic director immediately upon arrival. "I start the first week of January and will at that time start initiating a search for the position," Carver told The Messenger in an interview recently. "University-wide, we have a lot of interim spots. One of my first priorities will be filling those key leadership positions and, obviously, athletic director is one of those we want to fill immediately."

Carver will begin his duties at UTM on Jan. 3 as he replaces Tom Rakes, who in April 2015 announced he was returning to the classroom.

UTM has since been under the interim direction of Robert Smith, who appointed Skyhawk women's basketball head coach Kevin McMillan as interim athletic director on April 7 after Julio Freire left that position to take the job of deputy athletic director for external affairs at the University of Pittsburgh.

While there are no candidates publicly listed for the position and no process for the search laid out, Carver says he will be hands-on in every step of selection. "I'll be very involved," he said. "I feel like athletics is an important part of our campus. It brings the students, but it also brings the public into our campus.

It gives us an advocacy for talking about UT Martin throughout the region. It's really important.

"Obviously, being a Division I program and this being one of the first hires I make, I'll be very involved."

In fact, Carver plans on being a hands-on leader in every aspect of UT Martin.

Having served as the school's vice chancellor for development from 2006-10, it is campus he knows well.

Still getting an in-depth look at the university as a whole will be vital as he fills positions in all departments.

"One of the first things I'm going to do when I get there is spend some time in all of our departments, whether it is the academic colleges, the physical plant, student life, and also getting inside the athletic department, too," he said. "I want to see where UTM athletics are now and what the future will be.

"I want to get into the day-to-day aspects and fundraising and see if there's anything I can do to help in that way, how I might be able to help the student-athlete."

Finding the right leader for UT Martin's athletic teams will be a big first step. That person, Carver pointed out, will have to fill many roles within the job description - everything from department cheerleader to CEO.

"We want to be competitive on the field," Carver said. "We want successful programs, winning programs in the OVC. The primary focus at UTM and OVC is on the student-athlete. We want someone with that vision and competitive fire, but also making sure we get students who will be successful not only on the fields and courts, but also very successful in the classroom.

We want them graduating and graduating on time.

"It also has to be someone familiar with business side, budgeting, fundraising, philanthropy - but also be a marketer and familiar with the compliance side."

Carver and his wife Hollianne have three children - daughter Carson and sons Jack Thomas and Britton.

His sons will be in high school and middle school when he arrives, and both are involved in athletics.

Following school and travel teams, he noted, will be a way of life when he gets to West Tennessee.

"I'm going to be very engaged," he said. "I'm a fan of athletics. I've grown up enjoying sports. We really appreciate it, so the big thing with me will be getting inside and learning more about it, what the challenges within the Skyhawk athletic department are but also realizing the opportunities and committing to help face those challenges.

"Certainly, I have a greater appreciation, and I want our Skyhawk programs to succeed."

Sports reporter Kevin Weaks can be contacted by email at kweaks@ucmessenger.com.

West Star Leadership Program Nov. 17, 18

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Applications can be downloaded at http://www.utm.edu/departments/weststar/events.php. For more information, contact Jordan Jones, summit coordinator, WestStar Leadership Program, at weststar@utm.edu or 731-881-3298.
McDowell receives inaugural Jerry Richardson Memorial Scholarship

http://www.dailypostathenian.com/

McDowell received the inaugural Jerry Richardson Memorial Scholarship.

McDowell attended the prestigious Governor’s School of Agriculture Sciences at UT Martin. In addition, she also found time to play soccer.

She is an active member of Manilla Chapel Baptist Church, where she serves as a long-term Sunday School Secretary, performs in church plays, and ministers with her sign-language backgroup.

She worked as a veterinary technician’s assistant during the summer at Animal Aid Veterinary Clinic in Athens.

McDowell says, “I am very glad that the Richardson family would help students with tuition. I cannot thank them enough. I hope this scholarship continues for many years to come. I know that they help in the future will be extremely grateful and blessed to be assisted with their college education by such a wonderful family.”

Ginger Wheeler, daughter of Jerry Richardson, says: “We are delighted that Kayla is the first to receive the scholarship. My dad was a firm believer that an improved education opened the doors to many lifetime opportunities. Kayla’s work ethic, along with her agricultural interests, would have pleased my dad very much. We look forward to hearing about her college achievements on the road to her success.”

The Jerry Richardson Memorial Scholarship Fund was founded by Robert Bryan, a nephew, to honor Jerry’s legacy by providing assistance to several young people as they pursued their college degrees. At the current time, it is dedicated to students attending Central High School of McMinn County. Anyone may contribute at any time to sustain the scholarship.

UTM chapters to host SGR state meeting

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UTM To Present International Preview, Commemorative Concerts

The University of Tennessee at Martin Percussion Ensemble will preview their Percussive Arts Society International Convention performance at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 6, in the university’s Harriet Fulton Theater, located inside the Fine Arts Building.

The ensemble recently won the Percussive Arts Society’s International World Percussion Competition in the university showcase category for the first time in school history. They will perform at 2 p.m., Nov. 10, during the society’s international convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

The PASIC preview concert will include music from Brazil, Zimbabwe, West Africa and Trinidad, among other countries. The concert also features an appearance by the UT Martin Dance Ensemble, directed by Sarah McCormick, UT Martin associate professor of dance, and background artwork by Lane Last, UT Martin professor of art, and his students. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for UT Martin and local students. Children 12 and under enter free of charge. Ticket sales will be used to offset travel costs for students performing during the convention.

Community members are also invited to attend a concert celebrating composer Steve Reich’s 80th birthday. The concert will begin at 3 p.m., Oct. 30, in the Blankenship Recital Hall of the UT Martin Fine Arts Building. The afternoon will include performances of Reich’s most notable works, including “Four Organs,” “Electric Counterpoint” and “Mallet Quartet.” Performers will include members of the UT Martin Contemporary Music Group led by Stephen Downing, student artistic director.

Additionally, Dr. Elaine Harriss, UT Martin professor of music, will host a piano workshop from 2-4 p.m., Nov. 5, in room 240 of the UT Martin Fine Arts Building. The interactive workshop for piano teachers and upper-level piano students will explore ways to make learning basic piano techniques easier and more efficient.
Tennessee State Sen. Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) and the West Tennessee Legislative Delegation met Oct. 20 at the Champion's Club in the University of Tennessee at Martin's Hardy M. Graham Stadium. Sen. McNally and the delegation were given updates about the university and also toured the new academic classrooms/press box that opened in September. The visit was organized by the UT Advocacy and Government Relations office. Joining Sen. McNally (second from right) were (l to r) Dr. Keith Carver, UT Martin chancellor-elect; Dr. Joe DiPietro, UT president; and Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin interim chancellor.

Fall Preview Days Give Special Opportunities To Visiting Students

High school students and their families are always welcome on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin. However, special Fall Preview Days are set aside to provide students an opportunity to speak with academic advisers, financial counselors and other campus resources in a low-stress environment. Two remaining Fall Preview Days will be held Oct. 29 and Nov. 12 this year.

Each day will begin with check-in at 9 a.m., followed by an official welcome at 9:30. A panel of current UT Martin students will answer questions and discuss the expectations of college life at 10, and participants will be able to visit academic departments starting at 10:45. The day will end with a full campus tour at 11:30.

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Healthy Hawks Organize At UTM

At the Oct. 19 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Martin, Laura Brown and Todd Sherman, professors in the Department of Health and Human Performance at UT Martin, shared information about the new Healthy Hawk initiative at the university. Both are involved in this initiative to encourage health and fitness for all at UT Martin and in the surrounding community. Brown explained that “MWF” can be a key to thinking about good health: “M” for Mindful Mondays (considering overall health and wellbeing), “W” for Water Wednesdays (reminding all of the importance of drinking water), and “F” for Fit Fridays (making exercise an important part of one’s routine).

Sherman highlighted several ideas that are being discussed as ways to promote healthy habits: expanding the availability of fruits and vegetables, expanding and utilizing walkways, researching the possibility of having hands-free water stations, adding improved fitness stations at certain locations, developing a Healthy Hawk fitness App, perhaps working with ROTC on an obstacle course, and more. “We have dreams of getting more and more people involved by scheduling activities and offering incentives,” Sherman said.

Kiwanis member Anna Clark was invited in September to participate in an organizational and brainstorming meeting of Healthy Hawks and will work with others to promote good health in the community.

Juniors, seniors invited to summit

The University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program will host its sixth annual RisingStar Leadership Summit for high school juniors and seniors Nov. 17-18 on campus.

West Tennessee students involved in leadership roles in their schools or communities are encouraged to apply by Nov. 4.

Participating students will arrive at the Hampton Inn in Martin for registration from 4-4:30 p.m. Nov. 17. The first evening will include official university welcomes, ice-breaker activities, a fine dining experience and a student recreation event.

Second-day activities will begin with a continental breakfast at 7:15 Nov. 18. Students will then participate in leadership team-building activities before campus tours begin at 10:45. Students will be broken into groups in order to receive customized tours focused on areas of greatest personal interest.

Cary Vaughn, CEO of Love Worth Finding Ministries, will serve as keynote speaker and offer instruction on motivational leadership at noon before students go to afternoon sessions.

Transportation from the motel and between all activities is provided, and chaperones will be present at all locations.

Registration is $120 per student, which includes lodging, meals, materials and a T-shirt. Students should send registration materials and payment to WestStar Leadership Program, 321 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. Checks should be made payable to WestStar Leadership Program. Applications can be downloaded at http://www.utm.edu/departments/weststar/events.php.

Last preview set at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin will host a final Fall Preview Day Nov. 12 for high school students wishing to learn more about UT Martin and the admissions process.

Students will be able to meet academic advisers and financial counselors.

Register online at utm.edu/preview. For more information, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (731) 881-7020.
UTM Grad Killed in Fallujah to Feature on New History Channel Series

By JOHN NULL • OCTOBER 27, 2016

Capt. Brent Morel
Credit UTM University Relations

The story of a University of Tennessee at Martin graduate who was killed in combat in Fallujah, Iraq will be featured on a new History Channel television series.

Marine Captain Brent Morel, a 1999 graduate of UT Martin, died in April 2004 when he ran across open terrain to confront insurgents who had hit his convoy with rocket-propelled grenades. He was the only American killed in the assault and was posthumously awarded both the Purple Heart and Navy Cross.

A bust of Morel stands in UT Martin's Paul Meek Library

The series, called The Warfighters, will tell Morel's story with first-person accounts and actual combat footage, combined with cinematic dramatization.

The show premieres on November 11. Morel's episode is called "The Ambush of April 7th".
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Weakley County students awarded scholarships

Two Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2016-17 academic year, according to Dr. James Mantooth, executive director, Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement.

Julie Marie Durham, of Dresden, daughter of Buford and Debbie Groth, is a sophomore. She received the David & Lisha Tuck Non-Traditional Scholarship.

Amanda Sue Mansfield, of Gleason, is a senior. She received the Center for Global Studies Scholarship.

UTM’s MBA program ranked

The Princeton Review has included the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Master of Business Administration program in its annual list of the “Best 294 Business Schools,” 2017 edition.

Approximately 25,000 students from business programs across the country responded to The Princeton Review’s survey to rate their institutions and report on their experiences as students. The survey included topics such as school administration and professor quality, academic programs, opportunities for women and minorities, student body composition, campus life and personal career prospects.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting the UT Martin Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN, 38238, or by calling (731) 881-7040.

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The publication does not rank schools numerically but instead lists those chosen in alphabetical order. UT Martin’s published profile calls the university “a friendly, flexible, low-key place to get a quality business education.”

The UT Martin MBA program is offered in a hybrid format, which allows students to complete a combination of online and on-campus courses. A fully online option is also available.

The complete list is available at princetonreview.com/business-school-rankings/best-business-schools.

For more information, contact Dr. Ashley Kilburn, graduate coordinator with the College of Business and Global Affairs, at 731-881-7245 or email a kilburn@
LEARNING ABROAD — Pictured during a study-abroad trip to Spain are University of Tennessee at Martin students (from left) Patricia Ramos, of Martin; Selena Chavez, of Ooltewah; Kayla Tunstall, of Memphis; Chelsea Thomson, of Lakeland; McKell Wilbanks, of Arlington; Terrence Bishop, of Fulton, Ky.; Tierney Bowden, of Memphis; Madison Spain, of Clarksville; and Catrina White, of Bradford.

UT-Martin students participate in program
All students at the University of Tennessee at Martin are required to complete two undergraduate courses in a foreign language. However, those who choose to major or minor in a foreign language or international studies are also required to participate in a travel-study or study abroad program before graduation.

Travel-study trips are typically a week or two in length and primarily expose students to historical sites and cultural opportunities. Study abroad programs, however, can range from one month to one year and include academic language courses at a foreign university. These trips force participating students to immerse themselves in their chosen language, observe the customs of their host country and come home with a complete foreign experience.

A group of UT Martin students spent the month of July in Toledo, Spain, and enrolled in language courses through the University of Castilla-La Mancha, where they took classes from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every day and spoke nothing but Spanish for four weeks. McKell Wilbanks, a junior Spanish education major, says there's "no other way to immerse yourself in a language."

"I believe that since I actually went to Spain and got out there and spoke nothing but Spanish ... that helped me learn Spanish so much more and helped me get into it," she said. "I'm at a whole lot higher [level] than where I was before I left and where I would be if I just took two classes here [at UT Martin]."

The students plan to use their Spanish skills in different ways. Wilbanks hopes to become a high school Spanish teacher and pass her love for the language on to another generation. Chelsea Thomson, a senior agricultural business major, and Patricia Ramos, a junior with double majors in Spanish and management, plan to use their skills to work in the human resources industry.

"Going to Spain has helped me toward my career not only by providing an international experience, but by reinforcing a language that is very important in my career field," said Thomson. "Many [agricultural] companies have test crop fields in Mexico, and many agricultural workers are Hispanic. By learning Spanish, I have made myself more marketable as an employee because I am able to reach a wider client base."

The University of Castilla-La Mancha also enrolls study abroad students from a variety of other countries, which gave the UT Martin cohort the opportunity to interact with classmates from around the world.

"I think the greatest part about the trip was not only hanging out with the people in my group -- I did get really close to them -- but we also got really close to other people from other countries. Our favorite group of friends were some people from Lebanon," said Wilbanks. "I really liked getting to know people from other cultures and getting to experience their culture too. They taught us a lot of Arabic words and we taught them a lot of English."

Participating UT Martin students were able to see the world through the eyes of their counterparts from countries such as Egypt, Romania, Lebanon and Mexico. Ramos admits this was an eye-opening experience.

"[Traveling] helps you think differently. When people stay in their own towns or their own states and they don't travel, they don't get to see what other countries experience," she said. "It really opens up your mind to think in a bigger way."

"You think you know how people live, based on what you see in the media and what you read, but when you actually see it for yourself, it's a whole different ballgame," said Kayla Tunstall, a senior international studies major. "This is something every student should do whether it's a requirement or not."

The students each encouraged their UT Martin classmates to take advantage of the university's many travel opportunities and assured them that financial aid is available, if they ask.

"I didn't realize the university offered so many scholarships," said Ramos. "There are so many opportunities that people don't know about."

"I wish I had chosen to study abroad before my senior year," said Thomson. "If you travel early, you might have the opportunity to participate in more than one travel-study. ... Don't let money hold you back from doing a travel-study. ... The biggest thing is to ask." Thomson is making up for lost time by traveling to Guatemala with other agriculture students this December, where she will also be able to apply her Spanish skills.

"I believe that we are making a significant impact on our students' academic and personal development (through study abroad experiences). In only four weeks during the summer, study abroad dramatically improves the language proficiency of our students and gets them fired up about further language study," said Dr. Daniel Nappo, professor of Spanish at UT Martin. "Study abroad is very beneficial because it gives our students first-hand experience in a culture quite different than that of West Tennessee, where the vast majority of our students are from. Apart from the improvement in their Spanish and increased cultural awareness, they also learn how to navigate unfamiliar situations and solve problems on their own."

UT Martin is affiliated with study abroad programs in Spain, Germany, France and Japan. For more information on foreign language requirements or study abroad opportunities, contact the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages at 731-881-7300.
UT Martin campus has ghostly history

By LINDA THURSTON
Press Editor

"I'm feeling it. I want out of here."

People wandered through narrow halls lit only by the red glow from "exit" signs and the occasional flicker of a flashlight.

"It's very oppressive."

"I'm so weak."

"Someone grabbed my shoulder, and I turned around and there was no one there!"

The annual Ghost Walk on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin on Monday night drew 20 people curious to learn more about the paranormal history of the school. But it wasn't until the stroll through abandoned racquetball courts in the Elam Center that fear began to raise its ugly head.

Casey McCasland, president of PRISM, a paranormal research group based in Martin, led the group through a door with a sign that read "TIXE," which I found somewhat ominous. But it turns out it was more ominous than any of us realized. When we emerged from the building a few minutes later, a PRISM member told McCasland that a UT Martin employee was shocked to see us coming out of the racquetball area, because she had carefully locked the doors earlier that night.

The tour had begun at the University Center, where a cool stroll stopped near the dormitory area and McCasland began to tell us stories about the campus.

College, he said, is a time of highly charged emotions, from falling in love to discovering a career path, and it's believed that these emotions are what draw spirits to the area.

"Those emotions are imprinted on the walls," McCasland said.

Carefully prefacing his remarks by saying they were an amalgam of history, folklore and fairy tales, he said an elderly desk worker was supposed to have collapsed and died after a heart attack at his post in Browning Hall, and his ghost had been reported to still make appearances there.

In the old McCord Hall, it's said that suicides and murders have occurred but weren't reported by campus police to respect families' privacy or to keep the
McCasland turned and led us on until campus lighting began to leave us behind.

We were approaching Pacer Pond, a black slick of water lurking behind trees and shrubbery.

As we passed the rec center, McCasland said before its construction, the west side of campus was a "creepy" area, dark and overgrown. Since the building went up, employees have reported finding doors unlocked in the morning and chairs thrown around.

Much of the land for the university came from the purchase of Woodley Farm in 1928. Its owner's son, Otis Freeman, sold 98 acres to UT for use by agricultural students and for future expansion. The original frame house built by James Evans Freeman stood on the site of today's Paul Meek Library. For many years the western edge of the property was virtually abandoned, and McCasland said this area is one of the most active in terms of sightings. Before it was developed, he said, people reported seeing figures on their knees, crawling through the high grass and brush.

It is also a legend that a science professor, a la Frankenstein, managed to graft a dog's head onto a man's body, and this creature was often seen wandering the area.

A bench situated where the fitness trail turns to cross the pond has its own legends: one, that a man resting on the bench turned to see a man with half a face, and another, that a criminally insane patient at a nearby facility disappeared and all that was found was some blood on the bench.

Several tour members tried sitting on the bench with no results, except the report of feeling dripping blood, made by a young girl who then laughed.

As we descended to the bridge at the end of Pacer Pond, there was a noticeable drop in temperature on this cool night. But that might have been only natural atmospherics. (A few years back, in the heat of the summer, I stepped into a swale on a golf course and encountered a mass of air almost 10 degrees cooler. That certainly felt like passing through a ghostly presence.)

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At the bridge, McCasland told us a woman once reported that when she and her husband were crossing the creek, he cried out and told her someone had grabbed him and tried to drag him into the water. Six people went missing in that area, McCasland said, and it was reported that body parts were found in the water.

He reminded us that long before white people arrived, Shawnees wandered the area, and some say the manmade pond covers former sacrificial burials performed by the Native Americans.

While we stopped at the bridge, several tour members speculated that they could see something crouched along the tree line beside the pond, and a woman dressed in white standing beside it. No one went to investigate further.

Our next stop was a fenced playground near the baseball fields, with huge plastic slides and other equipment looming in the darkness. It was here McCasland told us his own spooky tale.

He said in 2007 a woman who worked at the daycare facility placed a frantic call to him, all the while protesting, “I don’t believe in ghosts.” She said all the children at the daycare reported having an imaginary friend, and they all gave him the same name: Toby.

The woman said one day she went to lunch, locking her office door behind her. When she returned she found the office unlocked and files strewn all around the room. A child who attended daycare was sitting in the office and handed the woman a file, saying, “Toby wants you to have this.”

McCasland said it was a report of a child running out in the road, getting hit by a car and killed.

He said he had also received calls from Ellington Hall, where residents reported being wakened by someone sitting on their bed and seeing a little boy, blond and blue-eyed with a mangled face, crying and asking, “Why won’t anyone play with me?”

Our last visit before I left the tour was to Elam Center, where McCasland said the downstairs racquetball courts were an active site. Instead of taking us downstairs, however, he took us along the darkened catwalks that looked down on the courts. This is where tour members started reporting odd feelings, and where we later learned we were walking in an area that was supposed to be locked.

He took us on to the old fieldhouse, originally built to house all the university’s teams but now devoted to volleyball. He said the fieldhouse was among the oldest on campus, and the university website indicates it was built in 1963.

I tried to remain open to any sensations or sights throughout the tour, but most people seemed more affected than I was.

In the fieldhouse, I did get a brief glimpse of a tall, slim ghostly woman with a steely gaze who was carrying something round and orange, but I have no idea who she might have been.

The University of Tennessee at Martin dates from 1927, although before then it was the site of the Hall Moody Institute, which became a junior college in the mid-20s before facing financial difficulties.

One hundred years is long enough for an area to accumulate a few ghosts, so visitors to the campus after dark should be on alert for any paranormal excitement.
Students at the University of Tennessee at Martin can choose from more than 150 different clubs and organizations. Options range from traditional fraternities and sororities to clubs focused on interests such as crochet and animation to major-specific clubs to promote particular fields of study.

While all these choices offer social opportunities and a sense of community, the UT Martin chapter of the Student Cattlemen's Association connects students who have an interest in agriculture and livestock with the contacts and experiences they need to pursue various agricultural career goals.

"My involvement with student cattlemen's really opened my eyes to all the different aspects of the cattle industry," said Samantha Knight, a senior from Adams. "I've seen firsthand the cow-calf operations, but seeing what happens after (calves) leave their mothers was fascinating to me, and I wanted to learn more."

After starting college with an eye on the veterinary health field, Knight discovered a love for the cattle industry and is now studying agriculture with a focus on livestock production and management.

Dustyn Watson, a senior from Darden, came to UT Martin to take advantage of the many hands-on learning opportunities available in the livestock production field.

"I definitely knew I wanted to do something with animal science because of my passion for cattle," he said. "What I would like to do after I graduate ... is to be a livestock specialist. ... They go out and help farmers with planning their cattle herd and setting up facilities."

Watson is currently president of the UT Martin SCA chapter and is proud of the work student cattlemen do to help their fellow students become active in the field.

"We have members ... who don't have any cattle background. They don't own cattle, but they are so passionate about the cattle industry," he said. "So that's what we do: we go out there and give them those resources so that, after they graduate, they will have those people to go back to."

One of the many opportunities available through the Student Cattlemen's Association is the ability to gain first-hand, hands-on experience in a variety of industries within the agriculture field. Watson and Knight were both able to join a student travel-study to Texas and Oklahoma this past spring to visit livestock feed lots, observe different cattle-management practices and tour a meat-processing facility.

"When you've watched the thought and determination that goes into (raising cattle) ... and you've had to understand what goes on behind the scenes, you have a whole new appreciation for (the industry)," said Knight.

"Most people in (West Tennessee) have cow-calf operations, but we were able to see that next step and see where the cattle go when they leave us," said Watson.

Both students hope to use their agricultural knowledge and first-hand observations of the cattle industry to educate their fellow citizens on the process and laws surrounding food production.

"I feel like it's our job as agricultural advocates to inform people about what goes on," said Knight. "(My education) helps me relay information to (non-agricultural people) in a way that they can understand it and are not shocked by what goes on. ... UT Martin gives us so many different learning opportunities, so if you don't take advantage of those and utilize them to your full advantage, that's your own fault."

Both Knight and Watson plan to graduate in the spring 2017 semester.

For more information on the UT Martin chapter of the Student Cattlemen's Association, contact Dr. Emalee Butrey, assistant professor of animal science and chapter faculty adviser, at ebubrey@utm.edu.
Merrill attends UT Martin Homecoming

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The University of Tennessee at Martin hosted a superhero-themed homecoming week Oct. 3-7, ending with the traditional Quad City festivities and homecoming football game Oct. 8. The Skyhawks emerged victorious over the Austin Peay State University Governors, 45-31. Pictured during Quad City are from left: Austin Duran, of Memphis; Winston Bee Sr., of Piperton; Mohammed Alyousef, of Saudi Arabia; and Austin Merrill, of Greenbrier.

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UT Martin vet students have 100% summer pass rate

Students from the University of Tennessee at Martin's Veterinary Health Technology Program achieved a 100 percent pass rate during the 2016 summer session of the Veterinary Technician National Examination.

This is the first time the program has reached this goal, according to a press release from the university.

Students who received their UT Martin degrees in the spring and summer 2016 semesters were eligible to sit for the national examination, which is required to receive a professional license to practice in Tennessee. All students who took the exam during the summer testing session passed as first-time test takers. Three testing sessions are offered each year.

"I feel like the vet tech program does a good job of emphasizing the importance of licensure, and they devote a lot of time and effort to reviewing VTNE-related topics," said Matthew Chesnut, a spring 2016 graduate. "(Our professors) provided us with the resources we needed to help us pass the exam."

Chesnut began working as a veterinary health technologist at Hoeks Pet Clinic in Martin shortly after completing his degree requirements.

ANNIVERSARY MARKED—There was plenty for children to do Saturday when a 75th anniversary celebration and open house were held at the new Reelfoot National Wildlife Visitor Center. Chris Criswell (above, left) and Cooper Cashion (above, right) tested their archery skills at the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency’s S.A.F.E. Archery hoverball target. Chris is the 6-year-old son of Emily King and Jeremy Palmer of Dyersburg and Cooper is the 7-year-old son of Nicole and Brian Cashion of Newbern. Thomas Lemons (below) learned about the birds of West Tennessee from Dr. Dawn Wilkins, a professor of biological science at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is the 6-year-old son of Brandy and Patrick Lemons of Dyersburg.
The University of Tennessee at Martin hosted its annual Legacy Luncheon on Aug. 19 in the Paul Meek Library. This event takes place during move-in weekend each fall to welcome new freshmen who are the children and grandchildren of UT Martin alumni. For more information about UT Martin, visit utm.edu/advantage. From left are Christy Honaker, Caitlin Giles, and Beth and Keith Giles of Trezevant.

Craig, Ben and Tammy Chrestman of Adamsville.

Tammy Solomon and Autumn Faulkner of Gleason.
Ann, Kaylie, Chad and Tina Grant of Lexington.

Amy and Wesley Ball of Alamo.

Sharon and Rebecca Lee, and Savannah Lee Pannell, of Dyer.

Raymond, Ethan and April Brake of Milan.
REMEMBERING THE ‘FORGOTTEN WAR’

A museum exhibit and several events seek to educate locals about this area during World War I.
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said those who attend the sessions will learn about clothing, feeding, transporting and arming during World War I.

"I chose four areas that were critical for the war effort," she said.

The weekend starts with a commemoration at 5 p.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church.

Louis de Corail, the Consul General of France in Atlanta, will be present. County historian Harbert Alexander will give a presentation called "The Forgotten War" and Catherine-Carl will discuss "The Chevy Chase Estate and the Carillon."

Guests will hear a brief carillon concert featuring French and American patriotic songs.

Carls said the event speaks to the "friendship that united France and the United States during World War I."

There will be a World War I symposium starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Casey Jones Railroad Museum. Among the speakers will be Dr. George Nash discussing "Herbert Hoover, the U.S. Food Administration and Dr. J.A.H. Morgan."

Carls is excited about this presentation because she said it represents an early public health effort in Tennessee.

"You have health officials who educated the public on what a healthy diet is," Carls said.

Carls said some topics have stood out as she has researched Jackson's role in World War I, though she acknowledged these are also the areas she knows best.

"One is the story of African-American efforts in the war, and that story has not been told like it should yet," Carls said.

She mentioned James Franklin Lane, a longtime president of Lane College and the son of the school's namesake. Her research shows that as black students joined the military during World War I, Lane would travel with them to training camp for support.

"That's going beyond the call of duty," she noted.

Frances Reed Elliott is another important figure with West Tennessee ties. The first African-American nurse to be part of the American Red Cross, Elliott spent time before that in Jackson caring for children in a one-room school and teaching families about how to stay healthy.

"This is the kind of thing we do not know nearly enough about, and it was right here in our backyard," Carls said.

Carls said Professor Linda Wynn will address items like that in the 11:20 a.m. session "Black Communities in Tennessee" that will wrap up the morning.

There will be train exhibits at the Casey Jones Museum at 12:15, which might appeal to children, and at 1 p.m. Richard Gonzales will present "The Trains: Tennessee's Contributions to the Great War" along with his collection of model trains from the period.
Part of the display on Robert Cartmell, a local diarist who began writing in the mid-1800s and eventually wrote a little about World War I.