UT Martin will host the 18th annual Civil Rights Conference, Feb. 18-24, on the main campus in Martin. The 2018 conference will center on the theme “50 Years After Dr. King’s Assassination: From Dream to Woke.”

Bobby Seale, co-founder and first chairman of the Black Panther Party, will serve as keynote speaker at 7 p.m., Feb. 22, in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center.

A special forum discussion titled “Heritage or Hate: A Forum on Confederate Monuments” will be held at noon, Feb. 14, in Watkins Auditorium before the official start of the conference.

New this year is a public trip to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, sponsored by Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin. Those wishing to attend will depart the Boling University Center parking lot at 7:30 a.m., Feb. 24. Admission to the museum is $10 per person.

The public is also invited to vote for the Popular Choice Award in the Civil Rights Conference Student Art Contest during the day Feb. 22. Awards will be presented at 1 p.m., Feb. 23.

All other events will be held in Watkins Auditorium free of charge unless otherwise noted.

UT Martin is one of only two universities in the nation to host an annual civil rights conference, and the event has been held each year since 2000.
YoUTMs highlighting the excellence of our faculty and staff

Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, Tom Elam Distinguished Professor of History, has recently been awarded the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who’s Who. According to the organization’s website, this award is given to “biographees who demonstrate leadership, excellence and longevity within their respective industries and professions.”

Dr. Ross Pruitt, associate professor of agricultural economics, spoke Feb. 4 at the American Society of Animal Science - Southern Section SERA 41 Symposia. His presentation was titled “Economics of Baleage with Consideration for Class of Cattle.”

Drs. Stuart Currie, associate professor, and Dr. Ajit Korgaokar, assistant professor, both of the Department of Health and Human Performance, were invited guest presenters at the 2018 Tennessee State Soccer Association’s annual general meeting in Nashville. The pair presented best coaching practices implementing a play-practice-play model. Korgaokar also presented on nutrition for optimal performance in soccer players.

Greekfest raises $9K for community

The Office of Student Life would like to thank faculty and staff members who helped raise more than $9,000 for local organizations leading up to Greekfest Charity Night, Feb. 6. Collected funds will be distributed among the Carl Perkins Center, Weakley County Backpack Program and the Martin Housing Authority.

In addition to these fundraising efforts, students also gathered in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse and packaged more than 15,000 macaroni and cheese meals for local food banks.

Speaker reminders!

Nathan Richardson, author and performance poet, will appear as historic figure Frederick Douglass at 5 p.m. tonight, Feb. 12, in the Paul Meek Library. This event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Temple Grandin, noted animal behaviorist and autism spokesperson, will speak at 7 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 13, in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse. Tickets for this event are sold out. If you have a ticket, it must be shown at the door to enter the fieldhouse. Grandin is part of the Ed and Llew Jones Distinguished Speakers Series.

See the Feb. 5 Addenda for more details.

Host families needed Feb. 17-18!

The Office of International Programs and International Admissions is seeking families to host visiting Japanese students Feb. 17-18.

These students are searching for an authentic American experience, so they would be happy to participate in family outings, dinners, church services or other activities.

Students can stay singly or in pairs. They are around age 19 and have experience speaking English.

If you may be able to host students, contact Stephanie Butler at sbutler@utm.edu.

Be part of the strategic plan!

Attend a listening session from either 2-4 or 4-6 p.m., Feb. 16, in the Duncan Ballroom.
ATTEND TPA WINTER CONVENTION – Dr. Robert Nanney (left), communications department chair, and student journalists from the department, attended the Tennessee Press Association Winter Convention and Gubernatorial Candidate Forum on Feb. 5 at the Nashville Public Library. Nanney, a longtime print journalism photographer, reporter and managing editor, annually takes university students to the convention. Pictured with Nanney are (l-r) Rachel Moore, of Ashland City; Julia Ewoldt, of Savannah; Sarah Knapp, of Moscow; Gov. Bill Haslam; Jason Repath, White House; Matt Herod, of Jackson; and Chancellor Keith Carver. The WestStar Leadership Program also sponsored a group of current class members and alumni to attend the forum.

NEW SKYHAWKS SIGN – Jason Simpson, head coach of the Skyhawk football team, is shown addressing new recruits, their families, Skyhawk supporters and the media during a signing day event Feb. 7 in the Champions Club. Eight players committed to the UT Martin team during the event. Three of these are from Tennessee, two are from Florida, and one each come from Georgia, Mississippi and Missouri. These new recruits, along with the 16 players committed to the team during the new mid-year signing period in December, bring 24 new players to the Skyhawk football program. Simpson and his staff added 12 offensive players, 11 defensive players and one specialist. Simpson is the winningest active coach in the Ohio Valley Conference and boasts a 78-59 record during his Skyhawk tenure.

TOWN HALL MEETING – UT Martin’s first Town Hall Meeting was held Feb. 8 in Watkins Auditorium. Chancellor Keith Carver addressed questions from the audience as well as those sent via email from the UT Martin extended campus centers, alumni and other viewers. Question topics included the economic impact of UT Martin on West Tennessee, future steps in the provost search, the effectiveness of the Student Government Association and budget concerns, among others. A reporter from WBBJ-TV in Jackson was also present and spoke with several audience members about their participation. The resulting news story can be found online. Carver was pleased with the meeting attendance and plans to hold another town hall this time next year.
Forum planned to discuss My Campus Student Experience Survey

A public forum to discuss the results of the My Campus Student Experience Survey is scheduled for 3-5 p.m., Feb. 19, in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center.

Dr. Noma Anderson, special advisor to the UT president on diversity and inclusion and chair of the UT Diversity Advisory Council, will present the material.

Students across the UT System were encouraged to participate in this survey last spring in an effort to better understand students’ feelings about inclusion and safety on the various UT campuses.

The system-wide participation rate was 24 percent. (The industry average participation rate for similar surveys is about 18 percent.) Both graduate and undergraduate student populations were included.

UT Martin students had a 32.8 percent response rate for a total of 1,782 submissions. All survey submissions were anonymous, so students were able to share experiences and concerns without fear of being identified.

These results provide baseline data for future discussions surrounding campus culture, diversity and safety for all groups.

All UT Martin students, faculty and staff members are encouraged to attend Monday’s forum.

This Week’s Calendar

- **Feb. 12-24** – League of Striving Artists exhibition; Fine Arts Building Gallery; gallery hours
- **Feb. 12** – Frederick Douglass historic performance; Paul Meek Library; 5 p.m.
- **Feb. 13** – Women’s Center Speaker Series: Dr. Sandy Mehlhorn, associate professor of agricultural engineering: “Women in Agricultural Engineering”; Gooch Hall, room 322; 12:20 p.m.
- **Feb. 13** – Ed and Llew Jones Distinguished Lecture Series: Dr. Temple Grandin; Skyhawk Fieldhouse; 7 p.m.; tickets required
- **Feb. 15** – Lunch Bunch; Dunagan Alumni Center; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; RSVP to Dorothy Gillon
- **Feb. 15** – Women’s basketball vs. SIUE; Elam Center; 4 p.m.
- **Feb. 15** – Men’s basketball vs. SIUE; Elam Center; 7 p.m.
- **Feb. 16** – Strategic plan listening sessions; Duncan Ballroom; 2-4 or 4-6 p.m.
- **Feb. 17** – Women’s basketball vs. Eastern Illinois; Elam Center; 4 p.m.
- **Feb. 17** – Men’s basketball vs. Eastern Illinois; Elam Center; 6 p.m.
- **Feb. 18** – Performance: Concert Band; Fulton Theatre; 3 p.m.
- **Feb. 19-24** – 18th annual Civil Rights Conference; see page 1 for schedule information
- **Feb. 19** – Department of Music Junior/Senior Day; Fine Arts Building; 9 a.m.
- **Feb. 19** – Test Flight Academic Preview Day; Boling University Center; 8 a.m.
- **Feb. 19** – My Campus Student Experience Survey forum; Watkins Auditorium; 3-5 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

State of the System Address from UT President Joe DiPietro

2:30 p.m., Feb. 28 | Live webcast from Nashville (link coming soon)

You Tell Me

**Question** – What products or software does UT Martin offer free of charge to active employees?

**Answer** – The following software programs are available for active employees: Office 365; Adobe Creative Cloud; Respondus 4.0; EndNote X7; Read & Write Gold; Maple 2017; Minitab 18; Minitab Express; SPSS 23, 24, 25; Amos 24; Amos 25; Zoom Conferencing Software; Qualtrics; ArcGIS; and SAS. If you are in need of any of these programs, contact the UT Martin Help Desk at 881-7900 for assistance.

Submit your questions to the Suggestion Box link at www.utm.edu.