More than $8,000

**Reading Center gets UT Alliance of Women Giving Circle Grant**

The UT Alliance of Women Philanthropists announced its 2014 Giving Circle Grants recipients at the sixth annual Women and Philanthropy Symposium, Feb. 21, in Knoxville.

As part of their mission to educate, empower and inspire women to be philanthropic leaders, the Alliance funds innovative projects and programs focused on issues important to women. Funded through donations by the Alliance’s executive board, 35 projects across the UT System totaling nearly $350,000 have been realized since 2008. UT Martin has received six grants.

This year, UT Martin’s Reading Clinic, which is staffed by UT Martin pre-service teachers, received $8,125 to fund scholarships for struggling students who need remedial reading instruction. This is the second consecutive year the Reading Clinic has received funding from the Alliance.

“Beverly Hearn, former director of the UT Martin Reading Clinic, and Taren Hatcher, a UT Martin student teacher, spoke to close to 100 Alliance members in Nashville this past summer,” said Marilyn Elrod, Alliance Grants vice chair. “The stories they shared prove this program is making a lifelong impact on children and student teachers.”

Through the scholarship program, UT Martin will continue to have a wide influence on literacy in Northwest Tennessee.

Dr. Karen DiBella, an assistant professor, serves as the current director of the Reading Center. She earned her undergraduate degree from Penn State and her master’s and doctorate from Florida Gulf Coast University. She took charge of the Reading Center in January.

“I am excited to have received the grant from the UT Alliance of Women Philanthropists.”

**Unity 5K set for April 12; race to knock down barriers**

The Unity 5K, a marathon hosted by Special Olympics of Tennessee, will be held April 12 in Martin.

This race is an opportunity to bring the community together and knock down barriers. Its purpose is to provide the opportunity for an inclusive sporting event.

This 5K will also bring awareness to the campaign “Spread the Word to End the Word.”

The “r” word campaign brings awareness to the hurtful use of derogatory language and the hurt it causes.

The “Spread the Word to End the Word” campaign asks people to pledge to stop using the word “retard(ed)” as a slur. The use of the “r” word is offensive and hurtful.

The Unity 5K and this race will help raise awareness of the “r” word campaign and to treat everyone, all the time, with respect.

Individuals with and without disabilities will be participating in the Unity 5K together for a common goal.

People are encouraged to visit www.r-word.org to learn more and to take the pledge to stop using the “r” word.

There is a $20 registration fee, and registration forms can be picked up from The Sideline in Martin.

The money made from this event is to support Area 7 Special Olympics, which includes Weakley, Obion, Lake and Henry counties.

The money will be used to fund the local, regional and state events, as well as transporting the children to and from these events.

**Paul Meek Library Depository Collection highly rated by FDLP**

The Paul Meek Library recently received notification from the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) of the U.S. Government Printing Office that program officers “appreciate the library’s continuing commitment to provide free, public access to resources available through the FDLP.”

Dr. Karen DiBella

The Public Access Assessment review process identified areas that required attention; however, primary FDLP requirements were in full compliance.

“We appreciate and plan to implement the advice of the FDLP specialists who have offered suggestions to better serve our district’s citizens with improved accessibility and online catalog improvements,” said Dr. Chuck Julian, the library’s director.

Library employees who work with the government documents program include: Jim Nance, Dana Breland and Sara Rachels.
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- Dr. Janet Wilbert, associate professor, and Dani James, lecturer, from the Department of Health and Human Performance, attended the Southern District Conference for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) Feb. 20-22 in Lexington, Ky. Wilbert and James made a presentation on “Concussion Policies and Legislation; What you need to know.”
- Dr. Joseph Ostenson, assistant professor of psychology, co-chaired the Midwinter Meeting of the Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology, Division 24 of the American Psychological Association, March 6-8, in Atlanta, Ga. He also presented in a symposium on the industrialization of higher education, as well as organized the symposium “Combating STEM by bridging psychology and the humanities in the classroom” with Dr. John Glass, assistant professor of English, who presented “The demons that inhabit the human breast: Psychoanalysis in Virgil and the English classroom”; Dr. Michelle Merwin, professor of psychology, who presented “Rescue 911: How literature can save psychology students from neuroscience and further compartmentalization”; and Dr. Charles Bradshaw, associate professor of English, who presented “Mental disorders and aesthetics: Franz Kafka’s and Charlotte Perkins Gillman’s literary prognosis for depression.”

The physical plant staff worked extra hours during the recent winter storm. The staff includes (bottom row, from left) Bill Kaler, Rick Bradberry, Davis Rash, Stephen Johns, Eric Allen, Terrence Bishop, Pete Gibson, Trent Hornbeak, Jerry Golden, Benny Quintero, Steve Dyer; (back row, from left) Darren Ray, Allison Coleman, Tommy Sledd, Kenneth Chappell, Avery Lawson, Matthew Hazlewood, Donald Bowlin, Chris Virgin, Gerry Gallimore, Bobby Webb, Mike Davis, Jr., Larry Bondurant and Derry Rogers.

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Calendar

March 17 - 22 - Women’s NCAA Basketball Tournament (Selection Show, Student Life Center, 5:30 p.m.)
March 17 - Book of Days by Lanford Wilson, Fine Arts Building, The NEW Little Theatre (every night Saturday through Saturday (March 17-22)
March 17 - Senior Art Exhibitions: Beckye Norton, Cody Smith, Stephen Crosby, Fine Arts Building, Arts Gallery, All day (Mar 17-21)
March 17 - Skyhawk golf at Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate, Sevierville Golf Club, Sevierville (through March 18)
March 17 - Faculty Musicaire, Fine Arts Building, Blankenship Recital Hall, 12:15 p.m.
March 18 - Skyhawk baseball at Evansville, Ind., 6 p.m.
March 18 - Academic Speaker Series - Pegg and Murray Schwartz: Pearl Primus: Life, Work, and Legacy, Boling University Center, Watkins Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
March 18 - Concert Series: Clarinet Duo Corey Mackey and Elizabeth Aleksander, Fine Art Building, Blankenship Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
March 19 - Mina Uffelman, The Diary of Nannie Boskins Williams: A Southern Women’s Story of Rebellion and Reconstruction, Brehm Hall (Room 258), 7 p.m.
March 21 - Skyhawk baseball at Tennessee Tech, 6 p.m.
March 22 - Skyhawk golf at First Tee Classic, Chenal Country Club, Little Rock, Ark. (through March 23)
March 22 - Spring Preview Day, Boling University Center, 8:30 a.m.
March 22 - Skyhawk women’s tennis vs. Morehead, Boling University Center, 11 a.m. (doubleheader)
March 22 - Skyhawk softball at Morehead State, 11 a.m. (doubleheader)
March 22 - Skyhawk baseball at Tennessee Tech, 2 p.m.
March 23 - Skyhawk women’s tennis vs. Morehead, Skyhawk Tennis Complex, 10 a.m.
March 23 - Skyhawk softball at Eastern Kentucky, 11 a.m. (doubleheader)
March 23 - Skyhawk baseball at Tennessee Tech, 1 p.m.