Captain Skyhawk celebrates 20th birthday

UT Martin introduced the Captain Skyhawk mascot in the fall of 1995 during a historic football game against Bethel University. This year, the university will celebrate “Captain’s” 20th birthday during annual homecoming festivities, Oct. 9-11.

Traditional events, including the rope pull and pyramid building competitions, pep rally and alumni reunions, return in celebration of Captain Skyhawk. Quad City, with its live music, petting farm, college tents and “Hawk Walk,” will be open to the public from 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Oct. 10. The Skyhawks will face Tennessee State University at 2:30 in Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

Homecoming shirts are available in the alumni office or at the alumni tent during Quad City. Short sleeve shirts are $10, with an additional $2 for sizes 2X and above. Call the Office of Alumni Relations at 731-881-3610 or e-mail alumni@utm.edu to place an order.

For more homecoming information, visit www.utmforever.com.

Homecoming Schedule

Friday, Oct. 9
- 3:30 p.m. – Rope Pull championships, Pacer Pond
- 6 – Volleyball vs. Morehead State, Skyhawk Fieldhouse
- 7 – University Choirs Dessert Evening, Fine Arts Building (admission: $18 for adults, $12 for children ages 12 and under)
- 7 – Pyramid and Pep Rally, Kathleen and Tom Elam Center (admission: $5 per person)

Saturday, Oct. 10
- 7:30 a.m. – Letter Winners’ Breakfast and Hall of Fame inductions, Student Life Center (admission)
- 9 – Chancellor’s Brunch and Awards Program, Paul Meek Library
- 10:30 – Quad City opens, judging begins
- 11 – Football team’s “Hawk Walk,” near Paul Meek Library
- 2:30 – Football game vs. Tennessee State University, Hardy M. Graham Stadium
- 5:30 – Black Alumni Reception, Bob Carroll Football Building
- 7 – Young Alumni Reception, The Stables in downtown Martin
- 7 – NPHC Step Show, Kathleen and Tom Elam Center (admission)
- 7 – University Choirs Dessert Evening, Fine Arts Building (admission: $18 for adults, $12 for children ages 12 and under)

Sunday, Oct. 11
- 10 a.m. – Walk in the Quad
- 10:30 – Homecoming brunch, Skyhawk Dining Hall, Boling University Center

Judging for the office decorating contest will begin at 8:30 a.m., Oct. 8.

Theme: Captain’s 20th Birthday

Email sserratt@utm.edu to enter.
Southeast Missouri State University is currently hosting a gallery exhibition of textile work by Grace Eckert, lecturer and gallery coordinator, UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts.

The display, located in the Dobbins Center Hallway Gallery on the SEMO River Campus, is titled “Made for Walking” and features one-of-a-kind, hand-tufted pieces that can function either as floor rugs or wall hangings. The exhibit opened Sept. 29 and will run through Nov. 15.

ON DISPLAY – Grace Eckert’s textile exhibition, titled “Made for Walking,” is currently on display at the SEMO River Campus through Nov. 15.

Dr. Verna Baron, Department of Chemistry and Physics, will serve as the next speaker sponsored by the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society. She will present a seminar on the synthesis of natural products of medicinal interest at 7 p.m., Oct. 6, in room 103 of the Johnson EPS Building.

Baron holds a bachelor’s degree from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh and a doctoral degree from Mississippi State University. Her research deals with the treatment of diabetes and cancer.

The UT Martin SMACS chapter recently received an outstanding rating from the society’s committee on chemical education and a Green Chapter Award from the Green Chemistry Institute for chapter activities during the 2014-15 academic year.

The chapter currently leads the nation in both categories with 38 total outstanding and commendable chapter ratings and 14 Green Chapter Awards. The chapter hosts speakers, demonstrations, science competitions and clinics throughout the year.

For more information, contact Dr. S. K. Airee, professor of chemistry and SMACS faculty adviser, at 731-881-7454 or by email at skairee@utm.edu.

POULENC RECITAL – Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music, will perform a selection of works by French composer Francis Poulenc, including a piano setting for the children’s story “The Story of Babar: The Little Elephant,” on Oct. 6. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Bob Smith, interim chancellor; Harriss; Dr. Johnathan Vest, associate professor of music; and Lane Last, professor of art. Smith will provide narration during the first half of the program, and Last will provide illustrations to accompany the story reading.

Piano recital to feature “The Story of Babar: The Little Elephant”

Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music, will perform a faculty recital featuring the music of French composer Francis Poulenc at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 6, in the Blankenship Recital Hall.

The program will open with Poulenc’s musical setting for piano titled “L’Histoire de Babar.” This piece is based on “The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant,” a children’s book written and illustrated by Jean de Brunhoff. Dr. Bob Smith, interim chancellor, will narrate the story with accompanying illustration slides prepared by Lane Last, professor of art.

Dr. Johnathan Vest, associate professor of music, will accompany Harriss during the second half of the program in a performance of Poulenc’s “Sonata for Two Pianos.” This piece was composed in 1953 and is considered a masterwork in the literature for two pianos.

For more information, contact Harriss at 731-881-7411 or by email at elaineh@utm.edu.
Phi Kappa Phi fall recognition ceremony scheduled for Oct. 13

UT Martin’s Phi Kappa Phi fall recognition ceremony will be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 13, in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center. Freshmen and sophomores who excel academically will be honored for their accomplishments.

Dr. Todd Winters, dean, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, will present a faculty lecture titled “My Drone sees your GMO: Using Technology to Feed the World.”

Winters grew up on a dairy farm in Washington and received a bachelor’s degree from Washington State University, a master’s degree from Purdue University and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was also a National Institute of Health postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Winters spent most of his academic career at Southern Illinois University, where he served as a faculty member and administrator for 19 years before joining the UT Martin faculty in 2013.

Winters teaches courses in animal genetics and reproduction, nutritional endocrinology, agricultural biotechnology and dairy management. His research in nutritional and reproductive endocrinology has resulted in three patents and numerous publications and presentations around the world. In recent years, he has been interested in the scholarship of learning and building cultures of innovation and entrepreneurship.

He is married to Dr. Susan Cramer Winters, and they have two children, Sloan, a nursing student at UT Martin, and Luke, a high school senior who hopes to attend UT Martin next year.

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.

For more information, contact Dr. Becky Cox at 731-881-7143 or by email at beckyc@utm.edu.

Annual dessert evening performances Oct. 9-10

The Department of Music will host its annual Dessert Evening as part of homecoming festivities at 7 p.m., Oct. 9-10, in the Blankenship Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Building.

The University Signers and New Pacer Singers ensembles will perform each night alongside several soloists while audience members enjoy a trio of dessert choices.

This event is open to the public. Admission is $18 for adults and $12 for children ages 12 and under.

To reserve tickets or for additional information, contact Sherry Adams at 731-881-7402 by email at sadams@utm.edu.

Court of Criminal Appeals allows student observation

The Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals met Sept. 29 in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center to hear trial court appeals in felony and misdemeanor cases. The 12 members of the court meet monthly in panels of three. The court relies solely on arguments presented by defense and prosecuting attorneys.

Judges (l-r) Roger A. Page, Timothy L. Easter and John Everett Williams allowed UT Martin criminal justice students to observe the proceedings and question participating attorneys while the panel deliberated. Williams is a UT Martin graduate.

Send your Addenda news to Nathan Morgan at nmorga15@utm.edu
UTRF Calls for Submissions to Maturation Funding Program

The University of Tennessee Research Foundation is accepting submissions to the UTRF Maturation Funding Program, which helps UT researchers develop technologies with potential for commercial success.

The UT Martin Office of Research, Grants and Contracts must receive complete proposal packages by close of business Oct. 23. The highest-ranking proposals could receive up to $15,000 in direct costs.

The program is open to all UT researchers, faculty, staff and students at all campuses and institutes. Projects must be related to an existing or newly-submitted UT invention disclosure, which may be submitted via a secure, online portal at https://idea.tennessee.edu. All proposals should be designed to increase the commercial readiness of an idea of technology and should clearly describe how the expected results will increase commercial opportunities for the technology. Proposals that only address basic research will not be funded. Researchers are also encouraged to identify potential commercial partners for collaboration.

Proposals will be judged based on a clear path for commercial development, significant market potential, stage of development and remaining time to market.

Requirements

• Sections:
  • The technology and its existing data
  • Plan of work
  • Expected results
  • Budget
  • Assessment of how the expected results will increase the commercial opportunities for the technology

• Funds should be directed to labor, materials and services necessary to achieve the proposed deliverable(s). Indirect costs are not allowed.

• Funds may not be used for primary investigator salary, but may be used for student, post-doctoral or technical staff salary support or be directed to equipment, supplies or other reasonable expenses.

• Proposal should not exceed three pages excluding references, which may be included as a one-page appendix.

• Proposal must be routed with an internal coordination sheet for approval signatures.

UTRF helps inventors at UT turn their ideas and discoveries into products and services that benefit society. The foundation serves all seven UT campuses and institutes. For more information, visit http://utrf.tennessee.edu or contact Richard Magid, UTRF vice president, at 901-448-7827 or by email at rmagid1@uthsc.edu.

Deadlines and Project Schedule

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DEDICATION – UT Martin honored Dr. Dwight Gatwood, professor emeritus of music, with a dedication ceremony Sept. 25 to officially name the Dwight Gatwood World Percussion Room in the Fine Arts Building. Gatwood began his UT Martin career in 1972 as an assistant professor of music and was promoted to full professor in 1986. He retired in 2008 after 36 years of dedicated service to the university. Dwight and Dianne Gatwood and their son, David, have created two scholarship endowments to benefit UT Martin students, and David is a UT Martin alum. Pictured are (l-r) Dr. Lynn Alexander, dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts; Dr. Julie Hill, associate professor of music and interim chair, Department of Music; Dwight, Dianne and David Gatwood; Dr. Bob Smith, interim chancellor; and Andy Wilson, vice chancellor for university advancement.
CIVIC DUTIES – The Student Government Association conducted a voter registration drive Sept. 17 in celebration of Constitution Day. The drive was hosted in cooperation with Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett’s “GoVoteTN” program. More than 60 students registered to vote in a three-hour time period. Pictured are a few of the new voters who will be participating in November’s general election.

YoU Tell Me

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Calendar

• Oct. 5-6 – Golf at Skyhawk Fall Classic; Paris Landing State Park; Buchanan
• Oct. 6 – Softball at Union University; Jackson; 5 p.m.
• Oct. 6 – Faculty recital: Piano Music of Poulenc, Dr. Elaine Harris; Blankenship Recital Hall; 7:30 p.m.
• Oct. 8-10 – Rodeo at the University of West Alabama; Livingston, Ala.
• Oct. 9-10 – Equestrian at Baylor University; Waco, Texas
• Oct. 9-10 – Tennis at University of Alabama, Huntsville Round Up; Huntsville, Ala.
• Oct. 9 – Midterm progress reports due
• Oct. 9 – Volleyball vs. Morehead State; Skyhawk Field House; 6 p.m.
• Oct. 9 – Dessert Evening; Blankenship Recital Hall; 7 p.m.; admission
• Oct. 10 – Volleyball vs. Eastern Kentucky University; Richmond, Ky.; 11 a.m.
• Oct. 10 – Football vs. Tennessee State; Hardy M. Graham Stadium; 2:30 p.m.
• Oct. 10 – Dessert Evening; Blankenship Recital Hall; 7 p.m.; admission
• Oct. 11 – Soccer at Eastern Kentucky University; Richmond, Ky.; 1 p.m.
• Oct. 11 – Concert series: LCD Faculty Woodwind Trio; Blankenship Recital Hall; 3 p.m.

See page 1 for a list of homecoming activities

MANNERS MATTER – The UT Women’s Council partnered with the Parsons Decatur County Higher Education Foundation to sponsor “Utensil University” for students at the UT Martin Parsons Center. Dorothy Gillon (standing), coordinator with the UT Martin Office of the Chancellor, presented at the event. Students and staff enjoyed an evening of food, fellowship and fun while learning proper etiquette for fine dining.

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