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## UT MARTIN TO HOST ANNUAL FAMILY WEEKEND NOV. 4-6

UT Martin will host its annual Family Weekend event Nov. 4-6. The weekend will include food trucks, live music, visits with academic deans and city officials, tailgating and the UT Martin vs. Kennesaw State football game.

Family Weekend packages for parents and family members are \$30 each and include: a \$5 food truck night voucher, a general admission football ticket, a \$5 concessions voucher and a Family Weekend long-sleeved comfort colors T-shirt. Family Weekend packages for UTM students are \$20 and include everything mentioned above with the exception of the football game ticket. UT Martin Students are admitted to the game for free with a student ID. Those wishing to attend can register online by 5 p.m., Oct. 28.

A full schedule of events can be found at this [link](#).

For more information, visit [utm.edu/familyweekend](http://utm.edu/familyweekend) or contact John Abel at [jabel1@utm.edu](mailto:jabel1@utm.edu) or 731-881-7710.

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## Baker Receives Featured Scholar Award



Dr. Patrick Baker, associate professor of law, received UT Martin's Featured Faculty Scholar award for the fall 2022 semester. Baker will have his publications, creative works and other relevant scholarly productions displayed in the Paul Meek Library. The purpose of the award is to recognize regular, full-time faculty with records of outstanding research and creative works in their respective fields. Pictured (l-r) with Baker (2nd from left) are Dr. Keith Carver, chancellor; Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier, provost and senior vice chancellor for academic affairs; and Dr. Anderson Starling, assistant professor of political science.

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# UKRAINE WAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 13

**"The Czech Republic, European Union, Rise of Populism and the War in Ukraine"**  
Lunch with Dr. Martin Nekola

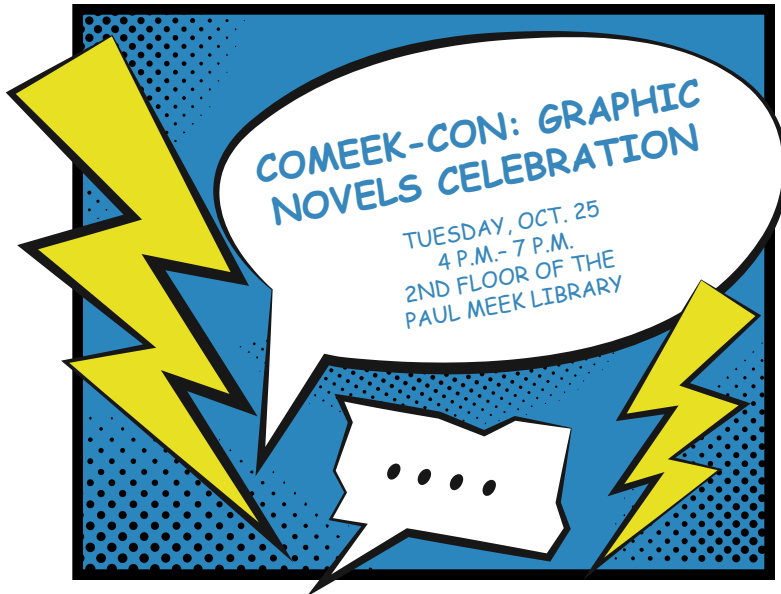
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Boling University Center, Cafeteria

**"The War in Ukraine - Lessons for Europe" & "Ukrainians' Daily Life in War"**  
Dr. Martin Nekola & Alette Hargis

5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
Paul Meek Library

## YoUTMs

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**Drs. Cooper Johnson and Jamye Long**, both associate professors of management, joined Go Cloud Careers's Tech Leadership Development (Critical Cloud Architect and Cloud Engineer Skills) Head in the Clouds podcast episode #128 titled "The Importance of Communication Skills" in which the discussion centered on the critical business acumen of communication for IT professionals. The episode has been viewed globally over 1,370 times.

Read more UT Martin news online at [utm.edu/news](http://utm.edu/news).

**FACULTY / STAFF TOWN HALL MEETING**  
Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 3:30 p.m.  
Watkins Auditorium

## You Tell Me

• **Question** – What was the process for making alcohol legal on campus in the situations described (in a recent university email)? Did certain stakeholders push for this? Was there any type of forum or vote on this matter? It seems strange that official policies like this get changed—and many employees find out about it after the fact.

• **Answer** – Changes in the university's alcohol policy have evolved gradually during the past decade. The changes do not encourage underaged drinking but instead allow for managed and monitored use of alcohol at approved university functions. The current policy was developed under UT Board of Trustees guidelines, which includes a process for requesting alcoholic beverage service that is submitted to the Office of Finance and Administration. In no circumstances can persons under the age of 21 serve or consume alcohol on university property. Orientation and socialization of the updated policy will include instructing and counseling students regarding alcohol use and abuse. The Interfraternity Council will receive reminders that alcohol is not permitted during Recruitment Week activities for Greek organizations. Questions about the policy regarding student groups should be directed to Dr. Andy Lewter in student affairs. Employees and persons with questions about events involving the external community can contact Petra McPhearson in finance and administration.

Submit your questions anonymously to the Suggestion Box link at [www.utm.edu/suggestionbox](http://www.utm.edu/suggestionbox).

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