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Skyhawk teams bound for Evansville



Sophomore guard Josie Storey puts up a shot last Saturday against Tennessee State in the Skyhawks' regular-season finale. The UTM women's team will have the No. 3 seed in the OVC tournament.



The Skyhawk men's team celebrated the OVC regular-season co-championship Saturday, claiming the No. 2 seed in the OVC tournament.

The UT Martin men's and women's basketball teams qualified for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament at the Ford Center in Evansville, Indiana.

Both teams earned high seeds, with the men's team taking the OVC co-championship and earning the No. 2 seed and the women's team tying for second

and garnering the No. 3 seed.

The women's team received an opening-round bye and will begin the tournament at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

The men's team got byes for the first and second rounds and will begin play at 9:30 p.m. Friday.

The OVC tournament brackets can be found [here](#).

UTM investiture ceremony scheduled for March 15

UT Martin will hold its first investiture ceremony as the university honors its new chancellor, **Dr. Yancy Freeman**.

The university will hold a formal investiture ceremony at 2 p.m. Friday, March 15, in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

The public is invited to attend this historic event.

The ceremony provides a sense of pride, history and tradition for the university and its stakeholders.

The theme of the investiture event – which includes an academic procession, investiture ceremony and reception – is “Ready, Set, Soar!”

Freeman was confirmed as UT Martin's 12th chancellor last July by the UT Board

of Trustees. His appointment was effective Aug. 9, 2023.

Freeman is the first African-American chancellor to serve at an undergraduate University of Tennessee campus.

Dignitaries from colleges and universities across Tennessee and across the nation have been invited.

Governmental and civic leaders and other notable people have also been invited to attend this historic ceremony.

Scheduled speakers at the event include UT System President Randy Boyd, UT Martin Faculty Senate President Dr. Dan McDonough, UT Martin Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier and UT

Martin Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Andy Lewter.

The investiture serves as a platform to celebrate the university's commitment to academic excellence and its mission. The event underscores the importance of recognizing and supporting the new chancellor's role in guiding the university community toward its collective goals.

The event is an opportunity for the university to showcase its institutional pride and emphasize the continuity of strong leadership within the academic community.

For more information about the UT Martin investiture ceremony, visit investiture.utm.edu.

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The Kentucky Lake Section (KLS) of the American Chemical Society held its first meeting of the year Feb. 1 at Murray State University.

Dr. Amanda Burkhart and **Dr. Genessa Smith** served as co-presenters at the meeting. Burkhart presented research on the chemical constituents of Δ^8 -THC products that are available in Tennessee. Smith presented research on the laboratory synthesis of biologically useful molecules found in bay leaves and black tea.

Three UT Martin faculty are currently serving on the KLS



Burkhart

executive committee. **Dr. Verna Baron** is the 2024 chair-elect, Burkhart is the 2024 chair and



Smith

Smith is the 2024-25 secretary-treasurer.

The Local Section hosts



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monthly meetings that offer opportunities for chemists to network and collaborate.

Library faculty **Caren Nichter** and **Ronne Jones Cox** were presenters at the 2024 conference of the Music Library Association.

A description of their session, titled "Battle of Print vs. Digital: Struggles to Keep Our Music Library Alive and Relevant!" can be viewed as part of the [online conference program](#).



Nichter



Cox



Greenwood

Dr. Jennifer Greenwood and **Dr. Tom Blanchard**, professors from the Department of Biological Sciences, attended the seventh annual West



Blanchard

Tennessee Water Resources Symposium on Feb. 21-23 in Jackson.

Greenwood gave the oral presentation, "Biomonitoring at



Krueger

the Deloach Creek Restoration Project Site in central West Tennessee," coauthored by Blanchard and **Dr. Lisa Krueger**.

In their outreach to the global community through their collaboration with Go Cloud Careers, **Dr. Cooper Johnson** and **Dr. Jamye Long**, both associate professors of management, created an instructional video on the topic of cash flow statements.

The purpose of the video is to educate participants on understanding what cash flow statements are, the information they contain, how to extract



Johnson

useful knowledge from them and how they are used by business owners, investors, staff



Long

and managers to understand the financial health of organizations.

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A recent article co-authored by **Dr. Saman Sargolzaei** and UTM student Seth Hatchett entitled “Decoding Driving Neural Dynamics: An Exploratory Survey of EEG Applications in Unraveling Cognitive Processes in Virtual Reality Environments,” has been accepted for presentation at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

SoutheastCon 2024 conference and will be indexed in IEEE Xplore after presentation.

This article represents a multi-disciplinary, multi-university collaborative research effort exploring the intersection of neuroscience, virtual reality and transportation.

The paper utilizes electroencephalography (EEG) to

investigate cognitive processes in virtual reality-based driving environments to enhance road safety and driving experiences through innovative technology and insights into driver behaviors.

Other co-authors of the paper were Dr. Arman Sargolzaei of the University of South Florida and USF student Matthew Okashita.



Sargolzaei

Dr. Clinton Smith, professor of special education and chair of the Department of Educational Studies, presented at the 2024 National Education Association’s National Leadership Summit in Chicago on March 2.

He co-presented a session titled “In Search of More Respectful Interactions between People with and without Disabilities.”

The session provided a foundational level understanding of disability and how to combat ableism.

Smith is a member of the NEA Disability Rights Resource Cadre.

The NEA Disability Rights Resource Cadre is comprised of NEA members hailing from 21 states who serve in a diverse array of roles within the NEA (such as general education



Smith

teachers, special education teachers and administrators).

Working in collaboration, Cadre members volunteer their time, energy and expertise to respond to the ever-changing needs of NEA members.

The Cadre continues to develop and disseminate evidence or research-based knowledge, strategies and practice in the area of disability rights.

Dr. Violet Bumah had the opportunity of assisting the Engineering Research Visioning Alliance in generating innovative strategies to address antimicrobial microbial resistance for the next five to 20 years.

Engineering Research Visioning Alliance, a National Science Foundation Engineering Research Visioning Alliance, hosted a workshop Feb. 6-7 on Engineering Solutions to combat antimicrobial resistance.

Discussions were centered around the use of different technologies (e.g., biomaterials, antimicrobials, immune system



Bumah

engineering, and diagnostics) and artificial intelligence (AI) to combat antimicrobial resistant microorganisms.

A comprehensive report will be made available to the public soon.

Read more UT Martin news at news.utm.edu

Library to host inaugural Dorms & Dragons contest

The Paul Meek Library will host the inaugural “Dorms & Dragons” event, to be held at 5:30 Friday, March 8, at the library.

Participants were able to register through Runway, and the playing slots are already filled. RSVPs will be checked at the door.

The event is hosted by library specialist Kathryn Brown.

“This is a tabletop role-playing

game,” she said. “Several of us on the library staff play the game ourselves in our personal time, so we just wanted to put together something on campus for the students to come and play together.

“We would love to continue doing this if it works out well. It’s a really good way to get students into the library if they haven’t been here before.”



This Week's Skyhawks Home Events

Wednesday, March 6

- Softball vs. Murray State,
3 p.m., Bettye Giles
Softball Field

Saturday, March 9

- Stunt vs. Southern
Arkansas, 12:30 p.m.,
Kathleen and Tom Elam
Center
- Softball vs. Western
Illinois (dh), 1 p.m.,
Bettye Giles Softball
Field (OVC games)
- Stunt vs. Kentucky, 3:30
p.m., Kathleen and Tom
Elam Center

Sunday, March 10

- Stunt vs. Southern
Arkansas, 10:30 a.m.,
Kathleen and Tom
Elam Center
- Softball vs. Western
Illinois, 1 p.m., Bettye
Giles Softball Field
(OVC game)
- Stunt vs. Missouri
Baptist, 4 p.m., Kathleen
and Tom Elam Center

*Full athletics schedules can
be found at utmsports.com.*

Listen to

[Skyhawk Sports Talk](#)

at noon Monday

on [WUTM FM 90.3!](#)



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UTM hosts eighth annual FFA Night



FFA Night is an event that UT Martin hosts during National FFA Week each year. This is the eighth year for the event, which was held Feb. 23 at the UTM farm. It is an opportunity for local FFA chapters to bring students to UTM to experience classes, labs and teaching and demonstration and to hear from a keynote motivational speaker during dinner. The visiting students get to engage with the Tennessee FFA state officers. Dr. Barbara Darroch (right), associate professor of plant and soil science, is shown working with visiting students.

Phi Eta Sigma holds induction ceremony



Chancellor Yancy Freeman (far left) speaks to the 2024 induction class of Phi Eta Sigma on Feb. 28 in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center. Phi Eta Sigma is an honor society for first-year students that was founded in 1923.

'No Gender' performance lecture set for March 19

The 2024 Phi Kappa Phi Muriel D. Tomlinson Lecture will feature a musical performance and lecture by **Dr. Amy Yeung** and **Dr. Chan Mi Jean** from the UT Martin Department of Music.

The event, "There is No Gender in Music: Music Heroines from Baroque Onward," will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, in the Blankenship Recital Hall at the UTM Fine Arts Building.

Yeung is a professor of music and Jean is a lecturer in the Department of Music.

"Listening to a piece of music, no one can tell whether it is written by a man or a woman," Yeung said. "Historically, however, women composers have often been treated with skepticism, disdain and denigration, especially for women of color."

Presented in the form of a lecture-recital, the event will present songs by women who distinguished themselves and made significant contributions to Western classical music from the 1600s to the present.

Yeung will discuss the evolving attitudes toward female composers and explore social, historical and cultural aspects of their music and lives.

A professor of music, Yeung teaches applied voice and lyric diction and directs lyric opera theater.



Dr. Chan Mi Jean is shown in a November 2020 performance. Jean will perform in the 2024 Phi Kappa Phi Muriel D. Tomlinson Lecture on March 19 in the Blankenship Recital Hall

A native of Hong Kong, she has performed extensively in recitals and concerts on three continents, and is particularly active in recitals of art songs, especially by female composers.

She earned her doctoral degree in voice performance and a second master's in music theory from Michigan State University as well as a master's degree in voice performance

from Texas State University and an undergraduate degree in voice performance from Hong Kong Baptist University.

Yeung is a member of the International Alliance for Women in Music and a recipient of the UTM Coffey Outstanding Teacher Award.

Jean is a lecturer in collaborative piano. She is an emerging solo pianist, chamber

musician and opera coach who has made international appearances including performances in Austria, Canada, China, Italy, South Korea and Thailand.

Jean made her debut in January 2023 at the Weill Recital at the Carnegie Hall as the winner of the Eighth New York International Music Concours.

A native of Seoul, Korea, she received her doctoral degree in collaborative piano from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as well as a master's degree and graduate performer diploma in piano performance from Indiana University.

The Muriel D. Tomlinson lecture is presented each spring by distinguished faculty in the arts and humanities. This lecture is named in honor of **Dr. Muriel Tomlinson**, a former faculty member and chairperson of the Department of Modern and Foreign Languages from 1959 to 1976 and staunch supporter of the ideals of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

The event is open to the public, and light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Dr. Chris Hill, president of Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 127, at 731-881-7292.

Reservations are not required but may be made through UT Martin's Runway Events Platform.



Dr. Amy Yeung (left) is shown working with students from area high schools preparing for Honor Choir. Yeung will speak about evolving attitudes toward female composers.

You Tell Me

• **Question** – When will those who work in the Hall-Moody Administration Building return to their old offices?

• **Answer** – Phase I of the Hall-Moody Administration Building HVAC upgrade project is set for completion by January 2025. As reported at the Town Hall on Feb. 28 in Watkins Auditorium, the governor has proposed funding for Phase II of the Hall-Moody project. It's the only UTM capital project currently proposed in the new budget year. If the funding and timing for Phase II are approved, the second phase can begin, and the entire Hall-Moody project could possibly be completed by summer 2025.

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City of Martin hosts Black History Month awards

Tara Tansil-Gentry (right photo, center), UT Martin health and human performance faculty member, was a speaker for "A Reflection of Martin Black History," Feb. 29 at the Martin Event Center. The event was part of Black History Month and the City of Martin Sesquicentennial. Tansil-Gentry spoke about the role of African Americans in UT Martin history and Johnny Shanklin (left) preceded her remarks with a presentation about city of Martin Black history. Martin Mayor Randy Brundige presented both speakers with commemorative sesquicentennial coins.



Martin Mayor Randy Brundige (right) presented the City of Martin Harold Conner Award, named for the university's first Black administrator, to George and Anita Haslett for their service to the community.



Tyler Swaengen (left) receives the Torch Award from Tierna Miller of the UT Martin Black Student Association. The award recognizes outstanding work with diversity and inclusion among students. Tyler is a senior health and human performance student from Oakland, and Tierna is a junior criminal justice major from Memphis.



Dominique Crockett receives the Alpha Award from Patrick Davis Jr. for her community involvement, which is presented in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. member. Crockett is UT Martin director of equity and diversity, and Davis is a senior criminal justice major from Jackson.



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