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Plenty to smile about



Chancellor Yancy Freeman reacts during the UT Board of Trustees meeting Oct. 24-25 in the Pilot Flying J Ballroom on the UT Knoxville campus. The major board item for UT Martin was approval to design and build a new residence hall where Browning Residence Hall now stands. Successful fall enrollment across UT campuses was also highlighted, which included the 8% enrollment increase at UT Martin. The board will bring its winter meeting to UTM on Feb. 27-28 in the Boling University Center.

Novelist Simon Van Booy to speak at Paul Meek



Van Booy

Award-winning novelist Simon Van Booy has been selected as the 2024 speaker in the Paul Meek Literary Legacy Speakers Series.

He will visit the UT Martin campus on Thursday, Nov. 7, to meet with students, participate in the Young Writer's Conference and provide a public reading at 6 p.m. in the reading room of the Paul Meek

Library.

The event is open to the public and a livestream of the presentation will be recorded and available at this site for later playback. Light refreshments will be served.

Copies of his books will be available for purchase and for the author's signature.

Van Booy is the bestselling author of more than a dozen

books for adults and children, including "The Illusion of Separateness" and "The Presence of Absence."

His recent novel, "Sipsworth," explores how a chance encounter with a mouse changes the life of a grieving wife and mother.

Van Booy is the editor of three volumes of philosophy and has written for The New York

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highlighting the excellence of our faculty and staff

Dr. Todd Winters, dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, gave the introductory keynote address Oct. 22 at the second International Congress on Educational Innovation in Agriculture at the National Agricultural University La Molina (Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina) in Lima, Peru.

In addition to his lecture titled, “Experiential learning in higher agricultural education under the competency-based approach,” he represented the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) at the conference.

Winters is a past president of NACTA (2022-23).



Dr. Todd Winters, dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, is shown giving the introductory keynote address Oct. 22 at the International Congress on Educational Innovation in Agriculture at the National Agricultural University La Molina (Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina) in Lima, Peru.

Putting the ‘family’ in ‘Family Weekend’



The family of Dan and Cara June Strasser of Chapel Hill in Middle Tennessee made the 2024 Family Weekend event a true family outing. Family Weekend was held Oct. 25-27 and included a weekend of activities for persons of all ages. All six Strasser children attended along with other family members who gathered for a picture at the Donuts for Deans event Saturday. Dan is a 1998 UTM agriculture graduate with a focus in agricultural education, and Cara June graduated in 2000 with a business administration degree. Dan is a member of the UT Martin Advisory Board. Pictured are (l-r) Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, dean of graduate studies, Chris Webster (Cara’s mother), Cara June Strasser, Kristy Bean (Cara’s sister), Ellarose Strasser, Ruby, Rita, Jude, Emma June, Dan and Josie Strasser and Dr. Todd Winters, dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences. Emma graduated in 2023 with an agriculture degree and concentration in farm and ranch management, and Ellie will graduate in 2025 with an agriculture degree and a concentration in agricultural engineering technology. The family also participated later in the coin toss before the football game with Eastern Illinois University.

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Times, The Financial Times, The Washington Post and the BBC.

His books have been translated into many languages and optioned for film.

Raised in rural North Wales, he currently lives in New York, where he is also a book editor and a volunteer emergency medical technician crew chief.

Van Booy’s visit is supported by endowed funds donated

by the Meek family in honor of Paul Meek, UT Martin’s chancellor from 1934 to 1967.

Parking for the event will be in the Paul Meek Library parking lot on Wayne Fisher Drive off Mt. Pelia Road. Free parking

permits are available at the [UT Martin Public Safety website](#). Further information may be found on the library’s Runway event page of by contacting **Dr. Erik Nordberg**, dean of the Paul Meek Library, at 731-881-7070.

Faculty earn fall 2024 development grants



Baxter

Dr. Chris Baxter, professor of political science, is a fall 2024 recipient of the UT Martin Faculty Development Grant Program.

Baxter received funding in the Professional Development category for his project titled "Application for Funding for Federal Advisor Certificate Program" with a goal to improve two political science courses and obtain training on student advising.

Dr. Amanda Burkhart, assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics, is a fall 2024 recipient of the UT Martin Faculty Development Grant Program.

Burkhart received \$2,000 for her project titled "A Joint Meeting between the Nashville, Memphis, and Kentucky Lake Local Sections of the American Chemical Society" in the creative projects category. Goals for the event include connection of students and faculty from various universities for collaboration and camaraderie as well as illustrate career options and professional/graduate programs for students.

Dr. Stuart Currie, professor of health and human performance, is a fall 2024 recipient of the UT Martin Faculty Development Grant Program.

His proposal titled "Enhancing Educational Practices through Games-Based Teaching and Coaching: Presentation at the

8th International Conference on Games-Based Teaching and Coaching at Auckland University, New Zealand" received \$1,500 for attendance at the conference.

Anticipated outcomes include curriculum enhancement, promotion of the UTM master of sport coaching and performance program and adoption of best teaching and coaching practices.

Sarah Haig, professor and chair for the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts, is a fall 2024 recipient of the UT Martin Faculty Development Grant Program in the professional development category.

"Attendance to SECAC (Southeast College Art Conference): Professional Development Across the Arts-Based Curriculum" will benefit her classroom and her department through networking and new connections in the region.

Dr. ZeVida Jones, assistant professor of educational studies, is a fall 2024 recipient of the UT Martin Faculty Development Grant Program.

Jones received \$1,500 to fund her proposal, "Embracing Change: Cultivating Inclusivity and Diversity in Cross-Cultural Research and Counseling Practices," in the conference participation category. Goals for the project include a presentation on fostering

inclusivity and diversity within cross-cultural research and counseling practices and a reflection article for the West Tennessee Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Journal.

Clay Palmer, lecturer and gallery coordinator for the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts, is a fall 2024 recipient of the UT Martin Faculty Development Grant Program.

Palmer received \$1,010 for his proposal, "Membership and Attendance at SECAC 2024 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia" in the professional development category.

Outcomes include improved instruction and lesson plans in foundational visual arts courses, awareness of new trends within the fields of visual arts and curation, and opportunities to create connections with artists and educators who are active in their areas.

Dr. Jason Stout, professor in the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts, received \$2,000 in funding for his proposal "In My Room, Alone With Everyone" in the fall 2024 UT Martin Faculty Development Grant Program.

This program will promote the quality of the art faculty of UTM and illustrate the effectiveness and greatness of the programs, increasing both interest of future potential students and attendance at campus events.



Burkhart



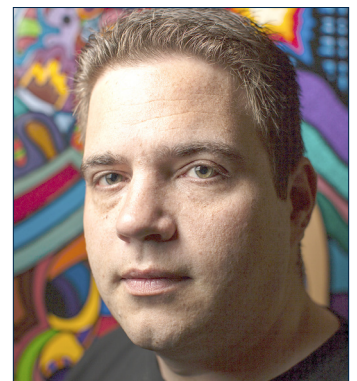
Currie



Jones



Palmer



Stout

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UTM students attend investment consortium

The UT Martin TVA Investment Challenge students attended and participated at the 2024 Student Managed Investment Fund Consortium

(SMIFC) Conference on Oct. 24 in Chicago.

While attending the SMIFC Conference, the students presented a poster that showcased the UTM Tennessee Valley Authority's annual performance, holdings, investment allocation and investment philosophy.

Students interacted with competition judges and fielded questions from judges, other student-managed investment fund participants and industry professionals.

Students Toby Bolkcom,

a senior finance major from Millington, and Kayla Potete, a Master of Business Administration student from Waynesboro, competed in a financial case analysis and gave introductory speeches for the conference speakers from Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. and Ariel Investments.

Other UTM students who attended or participated were Zach Crawford, a senior finance major from Dresden; Madison Everett, a senior finance major from Bolivar; Nathan Jones, a senior finance major from

McKenzie; Archie Scott, a senior finance major from Harvest, Alabama; and Mackenzie Smith, a senior finance major from Covington.

Dr. Mahmoud Haddad, professor of finance, who advises the UTM TVA Investment Challenge program, moderated the question-and-answer session for the Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. speakers.

While in Chicago, the students also toured the Chicago Board of Trade and Federal Reserve Bank.

This Week's Skyhawk Home Events

Tuesday, Oct. 29

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

Wednesday, Oct. 30

- Women's basketball vs. Trevecca, 6 p.m., Kathleen and Tom Elam Center

Thursday, Oct. 31

- Women's soccer vs. Morehead State (OVC Championship Round 1 at Evansville, Ind.), 1 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 1

- Men's and women's cross country hosting OVC Championships, Skyhawk Runway Trail (soccer/intramural fields), women 9 a.m., men 10 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3

- Women's soccer, Thursday's winner at Southern Indiana (OVC Championship Round 2), 1 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 4

- Women's basketball vs. North Alabama, 6 p.m., Kathleen and Tom Elam Center

* - conference competition

- Full athletics schedules can be found at utmsports.com.
- Watch "Skyhawk Sports Talk" each week, archived at utmsports.com! New episodes are posted each Monday.



The UT Martin students who participated Oct. 2-4 at the Student Managed Investment Fund Consortium Conference in Chicago are (L-R) Archie Scott, Kayla Potete, Mackenzie Smith, Madison Everett, Toby Bolkcom, Zach Crawford and Nathan Jones.

2024 UTM Christmas ornaments on sale

The 2024 UT Martin Alumni Holiday Ornament is now available for purchase. Information about the ornament can be found [here](#).

Proceeds will go toward the Young Alumni Council Scholarship which is awarded by the Young Alumni Council to deserving students.

For more information, contact Matt Borden, director of annual giving in the UT Alumni Association Martin House at 731-881-3611 or mborden5@utm.edu.



Johnson to present recent book at Paul Meek Library

The University of Tennessee Press will host author Jim Johnson for a presentation about his recent book, "Reelfoot Lake: Oasis on the Mississippi."

The free public event begins at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, in the Paul Meek Library.

Each year, nearly a quarter-million visitors come to Reelfoot Lake, also known as "The Earthquake Lake," to enjoy its natural splendor.

With its 25,000 acres of shimmering water, haunting cypress swamps and 200-year-old lily marshes, the lake is rich in natural beauty and natural history.

Yet, despite being one of the most unique lakes in the country – this natural body of water formed during the New Madrid earthquakes in the early 19th century – it is relatively understudied.

A biologist and environmentalist, Johnson grew up on the lake and experienced its natural and cultural history firsthand. As a wildlife biologist, he spent much of his career managing Reelfoot and its surrounding area.

"Reelfoot Lake: Oasis on the Mississippi" is part personal remembrance, part guidebook and part cautionary tale on river and wetland ecology, conservation and land management, written by an author intimately knowledgeable about the lake and life on it.

The event is part of the international University Press Week, celebrating the contributions of university presses to the publishing world.

"University presses continue to set the standard for high-quality publications in print, digital, and audio formats," said University of Tennessee Press director Katie Hannah. "This includes important scholarly resources, but also regional studies and many fun titles of interest to the general public."

Hannah will host the event along with Dr. Dan McDonough, professor of history, and Dr. Erik Nordberg, dean of the Paul Meek Library, who currently serve on the UT Press editorial board.

Hannah will hold an information session in Room



215 of the Paul Meek Library at 4 p.m. earlier that day. She will provide an overview of the operations of the UT Press, describe some of their primary topical publication themes, and walk potential authors through the proposal, review, and publication process.

Now in its 13th year, University Press Week is an opportunity to celebrate the many cultural and scholarly contributions of university presses.

Events are coordinated by the Association of University Presses, comprising 161 publishing companies associated with universities whose missions are to publish books, journals

and other works of scholarly or artistic importance.

In addition to author events during University Press Week, the association also releases an annual list of university press publications and projects that embody the work of university presses around the globe.

Parking for the event will be in the Paul Meek Library parking lot on Wayne Fisher Drive off Mt. Pelia Road. Free parking permits are available at the [UT Martin Public Safety website](#).

Further information may be found on the library's Runway event page or by contacting Erik Nordberg, Dean of the Paul Meek Library at 731-881-7070.

You Tell Me

• **Question** – A UT Martin alum no longer has access to university email. Can an alum still register for information-l access with a non-UTM email address?

• **Answer** – Yes, this can be done. UT Martin alums can call the Helpdesk at 731-881-7900 and request to be added to the information listserv. They simply provide the Helpdesk with the email address to be added, and IT will add them. Learn more about Email Lists Guidelines [here](#).

Submit your questions to Addenda at addenda@utm.edu.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOV. 5

TENNESSEE EARLY VOTING IS OCT. 16-31

UTM Veterans Day Week events schedule announced

Jason L. Earley, a retired captain from the Army and veteran services coordinator at UTMartin, provide information about the upcoming annual celebration that is Veterans Day Week.

This year's Veterans Day Week celebration is sponsored by Sonic and D&B Properties

Here is the schedule of events:

- Monday, Nov. 4: ROTC 5K Walk/Run, 6 a.m., Skyhawk Runway Trail, hosted by ROTC.
- Tuesday, Nov. 5: Veterans Walk, 3 p.m., Boling University Center to Capt. Brent Morel Memorial Bridge to Gooch Hall.

• Wednesday, Nov. 6: Trip to W.D. "Bill" Manning Tennessee State Veterans Home (2865 E. Main St., Humboldt), 1:30 p.m., ROTC veterans, staff, cadets.

• Thursday, Nov. 7: Veteran Bowl, 7 a.m., football game (veterans vs. cadets).

• Friday, Nov. 8: Veterans Program, 3 p.m., Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center; guest speaker is Michael O'Neill, director of public safety and retired sergeant major (Army).

• Saturday, Nov. 9: Veterans Day Parade.



In this file photo, cadets, veterans and others are shown in the Veterans Walk held in 2022.

Daylight saving ends Nov. 3

Daylight saving time comes to an end at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. To revert back to standard time, people should "fall back" by setting their clocks back one hour.

The easiest way to revert back to standard time is to set clocks, watches and other devices that don't automatically reset before going to bed Saturday night. For example, at 11 p.m., people would set their clocks to 10 p.m.

Nov. 3 will, in essence, be a 25-hour day, since the hour from 1 to 2 a.m. will be repeated, giving people an extra hour of sleep.

The only areas in the United States that do not observe daylight saving time are Hawaii and the areas of Arizona that are not part of the Navajo Nation.

Daylight saving time will return March 9, 2025, when observing areas "spring forward" an hour.

Upcoming Campus Events	
Tuesday, Oct. 29	Hardy M. Graham Stadium parking lot.
• "The Defamation Experience," 6 p.m., via Zoom, via the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Regional Centers and Online Programs.	Saturday, Nov. 2
Friday, Oct. 31	• Fall Preview Day, 11 a.m.
• Trunk or Treat, 4:30 p.m.,	Monday, Nov. 4
	• Veterans Day Week begins
	<i>Events are subject to cancellation; dates and times are subject to change.</i>

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