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Pushing through the 'Dogs for a homecoming TD



UT Martin quarterback Kinkead Dent pushes his way through the Gardner-Webb defense to score a touchdown for the Skyhawks on a four-yard run in the third quarter. UTM beat the Bulldogs 35-17 in the annual homecoming game Saturday in a Big South-OVC Football Association matchup after taking a commanding 35-3 lead after three quarters. Dent accounted for 240 of the Skyhawks' 402 offensive yards in the game with 167 yards passing and 73 yards rushing, passing for one touchdown and running for another. Patrick Smith had a game-high 128 rushing yards and scored UT Martin's other three touchdowns. Tyler Dostin pulled in a 55-yard TD pass from Dent in the second quarter and finished with 66 receiving yards.

UTM receives \$745K agriculture education grant

U.S. Rep. David Kustoff (R-Tenn.) recently helped secure a U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Capacity Building Grant for Non-Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture worth \$745,000 for the University of Tennessee at Martin.

"The research and outreach provided by this federal funding will positively affect the UT Martin campus, Weakley County Schools and West Tennessee as well as the

service area of our Innov8Africa partner for years," said **Chancellor Yancy Freeman**. "The quality of this project is confirmed by the fact that NIFA requested an increase in scope of the project with an additional \$50,000 added to the original budget request."

Kustoff secured the funding by leading a letter to the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and

Drug Administration and related agencies sent on March 24, 2023.

The Capacity Building Grants for Non-land-grant Colleges of Agriculture (NLGCA) Program assists NLGCA-certified institutions in maintaining and expanding their capacity to conduct education, research, outreach/extension and integrated activities relating to agriculture, renewable resources and similar disciplines.

YoUTMs

highlighting the excellence of our faculty and staff

tnAchieves announced Oct. 1 the 2024 inductees into its Mentor Hall of Fame.

The Mentor Hall of Fame includes volunteers who have gone above and beyond consistently in the interest of supporting students to make a lasting impact on the program and in their communities.

Among the inductees is **Dr. Jamie Mantooth**, executive director for strategic leadership.

Mantooth was inducted for serving eight years as a mentor for tnAchieves.

tnAchieves Mentor Hall of Fame inductees include educators, business professionals

and community leaders from across the state. This group has consistently answered the call to serve students and ensure that a clear path exists in communities across Tennessee from high school to college and ultimately, a gainful career.

Other inductees into the Hall of Fame – with their home county and years of service – are: Linda Barclay, Obion County, 10 years; John Becker, Knox County, 10 years; Marlin Curnutt, Grainger County, 11 years; Beth Duggar, Marion County, 10 years; Brittany Ford, Knox County, eight years; Kris Frye, Loudon County, 12



Mantooth

years; Steven Gentile, Davidson County, 11 years; Michael Harrison, Sumner County, 10 years; Carissa Hoitenga, Shelby County, 10 years; Lesli Lee, Shelby County, eight years;

Dana Peterka, Roane County, 13 years; Yvonne Schlangen, Dickson County, nine years; Avery Swinson, Hamblen County, 11 years; Leigh Anne Touzeau, Knox County, 14 years; Dennis Tumlin, Rhea County, nine years; Patrick Wade, Rutherford County, 10 years; and Christopher Whaley, Roane County, 12 years.

tnAchieves inducts mentors into the tnAchieves Mentor Hall of Fame annually.

Those wishing to join tnAchieves as a mentor can visit [this website](#). About 1,200 volunteer mentors are still needed by the Nov. 15 deadline.

Dr. John LaDue, assistant professor and information literacy librarian, provided a presentation, “H5P: An Open-Source Interactive Learning Tool,” at the fall meeting of the West Tennessee Academic Library Consortium (WeTALC) at Union University in Jackson.

Several members of the faculty and staff of the Paul Meek Library attended the conference, including **Bridgette Whitt**, assistant professor and acquisitions librarian, who was



LaDue

recently elected vice chair of the WeTALC group.

The meeting began a three-



Whitt

year term for Whitt, in the roles of vice chair, chair and past chair, continuing through 2027.

Dr. Abigail Shelton, assistant director of the Honors Program, has co-authored a research project that has just been published as a chemistry article.

The article, “Synthesis and photophysics of platinum capped phenylene ethynylene oligomers,” was published in the current issue of *Arkivoc*.

A .pdf version of the article can be found [here](#) and includes chemical structures and spectra.



Shelton

Dr. Todd Winters, dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, became the new president of the Non-Land-Grant Agricultural and Renewable Resources Universities (NARRU) at its annual meeting in Maryville, Missouri, Sept. 29-Oct. 2.

Winters was elected by fellow deans, directors and department chairs from regional state colleges of agriculture from across the country at the annual NARRU Conference in Texas last year.

He previously served as NARRU president from 2015 to 2016.

UT Martin will host the annual conference in Memphis in fall 2025.



Winters

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Student Affairs adds personnel

Several new faces can be found in the Division of Student Affairs this semester.

Those being welcomed to the division are:

- Barrett Belote, coordinator for fitness and facilities, Campus Recreation
- Terry Bingham, hall director, Cooper Hall

• Allison Castleman, director and nurse practitioner, Student Health and Counseling Services

- Sidney Church, hall director, Arnold Pryor Place
- Brandon Keller, clinical case manager, Student Health and Counseling Services
- Luke Love, career coach, Career Planning and

Development

- Danielle Moody, administrative specialist, Career Planning and Development
- Ashney Williams, assistant director, Office of Multicultural Affairs.
- Kara Williams, assistant director, Office of Student Life



Belote



Bingham



Castleman



Church



Keller



Love



Moody



A. Williams



K. Williams

UTM faculty, students publish in magazine

The Oct. 1 issue of The Compass (Vol. 93, Issue 2) is published and available online [at this site](#).

This issue is believed to be the largest single issue of The Compass since moving to an all-electronic format.

The Compass is the journal for the Sigma Gamma Epsilon Earth Sciences Honor Society.

This volume is the "convention issue" for the national convention that UTM hosted at Selmer Center and the Coon Creek Science Center in September 2023.

There are several UTM authors in this issue, including:

- **Dr. Michael A. Gibson**, professor of geology (five papers and issue guest editor)
- **Dr. Matthew Pritchett**, professor of biology
- Kesley Gibson Banks, a biology major and geology minor at UTM who spearheaded the halite project
- **Dr. Thomas (Lan) DePriest Jr.**, associate professor of geology (two papers)

• Natalie Hudson, a geosciences major who graduated last summer; she was also president of the Eta Alpha Chapter of SGE that hosted the convention.



Gibson

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UTM students travel-study to California



Nine UTM students led by Dr. Stan Dunagan, Dr. Angie Van Boening and Allison Bohanon participated in a travel study that consisted of attending the Geological Society of America annual meeting in Anaheim, California, followed by a four-day geological tour through Southern California. The students got to experience a professional conference where geologists from across the U.S. and around the world gathered to present their research. After the conference, the group drove down the coast to Crystal Cove State Park and then inland toward the Salton Sea. They then traveled north through Joshua Tree and Death Valley national parks, where they learned about the geology, ecology and history of the parks before returning to Martin. The students each gave a "site talk" over a topic of their choosing in fulfillment of their coursework for GEOL 475. The group picture here was taken at Badwater Basin in Death Valley, which is the lowest point in North America.

This Week's Skyhawk Home Events

Friday, Oct. 11

- *Women's volleyball vs. Morehead State, 6 p.m., Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

Saturday, Oct. 12

- *Women's volleyball vs. Morehead State, 2 p.m., Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

Sunday, Oct. 13

- *Women's soccer vs. Lindenwood, 2 p.m., Skyhawk Soccer Field.
* - 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.



Homecoming royalty



The 2024 Homecoming King and Queen are Sam Wolcott of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (center left) and Paige Glisson of Chi Omega (center right), accompanied by Chancellor Yancy Freeman and UTM first lady Rafielle Freeman. Wolcott is a sophomore management major from Primm Springs, and Glisson is a senior integrated studies major from Greenfield.

2024 Alumni Award winners presented



2024 Alumni Award winners were (L-R) Dr. Walter "Wally" Hoffmann, University Service Award; Laura McFall Bond, Outstanding Young Alumni Award; and Andy Collins, Outstanding Alumni Award. The three winners are posing with Chancellor Yancy Freeman.

You Tell Me

• **Question** – The area adjacent to Skyhawk Fieldhouse was the laydown area for the Elam Center mall roof-replacement project. That project was completed, but additional work is happening in this area. How will this area now be used?

• **Answer** – This area is being converted to a new ADA-accessible parking lot. Once paving is complete, adding the concrete entrance drive will complete the project. The Physical Plant expects the new lot to be ready by basketball season. This will be a campus parking lot with mostly all-handicap parking, but a few regular spaces will also be included as spacing allows. The reason for adding the lot is to support events at Skyhawk Fieldhouse and the Elam Center when handicap parking is much needed.

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

IT'S TIME FOR SEASONAL FLU AND COVID VACCINES!

FLU:

- THE CDC RECOMMENDS A YEARLY FLU VACCINE AS THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT ACTION IN REDUCING YOUR RISK OF FLU AND ITS POTENTIALLY SERIOUS OUTCOMES.
- EVERYONE 6 MONTHS AND OLDER SHOULD GET AN ANNUAL FLU VACCINE, IDEALLY BY THE END OF OCTOBER

FLU VACCINE INFO: www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/keyfacts.htm

COVID:

- THE CDC RECOMMENDS EVERYONE AGE 6 MONTHS AND OLDER SHOULD GET THE 2024-2025 COVID-19 VACCINE. THIS INCLUDES PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECEIVED A COVID-19 VACCINE BEFORE AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD COVID-19.
- THE CDC ALSO STATES THAT GETTING A COVID-19 VACCINE IS A SAFER, MORE RELIABLE WAY TO BUILD PROTECTION THAN GETTING SICK WITH COVID-19.
- COVID VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH MOST LOCAL AND COMMERCIAL PHARMACIES AND ARE COVERED BY MOST PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS.

COVID VACCINE INFO: <https://www.cdc.gov/covid/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

*Both vaccines are available through local pharmacies and health departments.

Kissiar earns 2024 Sustainability Award



UT Martin Recycling Center employee Andy Kissiar is the recipient of the 2024 UT Martin Sustainability Award given by the Center for Sustainability. According to the Center for Sustainability, this award “recognizes an individual, student organization, department or other group that has enhanced sustainability at UTM.” Last year’s inaugural Sustainability Award was given to Dr. Rachna Tewari, a professor in the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources. Kissiar, who has worked at the recycling center since May 2023, was nominated for the award by his supervisor, Mike Davis. Pictured (L-R) are Elizabeth Lattus, intern for the Center for Sustainability; Dana Hagan, director of the UT Martin physical plant; Bill Kaler, custodial supervisor; Kissiar; Dr. Eric Pelren, professor of wildlife biology and coordinator for Center for Sustainability; and Brian Caldwell, intern for the Center for Sustainability.

UT Martin homecoming and history

Dr. Erik Nordberg, dean of the Paul Meek Library, talks about the history of UT Martin and homecoming Oct. 1 during the quarterly meeting of the City of Martin/UT Martin Town & Gown Association. The Town & Gown Association partnered with the UT Martin Alumni Association to also use the meeting as a community outreach event to increase interest in the Town & Gown program. In addition to Nordberg’s presentation, Mayor Randy Brundige offered a city of Martin update, and Chancellor Yancy Freeman spoke about university events, activities and programs.



Scenes from the week that was Homecoming 2024



Above photo: Students, faculty and staff took part in the Homecoming Workout at the Student Recreation Center on Oct. 2. Below photo: Members of Zeta Tau Alpha take part in the Lip Sync program held Oct. 1 at Festival Park in downtown Martin.

Upcoming Campus Events

Oct. 7-10

- Clothesline Project (Domestic Violence Awareness Month), 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Boling University Center hallway.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

- Oktoberfest, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Showcase, Skyhawk Dining Hall.
- Graduate school fair, 1-4 p.m., Duncan Ballroom, Boling University Center.
- "In Her Shoes" DV simulation (Domestic Violence Awareness Month),

2:30 p.m., 230 Boling University Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

- Seasonal flu and COVID-19 vaccines, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 206 Boling University Center.

Thursday, Oct. 10

- Shine the Light Walk (Domestic Violence Awareness Month), 7 p.m., Boling University Center north patio.

Events are subject to cancellation; dates and times are subject to change.



Scenes from the week that was Homecoming 2024



Above photos: Alpha Delta Pi (left) and Kappa Alpha compete in their respective rope pull competitions. Chi Omega won the women's rope pull, while Alpha Gamma Rho won the men's competition.



Students in Omega Psi Phi compete in the Homecoming Step Show held Oct. 5 after the football game Skyhawk Fieldhouse. The Step Show was presented by the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Oct. 4 was World College Radio Day, and UT Martin student radio station WUTM 90.3 "The Hawk" officially celebrated the observance Oct. 5 as part of the university's homecoming weekend. The station sponsored a booth and live broadcast in front of the Andy Holt Humanities Building during Quad City. Proclamations recognizing the observance and the station were presented by Martin Mayor Randy Brundige and Weakley County Mayor Dale Hutcherson. WUTM has been on the air since Nov. 17, 1971, and is the current Best College Radio Station in the South as designated by the Southeast Journalism Conference. Pictured with the station at Quad City were (L-R) Katelyn Cohee, a junior from Thompson's Station; Alex Martin, a senior from Trenton; and Daniel Mancusi, a sophomore from Martin. All are mass media and strategic communication majors, majoring with a concentration in broadcasting. Dr. Richard Robinson, professor of mass media and strategic communication, is the station's faculty adviser.



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