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the RECORD

Busy alumnus **nabs \$588K** **for postgrad** **degrees at VU**

by **Brittany Skelton**

Matthew Bullington, a 20-year-old recent MTSU graduate, has been awarded a full scholarship to attend Vanderbilt University, where he will simultaneously earn a doctorate and a law degree.

In addition to being one of only three students enrolled in the program, he also has been awarded \$80,000 per year to cover tuition and fees and an \$18,000 annual stipend.

“I have been very blessed,” said Bullington.

Bullington, a Murfreesboro resident of 10 years, graduated from MTSU in December 2006 with an honors degree in economics. He received offers from both the law and graduate schools at other universities, including the University of Tennessee and George Mason University in Virginia. The program at Vanderbilt, however, will allow him to complete both a Ph.D. in economics and a law degree in only six years.

Bullington earned his bachelor’s degree in 3 1/2 years. He also completed more than 30 additional credit hours and was actively involved on campus.

“I’ve taken two years of Mandarin just for fun,” said Bullington. “I have really pursued my education wholeheartedly.”

In his spare time, Bullington was a Student Government Association senator, served on the SGA traffic court and was actively involved in three honor societies and also worked as a tutor for Disabled Student Services and the MTSU athletic department.

Bullington says he plans to stay in the Nashville area to pursue a career and eventually wants to teach at the college level. He also is among an elite group of five MTSU students to receive an award from the Phi Kappa Phi honor society for his academic excellence. Bullington was the only Tennessee resident to receive \$5,000 for the 2007-2008 academic year.



Bullington

Want to help students?

Call Career Center

by **Jennifer Posey**

Faculty, staff and administration: There’s an office on campus that would love to help you increase funding and enrollment in your college, help with your college’s accreditation, target an event specifically for your students and plan for their success.

The Career and Employment Center at MTSU wants to help.

A coordinator is assigned to each college and is ready and willing to work with faculty members to help students achieve their goals.

“We are here for resource, ideally for collaboration,” says Karen Austin, associate director. “That’s really what we want to do. We want to work with [faculty]; we want to collaborate with them on whatever their perceived needs are for their academic area. This is why we have these coordinators, so we can really be more specific to the academic needs.”

Why should faculty and staff



refer students to the CEC?

The CEC office has a trained staff ready to help with resumes, cover letters, job searches, career planning, internships and summer jobs. They offer majors fairs for freshmen and undeclared students, etiquette dinners for seniors and graduate students and mock interviews to better prepare students for the world after college.

“MTSU doesn’t just toss you a degree and kick you out the door,” says Austin. “We’re going to help you get through that whole process and hold your hand through that whole career-planning process.”

Special events help foster relationships with the employment community in middle Tennessee, such as career fairs and mock-interview experience with employers on campus. The CEC office’s eRecruiting database allows it to put students’ resumes and profiles in front of employers, much like a staffing agency. Employers are constantly

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Git along, li’l runners



TREAT TIME YET?—Participants and their pets at the 2006 See Spot Run 5K hurry by the halfway point near the Campus Recreation Center in this dog’s-eye view photo. The 2007 event is set for Saturday, May 12, with registration at Peck Hall at 6:30 a.m. and race start at 8 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 per person (and pet) and all proceeds benefit Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity. Call 615-898-5812 for information.

file photo by News and Public Affairs

IN BRIEF

PROJECT HELP SEEKS LITTLE APPLICANTS TO EDUCATE

Project HELP (Help Educate Little People) is currently adding names to its waiting list of typically developing children aged 15 to 36 months. If you have a child who would benefit from a language-rich preschool program that encourages cognitive-, motor-, adaptive- and social-skill growth, consider Project HELP. Not only do children become highly proficient in those skills, staffers say, but they also gain a fine appreciation of diversity. For more information, contact Patricia Yeargan or Susan Waldrop at 615-898-2458 or e-mail pyeargan@mtsu.edu or swaldrop@mtsu.edu. Learn more about Project HELP at www.mtsu.edu/~projhelp.

BRING A SWEATER, CHILL OUT FOR CENTRAL PLANT SHUTDOWN

The Central Plant annual shutdown will be under way from 9 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, through Friday, May 11, at 9 a.m. Bringing the system back online means a gradual increase of steam pressure in buildings across campus, so full steam pressure won’t return until 8 a.m. Saturday, May 12. During this time there will be no steam available for domestic hot water or for building heat, so building temperatures may be cooler than normal.

HUNGRY FOR SUMMER CLASSES? CHECK KUC BUILDING HOURS

Summer operating hours for the Keathley University Center have been announced, effective Monday, May 7, through Sunday, Aug. 26. Monday through Friday, the KUC will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on weekends, building hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekends through Aug. 19, Quiznos in the KUC will be open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to serve hungry diners, while the KUC Grill will be open weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Aug. 10. Beginning Monday, Aug. 13, through Thursday, Aug. 23, only Quiznos will be open in the KUC, with operating hours of 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The KUC Grill will close Friday, Aug. 24, and reopen Monday, Aug. 27, when fall semester classes begin. For more information, call 615-898-2590 or visit www.mtsu.edu/~mtunions.



www.mtsunews.com

Saudi conference is chance for ‘conversation’

by Dr. Sanjay Asthana

The first week of the new year, I was pleasantly surprised to receive an invitation from the office of the King of Saudi Arabia to make a presentation and conduct a workshop at the First International Media Education Conference in Riyadh.

This invitation was extended based on my UNESCO book, *Innovative Practices of Youth Participation in Media*. The conference, scheduled March 3-9, came at a very opportune time—during the mid-semester spring break—with all expenses paid by the Saudi government. Invitees included around 15 leading policymakers, governmental officials and researchers from the European Union, the Gulf Cooperation Council and the Middle East. EU organized the event with financial support and the blessings of King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia. Most invitees were from Europe and the Middle East. I was from the United States, along with a former educationist and administrator now working as the director of the Modern American School in Cairo, Egypt.

In my paper and the workshop presentation, I planned to explore how media could foster learning and enable active participation among young people. With religion being quite central to people’s lives in Saudi Arabia, I realized that it would be difficult to elaborate secular ideas of citizenship, civic consciousness and democratic engagement. In many postcolonial societies—and, perhaps, even in Western countries—it has indeed become a challenge to bring secular principles and religious practices in some sort of a dialogue. But, as I headed for the cross-cultural experience, I was reminded of the philosopher Kwame Anthony Appiah’s plea that “we need to develop habits of coexistence: conversation in its older meaning, of living together ... across boundaries of identity—whether national, religious or something else.”

The planning of the event began with a controversy. As the program schedule was being drafted,



MEDIA AWARENESS—Dr. Sanjay Asthana, second from left, poses with Saudi dignitary Prince al Shaheri, Dr. José Manuel Pérez Tornero of Spain’s Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Professor Marco Ricceri, general secretary of Eurispes, an Italian research institute, at the recent International Media Education Conference in Riyadh.

photo submitted

men and women were put together on panels. The Saudi government insisted that their religious and cultural sensibilities do not permit men and women to share space on the same panels and so changed the program schedule. The EU and UNESCO were not happy about segregation based on gender. EU threatened to pull out, as this would interfere with its explicit policy of nondiscrimination.

The issue was sorted out after some discussions with the EU headquarters in Belgium; the EU backed down and agreed that it would follow the Islamic law of Saudi Arabia. The female participants had to wear an abaya (the long black cloak, mandatory for women). Male participants would sit in a massive auditorium equipped with a public address system and large television monitors. Women were seated in separate halls, where they could see the men on television monitors and hear them via the public address system. Men would not be able to see the women but could hear them. This

arrangement was quite an experience for all of us. We were amused as well as shocked at this turn of events. How would one, we thought, promote ideas of civic consciousness, citizenship and democracy among teachers and intellectuals in a situation like this?

Still, we received a red-carpet welcome with the sort of grandeur and protocol typically reserved for heads of states. Our presentations in Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese and English were translated into Arabic, and our Saudi hosts were very gracious. We were taken on a tour of Riyadh and the historic Al-Masmaq clay and mud fortress, the place where the Al Saud tribe had successfully defended the holy city of Two Mosques against foreign incursions. The capital city, Riyadh, is beautiful, combining a modernist aesthetic style with classical Arabic architecture. Our dinner meeting with King Abdullah’s son, Prince Khaled, under the tents in the clay and mud fortress, was the highlight of the trip.

My presentations on media education and young people generated excitement among fellow participants, especially Saudi women (young college students, teachers and scholars) as they began to talk, for instance, about how new media forms like blogging enabled them to freely express their ideas. What intrigued me most was a comment made by a Saudi woman participant. On my prodding about her views on media education, she asked if I wanted her to respond as a citizen or a Muslim woman. I indicated both. Her ponderous explanation left me a bit puzzled, but I quickly realized that we might have begun a fruitful conversation in the sense of what the philosopher Appiah had advocated.

Dr. Sanjay Asthana is an assistant professor of journalism in the College of Mass Communication.

Who’s Who ’07 includes 9 MT student leaders

The 2007 edition of *Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* includes nine MTSU students who have been selected as outstanding national campus leaders, said Dr. Deana Raffo, director of leadership development.

The *Who’s Who* 2007 listing includes seven Tennessee students: Melissa Ann Castellaw of Bells, Ada Egbuji and Michelle Allyn McCrary of Nashville, Katherine Evridge and Crystal Angel Griffey of Knoxville, Derek M. Pace of Columbia and Nicole Payne of Bon Aqua.

Out-of-state MTSU students making *Who’s Who* are Jennifer Lynn McKinley of Fort Myers, Fla., and Josh McKenzie of Athens, Ala.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success, Raffo said.

They join an elite group of U.S. students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning around the world.

rover routes serve campus

from Staff Reports

Students, faculty and staff who need to make a quick trip to the Public Square, keep a doctor’s appointment or do a little shopping can keep their campus parking place and still run right over, thanks to Rover, Murfreesboro’s new public transportation service.

The little lime-green buses with the cartoon dog on the sides and back zoom back and forth around much of the city’s downtown, including the MTSU campus, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

Cost to ride is \$1 per trip and exact change is required.

All six routes originate at Rover’s Burton Street hub (near the Rutherford County health and motor vehicle departments) and make their rounds every 30 minutes. Drivers are allowed to make unmarked stops directly on the routes and can be flagged down along the routes, officials said.

Rover’s Highland and Mercury routes serve MTSU directly.

- The Highland Street route stops at the corner of Greenland Drive and New Lascassas Road to pick up passengers and head west onto Highland and loop past Clark Boulevard onto East Northfield and New Lascassas Road to the Greenland stop again.

- The Mercury Boulevard route stops at the corner of Middle Tennessee Boulevard and East Main to pick up MTSU passengers and continues out Main Street to Rutherford Boulevard to the Wal-Mart shopping center and back. It also heads back down Tennessee onto Bradyville Pike and loops through Hancock, Castle, Maney, College and Walnut streets to reach the Rover hub.

Rover routes down Memorial to the Alvin C. York Veterans’ VA Medical Center, Northwest Broad to Stones River Plaza, Old Fort Parkway to Target and South Church to the Public Square all can be reached from the MTSU routes with a free transfer at the Burton Street hub, officials said.

For more information about Rover’s route schedule, visit www.murfreesborotn.gov/news/roverbegins.htm or call 615-21-ROVER (615-217-6837).

Alumni Day set May 19 at Nashville Zoo

All MTSU alumni, friends and families can enjoy a fun-filled day during MTSU Alumni Day at the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere Saturday, May 19, said Paul Wydra, assistant director in the Office of Alumni

Relations.

The Nashville Zoo at Grassmere is located at 3777 Nolensville Road in Nashville. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission will be \$6 per person for all MTSU alumni, friends and fami-

lies. That’s more than 50 percent off the regular rate and includes a free lunch, compliments of the alumni relations office. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

For other questions or to RSVP, please contact the

alumni office at 615-898-2922 or 800-533-MTSU (6878).



Celebration of Excellence honors 14

from Staff Reports

The fourth annual MTSU President’s Celebration of Excellence recognized 14 people from a cross-section of divisions and organizations April 13 at the James Union Building’s Tennessee Room.

By divisions and organizations, the awards and recipients (and their departments or majors) included:

Student Government Association

- John T. Bragg Distinguished Service Award—**Joe B. Jackson** (B.S. ‘49).

Division of Student Affairs

- Judy Smith Scholarship Award—**Jessica Broom**, senior, mass communication;

- Community Service Award—**Meagan Flippin**, senior, public relations;

- Robert C. LaLance Jr. Achievement Award—**Alan Killingsworth**, senior, athletic training;

- Provost’s Award—**Travis Denton**, senior, physics;

- President’s Award—**Meagan Flippin**, senior, public relations.

Blue Raider Athletics

- Outstanding Blue Raider Award—**Chrissy Givens**, graduate studies, criminal justice;

- Outstanding Student-Athlete Award—**Krystle Horton**, senior, inter-



THANKS FROM A GRATEFUL COMMUNITY—Emmett Kennon (B.S. ‘38), center, long a friend to MTSU, accepts the President’s Legacy Award from MTSU First Lady Liz McPhee and Dr. Sidney A. McPhee at the recent Celebration of Excellence ceremonies. Kennon, a Blue Raider baseball and football letterman and the \$1 million donor, along with his wife, Rose, for whom MTSU’s Kennon Sports Hall of Fame is named, also gave \$500,000 to the capital campaign for the university’s new \$5 million baseball stadium.

photo by Jack Ross

disciplinary studies.

Alumni Association

- Distinguished Alumni Awards 2006-07—**Wayne Rollins** (B.S. ‘75, M.B.E. ‘76) and **Joe Coleman** (B.S. ‘76).

- Young Alumni Achievement Award 2006-07—**Christopher Davenport** (B.S. ‘00).

MTSU Foundation

- Career Achievement Award—**Dr. Ronald H. “Ron” Aday**, professor, sociology.

Office of the President

- President’s Legacy Award—**Emmett Kennon** (B.S. ‘38);
- University Benefactor Award—**Lucy Strickland**.

2 industry pros join Mass Comm’s Board of Visitors

from Staff Reports

Two Nashville business veterans with priceless music-industry experience are the newest additions to the College of Mass Communication’s Board of Visitors at MTSU.

Karen Clark, senior vice president for SunTrust Bank, and Connie Bradley, senior vice president for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, will join the 27-member board when it reconvenes for its fall 2007 meeting.

“Karen and Connie are at their pinnacle of professionalism,” said Dean Anantha Babbili. “They will share with our students their immense experience and accomplishments as we plan for the future. I am grateful that they have joined the board to contribute to the continuing success of our programs.”

Chaired by renowned journalist John Seigenthaler, the Board of Visitors includes professionals from the journalism, electronic media, public relations and recording industries, including MTSU alumni. Members serve two-year terms and act as advocates for the college, serve as advisers to the dean and identify private funding sources.

Clark, the manager of the Nashville Private Wealth Management Division of Sports and Entertainment Banking at SunTrust Bank’s Music Row Financial Center, has been with SunTrust for 14 years.

Her organizational involvement includes membership in the Country Music Association, the Board of Governors of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, Academy of Country Music board of directors and finance committee, director of the Gospel Music Association’s finance committee, a former board member and 1996 alumna of Leadership Music, W.O. Smith School of Music board of directors and MTSU’s Jones College of Business Entrepreneurial Studies Advisory Board.

Bradley, who this year celebrates 30 years with ASCAP, has been at the forefront in lobbying for the protection of intellectual property of Music Row songwriters. Under Bradley’s leadership, ASCAP has signed and supported the careers of Garth Brooks, Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson, Gretchen Wilson, Michael W. Smith, George Strait, Reba McEntire and Brad Paisley, among others.

Bradley currently serves on the board of the Country Music Association, Country Music Foundation, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Tennessee Film Commission. She is a native of Shelbyville and attended MTSU.

In addition to their availability as consultants to the College of Mass Communication, the Board of Visitors gathers at least twice a year for a daylong session of advice and guidance on programs and development, as well as meetings with students and faculty.

That’s the spirit!



WELL-DESERVED HONOR—Dr. Jim Burton, right, dean of the Jennings A. Jones College of Business, presents Joel C. Gordon, principal of The Gordon Group and health care pioneer, with the Joe M. Rodgers Spirit of America Award during the recent 16th Annual University Takeover/Executives-in-Residence program at MTSU, sponsored by the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise. The honor is presented annually to a businessperson who has demonstrated the best of the spirit of America through significant contributions in government, education and/or civic and charitable organizations.

photo by Andy Heidt

Cannes dusts off carpet for ‘Wallace’

by Gina K. Logue

My Name is Wallace,” a short film written and directed by an MTSU electronic media communication professor, will be shown at the 60th annual Cannes Film Festival, which is scheduled May 16-26 in Cannes, France.

The motion picture is slated to be part of the festival’s fourth annual Short Film Corner, which is described on its Web site (www.shortfilmcorner.com) as “an essential meeting place between directors and producers from both short and feature films communities, but also a place to discover new talents and to sell your films.”

“Wallace,” the brainchild of Dr. Bob Pondillo, tells the tale of a lonely

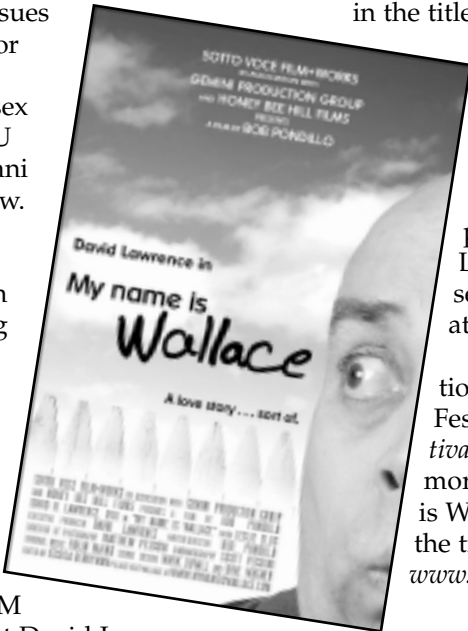
man with social issues who reaches out for companionship through a phone-sex line. Several MTSU students and alumni worked on the crew.

The film has been accepted at more than 270 film festivals, including the recent Nashville Film Festival, and has won more than 14 prizes.

“My Name is Wallace” stars Los Angeles-based actor and XM Satellite Radio host David Lawrence

in the title role. Lawrence also produced the movie for about \$15,000. Nashville-based singer-songwriter Leslie Ellis plays Tiffany, the phone-sex operator. Lawrence will represent the cast and crew at Cannes.

For more information on the Cannes Film Festival, go to <http://festival-cannes.fr>. To learn more about “My Name is Wallace” and to watch the trailer, visit www.mynameiswallace.com.





BUILDING SOME ‘STAR’ POWER—Dr. Eric Klumpe, far left, associate professor of physics and astronomy, joins his colleagues in celebrating the long-awaited groundbreaking for the second phase of MTSU’s new observatory, which will house the university’s telescope to work in tandem with the popular Naked Eye Observatory, or uranidrome. The building will be located between Smith Hall and the Wiser-Patten Science Building, across Old Main Circle from the uranidrome. Joining in the celebration with Klumpe are, from left, Dr. Thomas Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences; Dick Tracy, director of project management for the Tennessee Board of Regents’ Office of Facilities Development; Dr. Sidney A. McPhee; Kent Syler of Congressman Bart Gordon’s office; and Dr. Robert Carlton, chairman of the Department of Physics and Astronomy. The \$700,000 project is targeted for completion in early spring 2008 and “will be a state-of-the-art teaching facility that utilizes a computer-controlled telescope in conjunction with the latest in digital-camera technology,” Carlton said. The observatory complex will serve nearly 1,000 MTSU students annually in general studies astronomy courses, as well as schoolchildren and community residents, and provide Internet viewing of images captured by the telescope.

photo by J. Intintoli

MTSU’s Karg Boys join ‘Prairie Home’ talent show

from Staff Reports

Recent MTSU graduates Rich and Andy Karg outperformed 500 other entries to reach the stage of “A Prairie Home Companion,” gaining praise from host Garrison Keillor during the National Public Radio show’s “People In (their) Twenties Talent Show.”

The Nashville duo competed April 21 against five finalists from around the country in a live broadcast heard locally on WPLN 90.3 FM, performing their songs “That Was Us” and “Sweetie” and chatting with Keillor, who seemed surprised at the Kargs’ recording industry degrees.

“They have a department there called the recording industry department?!?” Keillor asked the Kargs when they mentioned MTSU’s internationally acclaimed program.

“So you skipped classics in English literature and just played music and stuff?”

“Oh, we got our general education as well,” Andy Karg, 23, reassured the humorist as brother Rich, 26, chuckled. “We got to play in studios and sit in classes and learn about popular music, too.”

“Gosh,” said Keillor. “Some people’s upbringings are just so different from mine.”

The Kargs’ “brother-based harmonies” went up against Big Rapids,

Mich., acoustic duo Daisy May Erlewine and Seth Bernard; country-blues artist Jaryd Lane from Kaplan, La.; Chris O’Brien, a singer-songwriter from Somerville, Mass.; The Powder Kegs, an old-time string band from Burlington, Vt; and the Brooklyn-based honky-tonk group Sweetback Sister.

The studio audience and listeners at home voted during the show, with Keillor announcing the winner at the end of the broadcast. At least 11,000 votes were cast during the two-hour show, giving top honors to The Powder Kegs.

The Karg Boys received the show’s coveted “Ray Marklund Award,” a black tool box that Keillor said honored a Prairie Home stage electrician and was “presented by a vote of our stage crew and our staff to the best-behaved, easiest performers to work with.”

Recording Industry Professor Tom Hutchison submitted The Karg Boys to the contest.

“They are among the most talented students I’ve ever had,” Hutchison said. “With a retro sound reminiscent of The Everly Brothers, the Kargs were the perfect musical act for ‘A Prairie Home Companion.’ The show’s producers agreed and said how impressed they were with the duo’s talent.”

The brothers, who credit their



UP IN LIGHTS—Andy Karg, center, accepts the “Prairie Home Companion” radio show’s “Ray Marklund Award” from host Garrison Keillor while Rich Karg, left, crosses the stage to join his brother. The Karg Boys performed for an international radio audience April 21 during the PHC “People In (their) Twenties Talent Show.”

photo by Amanda McKay, used by permission of Prairie Home Productions

father, Nashville songwriter Dick Karg, as their biggest influence, have been writing, singing and performing together professionally since 2002. Rich graduated in 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in music business, followed by Andy in 2006.

In 2005, the Karg Boys signed an exclusive worldwide publishing and

artist development deal with Universal Music Publishing Group Nashville. Since signing with UMPG, Rich and Andy have collaborated with some of Nashville’s top songwriters and producers.

To listen to the performance, visit www.prairiehome.org and click on the “More about the Talent Show” link.

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by Friday, May 11.

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looking at the database and calling the CEC for potential student hires. In fact, the university’s recent annual report shows that the CEC referred 10,629 student and alumni resumes to employers.

Staying abreast of which employers are hiring, how to market resumes, trends in each industry and what employers are looking for gives MTSU’s students an edge over the competition.

How can the CEC

help faculty members? It keeps track of the placement numbers that go into the university’s annual report. These numbers affect each college’s funding, enrollment, accreditation and program expansion.

If you assist a student in acquiring a job through your contacts, report this to the CEC. These numbers will make your department and college more attractive to potential students. Don’t let your efforts go unnoticed by

the university.

The CEC is also willing to create a specific event or program tailored to the needs of your students. Reach out to your coordinator and find out what can be done to improve your college’s program, or contact the CEC directly at 615-898-2500 or career@mtsu.edu to get started!

Science prodigy earns Goldwater recognition

by Doug Williams

Taylor A. Barnes, a 16-year-old science prodigy at MTSU, has been named as a Goldwater Scholarship recipient, a national award considered one of the top academic awards for students studying mathematics, science and engineering.

Home-schooled through high school in Jackson, Miss., Barnes is an Honors College student with a double major in chemistry and physics. He was one of 317 students recognized nationwide and one of only four students from his home state who received the Goldwater recognition.

Barnes credits the mentoring by his honors professors and the assistance of Michelle Arnold, coordinator in the new Honors College Undergraduate Fellowship Office, with bringing his work to the attention of the Goldwater Foundation.

“I was very surprised and pleased when I heard about the award,” Barnes said. “My parents gave me every opportunity to learn as I was growing up. This, combined with the wonderful support I have received from Dr. Preston MacDougall and Dr. Gary Wulfsberg, helped prepare me for where I am today.”

Wulfsberg, a professor of chemistry, has served as a research adviser and mentor to Barnes during his two years at MTSU. He candidly admits that in his 26 years of teaching he has never seen anyone quite like Barnes.

“My first reaction is that I was amazed at his comprehension and believe he is one of the bright-

est students in this area,” Wulfsberg said. “I am not sure what qualifies one to be a genius, but Taylor certainly has outstanding potential.”

Being selected as a Goldwater Scholar often is a good predictor of excelling in postgraduate fellowship programs, according to information released by the Goldwater Foundation. Recent recipients have earned Rhodes Scholarships and others have received Marshall Awards.

Barnes said his parents always encouraged his interest in science, and as a consequence he always enjoyed learning scientific principles and trying to relate them to the material world. Like another well-known prodigy, Albert Einstein, Taylor often performed “thought experiments” where he tried to imagine watching the effects of the various principles from biology, chemistry, physics and earth science.

Now a serious scientist conducting his own research, Barnes’ current passion is studying physical chemistry and quantum mechanics. In late March, a research effort with MacDougall, “Coulombic Model of the Anomalous Conformations of the Chlorinated Acetates,” was submitted as a poster presentation for the National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Chicago.

“The trip was great, and Chicago is a fun city to drive around, even though we got lost a couple of times,” Barnes said. “I like the fact that so many

people came by to see our research. I found it interesting, because the class of chemicals we studied behaves in a way that is opposite to what would be predicted from the information provided in organic chemistry textbooks.”

Barnes said strong programs in physics and chemistry were factors in his choosing MTSU to continue his education, but he also has several family ties to the university. Taylor was born in Murfreesboro and lived here for five years before moving to Mississippi. His grandfather, David Arnold, helped establish the Speech and Hearing Division and Clinic in the Speech and Theatre Department more than three decades ago. Six people in Taylor’s family have attended MTSU.

“When I was little, I spent hours in a kitchen lab completing a variety of chemistry laboratory experiments with my mother,” Barnes said. “When I turned 13, I had completed all my studies for high school and went to Hinds Community College (near Jackson), where a professor gave a pretest to all of his students. I made the highest grade by a wide margin. Two semesters later, I decided to enroll at MTSU.”

Congress established the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program in 1986 to honor the Arizona senator, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years in the U.S. Senate. The Foundation provides a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers by awarding scholarships to students who intend to pursue those careers.



Barnes

May ‘MT Record’ celebrates scholars of all stripes

from Staff Reports

May is graduation season, and in this month’s edition of “Middle Tennessee Record,” students in the performing arts, radio, TV and movies share their wisdom and broaden our understanding of what it means to be a scholar.

The show includes Seth Alder’s discussions with winners of this year’s Student Film Festival, WMTS Manager Stan McCloud’s inside look at what it takes to keep a student radio station running smoothly, and Alli Scott and Skyye Medley honing their on-air talents at WMOT.

The dance program at MTSU is in its infancy, but director Kim Neal Nofsinger explains how he, students and faculty are nurturing it to see it grow. Meanwhile, Kaleena De Var is on her toes in more ways than one, combining psychology, philosophy and her love of dance into an intriguing new creation.

Other features include the MTSU Wind Ensemble showing why it’s the

premier music performance group for wind, brass and percussion; the Stones River String Band making traditional music come alive; and theater student Alex Vernon’s return from Washington, D.C., where his play was staged at the Kennedy Center American College.

Centennial Countdown takes a look at Murphy Center’s prominence as the entertainment venue in Middle Tennessee, while Terri Johnson from the June Anderson Women’s Center discusses the importance of the Clothesline Project and Take Back the Night.

Finally, In the Know Zone looks to scholars on and off the planet with the new observatory groundbreaking, the Neill-Sandler scholarship winners and more.

“Middle Tennessee Record” airs on NewsChannel5+, Murfreesboro cable channel 9 and 11 other regional cable outlets. For airtimes and specific channels, go to www.mtsunews.com and click on “Middle Tennessee Record.”



MUSICAL INTERLUDE—Jessica Watson, a senior music-industry major and member of the Stones River String Band, plays mandolin and sings “Angeline the Baker” in a performance included in the May edition of “Middle Tennessee Record.”

photo by News & Public Affairs

Center to direct statewide math/science project

from Staff Reports

The Tennessee Mathematics, Science and Technology Education Center at MTSU has received a \$2.5 million grant from the Tennessee Department of Education for three years to direct a statewide Math/Science Partnership Project.

“The grant will provide high-quality professional development opportunities to high-school teachers of mathematics and science, which are coherent with Gov. Phil Bredesen’s vision for mathematics and science learning,” project director

Dr. Ray Phillips said.

The center, which is called TMSTEC, will develop and deliver the program in collaboration with the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, the University of Memphis, Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Oak Ridge Institute for Science Education.

The most motivated teachers from across the state will compete for the opportunity to work with exceptional faculty from MTSU, UT-Knoxville and the University of Memphis, as well as master teachers from across the state, program offi-

cials said.

The program will help teachers develop enhanced skills, content knowledge and innovative approaches to teach upper-level/advanced-placement math and science courses. The ultimate impact will be school districts in a better position to provide enhanced opportunities for students to complete rigorous mathematics and science courses, exposing students to the possibilities of careers in science and math.

Starting this summer with a four-day workshop in Oak Ridge, teachers will work with scientists, mathemati-

cians and engineers, who will introduce them to the most current discoveries and give them tools to use that knowledge to educate their students.

“Teachers will be able to integrate the latest scientific discoveries into their classrooms’ curriculum,” said Sheila Webster, director of the UT Institute for a Secure and Sustainable Environment’s technology research and development program.

Recruiting for the program is under way. Teachers from any of Tennessee’s 95 counties may request applications through jcarter@mtsu.edu or call 615-904-8573.

Museum group honors project

by Lisa L. Rollins

The Tennessee Association of Museums has recognized a group of MTSU students with an Award of Excellence for their class project, which is now a permanent exhibit at the Sam Davis Home in Smyrna.

Dr. Brenden Martin, MTSU history professor, said graduate students in his Museum Management Seminar class spent last semester planning and constructing the exhibit, “Recovering Their Story: African Americans on the Davis Plantation, 1850-1925.”

“Interpreting artifacts uncovered in a 2004 archaeological dig, the exhibit tells the story of free and enslaved African-Americans who lived on the plantation,” said Martin, who—along with teaching assistant Brian Hackett—assigned specific jobs

to each of the 10 students in the class.

“The idea behind this experiential learning project was for students to receive hands-on training in developing a professional work product,” Martin explained. “From design to publicity, students got a crash course in exhibit development and created a final product that reflects the complex lifestyles of an often-overlooked group of people.”

Martin and his students—all of whom are master’s and Ph.D. candidates in MTSU’s public history program—received the award during the 2007 TAM Annual Conference in March. The students also led a presentation on the project at the conference.

Nissan North America Inc., the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area and the MTSU Public Service Committee sponsored the exhibit.

Roy is 2nd master marketing prof

by Tom Tozer

Dr. Don Roy, associate professor of management and marketing, recently received the Master Marketing Teacher award, presented by the Marketing Management Association at the organization’s spring conference in Chicago. This was the group’s fifth Master



Roy

Teacher Competition, sponsored by Hormel Foods. Nominated by Dr. Jim Burton, dean of the Jones College of Business, Roy was required to submit materials that documented his teaching effectiveness make a formal presentation. He was selected on the quality of that presentation and the

uniqueness of the teaching activity. “This is a very distinct honor,” Burton said. “Dr. Roy’s reputation as a teacher in the Jones College is outstanding, and that reputation was put to the ultimate test in this competition. His reputation as a great teacher is well-earned and now has been nationally validated.” Roy follows Dr. Tim Graeff, professor of management and marketing, who previously received the honor.

Roy thanked his peers for their support and his students for being so accepting of his experiential learning approach and related activities.

“I am also grateful for MMA’s promotion of teaching effectiveness as well as Hormel Foods’ support of marketing education,” he said. “The desire to provide students with meaningful and enjoyable learning experiences motivates me to strive to improve as a teacher.”

MTSU goes to Washington



AT THE CAPITOL—U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon, third from right, poses with MTSU students participating in the Interface program during their recent trip to Washington, D.C. Interface teams international students with host families to help the newcomers acclimate to the United States for their college experience. Enjoying the visit were, from left, Interface organizer Harold Bryer; mass communication graduate student Ling Su of Beijing, China; junior plant and soil science major Katelyn Hiatt of Christiana, Tenn.; freshman undeclared major Akiko Nagai of Oobu Shi Aichi, Japan; Christine Kitts, a junior interdisciplinary studies major from Maryville, Tenn.; Julie Upshaw, a junior speech and theatre major from Kingsport, Tenn.; mathematical sciences graduate student Kazem Karimi of Tehran, Iran; Interface organizer David Cantrell; freshman undeclared major Yumiko Shiraga of Kyoto, Japan; graduate business student Takahiro Noguchi of Fukuoka, Japan; Gordon, who is an MTSU alumnus; English doctoral student Satwik Dasgupta of Calcutta, India; and Interface organizer Aaron Hanks.

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Vaughan Scholarship awarded

by Cristol Camacho

Lindsay Dianna Shaw, a graduate of Coffee County High, is the latest recipient of MTSU’s Christine Vaughan Scholarship.

“I am very excited and grateful to have been chosen for this scholarship,” said Shaw. “This came at the perfect time, because I have just registered for my summer classes and greatly need and appreciate the funds.”

English professor Dr. Bené Cox, chair of the Christine Vaughan Scholarship Committee, presented the award at the College of Liberal Arts Award Reception April 25. The Christine Vaughan Scholarship has been awarded annually since 1999 to an MTSU undergraduate student from Coffee County who is establishing an excellent academic record while pursuing a major in English and minoring in education.

“We usually have eight to 10 English majors who qualify for the \$1,000 scholarship,” said Cox.

As a lifelong resident of

Manchester, Tenn., Vaughan taught in the public schools as well as in MTSU’s English department. She also was an officer in various state and national educational organizations.

Vaughan’s colleagues and friends established the award to honor her life and work and to continue her practice of encouraging and supporting students who desire to become English teachers.

“When I graduate from MTSU, I hope to become an English teacher at Coffee County Middle School,” said Shaw. “I have been substitute-teaching in Coffee County since August of last year and absolutely love being able to work with so many wonderful students.”

Holly Denise Bush, the 2001-02 recipient, also is currently teaching in Manchester City Schools.

Potential scholarship donors may contact the MTSU Development Office at 615-898-2502 or devofc@mtsu.edu. For more information about applying for the scholarship, contact Cox at bcoc@mtsu.edu.

10 students await participation in new LeaderShape Tennessee

by Randy Weiler

Ten MTSU students will be part of a national leadership development program coming to Tennessee for the first time.

Nearly 10 Tennessee colleges and universities and 50 to 60 students altogether will participate May 15-20 in the first LeaderShape Tennessee, said Deana Raffo, director of MTSU Leadership Development.

LeaderShape Tennessee will be held at New Frontiers challenge course in Dowelltown, Tenn.

MTSU and Vanderbilt and Belmont universities are co-hosting the event and have been serving on the planning committee, Raffo said.

“LeaderShape is a nationally recognized program, and I had the privilege to serve as a facilitator at the national session in Illinois in 2004,” Raffo said. “It truly will be a life-changing experience for the students.”

MTSU will be represented by Jameel Braddock, a junior political science major from Humboldt; Felisha Cook, a sophomore speech and theatre and public relations major from Westmoreland; Erin Dycus, a senior communication studies major from Spring Hill; Crystal Griffey, a senior communication disorders major from Knoxville; Chassen Haynes, a senior finance major from Goodlettsville; Edgard Izaguirre, a sophomore finance major from Hollywood, Fla.; Quinton Ladd, a junior business administration major from Kingsport; Chris Smith, a senior mathematics major from Paris; Cassie Venable, a junior interdisciplinary studies major from Humboldt; and Barry Westbrook, a junior organizational communications major from Shelbyville.

For more information about LeaderShape, visit its Web site at www.leadershape.org.

‘Miss Mary’ shares joy, time with others

by Samantha Buttrey

A warm greeting and a smile can turn someone’s whole day around. Mary Glass, probably best known to most as “Miss Mary,” has been a staff member at MTSU for 30 years, and she’s accustomed to brightening the days of others.

On the MTSU campus, Miss Mary is an account clerk I in the university’s Business Office. However, she’s much more to many and especially well known for the wonderful smile she always wears.

“She’s outgoing and keeps things lively around here,” co-worker Karen Moser, an account clerk III in MTSU’s Business Office, said, “and is very interested in everyone and always thoughtful.”

Another co-worker, Sherry Justice, agreed Miss Mary is a joy, day in and day out. “She’s a lot of fun, she keeps us entertained, and she loves working with the students,” Justice said.

Glass said the secret to her smile and welcoming nature is simple.

“Get a Scripture and hold on to it,” she said. “Psalms 18:1 is the one I hold onto—keep God in your life and pray without ceasing. And be grateful for the good times as well as the bad times.”

Also, she added, “Smile a lot, joke a lot and play.”

Born to Esther and Carl Barnes in 1945 in Rockvale, Tenn., Glass was the youngest of four children. Along with older sister Evelyn Haynes and twin brothers Leon and Leroy, Miss Mary, by her own admission, “had a great childhood. My parents were older when I was born, and I was the baby, so they spoiled me.”

From a young age, Glass said she grasped an understanding of the power of God. Over the years, the Bible is what got her through all of the good and the bad times, she observed, and since



MAKING THE DAY BRIGHTER—Mary Glass, right, lightens a stressful day while talking with Business Office co-worker Karen Moser. Glass, who’s worked at MTSU for 30 years, also shares her joy as a veteran community volunteer.

photo by News and Public Affairs

then, she said she has relied on the power of the Lord to lead her in the right direction.

“I know I am where the Lord wants me to be,” she confirmed.

A longtime volunteer, Glass has tirelessly devoted her free time and energy to a variety of causes and community organizations, including serving as a former president and current member of the Association of Secretarial and Clerical

Employees, chairwoman of MTSU’s annual Gospel Extravaganza, founder of the Gospel Music Connections in Rutherford as well as surrounding counties, minister of music for Cherry Grove Baptist Church No.1 Choir, an assistant musician for Cherry Grove Baptist Church Mass Choir and as a Sunday School teacher at Cherry Grove.

As a resident of Murfreesboro, she also dedicates much of her volunteer time to children because she loves young people. Among her many child-centered contributions, Glass serves as president of Generation for Creation Kids, an intercommunity visual and performing arts program for children ages 7 to 17, as well as volunteering time as a youth adviser and a member of the board of directors for Wee Care Day Care Center in Murfreesboro.

“The teachers over there go beyond the call of duty,” observed Glass, referring to the day-care staff. “They do more than what they are paid for and anything I can do to help I do. I had grandchildren that went to that school and they did so much for them.”

In addition to her many volunteer endeavors, Glass also may be heard spreading positive messages via her radio program, “To God Be the Glory,” every Sunday from 6 to 7 a.m. on AM radio station WGN5-1450, FM stations 100.5 and 101.9 and on Murfreesboro’s cable TV Channel 11. During the broadcasts, Glass encourages listeners and viewers to call her with their prayer requests, words of thanks, dedications and anniversaries.

Although the majority of Glass’s work on behalf of others goes without financial reward, she’s not one about to count pennies.

“I don’t have much money, but I feel rich,” she confirmed with a beaming smile.

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Faculty/Staff Update

Conferences

Dr. Jason Johnson (mathematical sciences) attended the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference in Atlanta March 19 to discuss collaborating with colleagues interested in social justice pedagogy in teaching mathematics.

Dr. Jennifer Dooley (mathematical sciences) was a conference leader, chaired the local arrangements and gave the welcoming remarks to the general session of the National Association for Developmental Education, held March 20-24 at Nashville’s Opryland Hotel.

Fellowships

Dr. Minsoo Kang (health and human performance) was inducted as a research consortium fellow at the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention and exposition March 15 in Baltimore. Fellows are selected based on evidence of scholarship, including research presentations and publications.

Presentations

Drs. Richard Anderson and Warner Cribb (geosciences) and senior geosciences major **Jessica Beard** presented “Geochemical Investigation

of Petro-Tectonic Setting(s) of Felsic Igneous Rocks, St. Francois Mountains, Missouri” at the joint meeting of the North-Center and South-Central Sections of the Geological Society of America April 11-13 at the University of Kansas.

Dr. Philip Edward Phillips (English) presented a paper, “The English *Consolation of Philosophy*: Translation and Reception,” at the Second Annual Conference on Christian Philosophy at the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio, April 13-14.

Psychology faculty and graduate students presented the following posters at the National Association of School Psychologists’ 39th annual convention in New York March 27-31: **Dr. James O. Rust** and **Casey F. Brasher**, “Evaluating Exposure to a Pediatric Clinic-Based Early Literacy Program”; **Rust** and **Kristy Watts**, “Teachers’ Opinions About Inclusion”; and **Dr. Ellen Slicker**, “Graduate Student Admissions Screening: Usefulness of the Hogan Assessment System.”

Dr. Michaele Chappell (mathematical sciences) presented “Writing for NCTM Journals: Tips and Discussion with Editorial Panel Members” March 19 at the NCTM annual conference in Atlanta.

Dr. Yuri Melnikov (mathematical sciences) presented “Recent Advances in the Green’s Function Method” March 23 at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

Publications

Drs. Mark Anshel (health and human performance) and **Scott Seipel** (computer information systems) published “Relationships between perfectionism and social physique anxiety” in *Perceptual and Motor Skills*, 104, 913-922.

McGraw-Hill has translated the third edition of *Multiengine Flying* by **Dr. Paul A. Craig** (aerospace) into Chinese. This is the second of Craig’s books translated for the Chinese market.

Dr. Eletra Gilchrist (speech and theatre) will have “Understanding and Enhancing Instructor Credibility in the Basic Course” published in the *2007 Basic Communication Course Best Practices: A Training Manual for Instructors*.

Nancy Dodge Reyome and **Karen Ward** (nursing) published “Self-Reported History of Childhood Maltreatment and Codependency in Undergraduate Nursing Students” in the *Journal of Emotional Abuse*, 7 (1), 37-50 [2007].