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Rutherford County's "Celebration Under the Stars" will once again be held on the campus of MTSU—and admission to the family-oriented event will be free.

Festivities will kick off at 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 4, on the university's intramural field, the traditional site for the countywide event.

From 5 to 8 p.m., there will be games and activities for the kids, including face painting, patriotic puzzles and arts and crafts projects. There also will be prizes and promotional giveaways.

The Col. Hardy Murfree Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution again will provide free American flags for everyone. The chapter has provided flags for this celebration for the last nine years. Wal-Mart at Old Fort

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\$1M upgrade provides EMC's new 'definition'

by Gina E. Fann

A million-dollar upgrade for high-definition TV equipment will put MTSU's electronic media communication graduates out front in their profession, thanks to generous donors and matching funds from the university.

"This is huge for us because so many places don't have HD (facilities) yet," said senior Jacob Smithson of Woodbury, one of the EMC department's first students to work extensively in the digital format, as he prepared to install more of the new equipment last week.

"I've been involved in the upgrade and will have that additional knowledge to use wherever I go. I'm not only getting firsthand experience in using the equipment, I'm getting experience in installing it, which is going to be critical in the industry."

The 16-year-old EMC facilities in the university's Bragg Mass Communication Building will be upgraded with the latest HD cameras, monitors and other equipment manufactured by Sony Broadcasting. Sony's in-kind support is paired with:

- a \$200,000 cash grant from the Oklahoma City-based Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation;
- \$10,000 from the Landmark Communications Foundation via Nashville's NewsChannel5 Network, the first Tennessee TV station to broadcast in HD;
- individual donations from alumni, community partners and private foundations; and
- \$500,000 in matching funds from the office of MTSU's president, Dr. Sidney A. McPhee.

"This HD studio will return MTSU to the front of electronic media communication education in Tennessee," said Dr. Bob Spires, EMC department chairman. "I don't know of a more state-of-the art facility dedicated to teaching students of television production and television journalism in the United States."

"This project reflects the

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Commencement ceremony DVDs will be available

DVDs of MTSU's May and August 2007 commencement ceremonies will be available for purchase from Phillips Bookstore for \$10 each plus \$6.95 shipping and sales tax for Tennessee orders.

The DVDs will be shipped in four to six weeks after the ordering deadline for each graduation.

Orders for the May event must be placed by Friday, June 22. The ordering timeframe for the Aug. 11 ceremony is July 2-Sept. 14.

Orders may be placed online at www.phillipsbookstore.com or by calling 615-898-2700. Web site orders are paid through PayPal.

Customers ordering in person may pay by cash, check, MasterCard or Visa. Phone orders can be placed with a MasterCard or Visa.

Phillips Bookstore will have more information onsite when prospective graduates pick up their regalia.

Adult degree plan launches

from Staff Reports

MTSU's College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning has established a new Adult Degree Completion Program, which will enable adults who have left college prior to finishing to earn a degree quickly and affordably.

The ADCP is applicable to any degree offered by the college. Students have the choice of taking courses online, on-campus or in combination. The program is customized so that each student works with the ADCP director and his or her academic adviser to select the most appropriate program.

"There are more than 60,000 Tennesseans who have completed at least 30 hours of college and who can benefit tremendously from completing their degrees," said Lance Ikard, ADCP director. "The average

worker with a bachelor's degree earns nearly \$240,000 more during his or her career than those without one."

Added Dr. Mike Boyle, dean of the College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning, "New technologies and alternative methods of earning credit have facilitated an environment in which

someone who's willing to work at it can complete a degree while continuing to meet work and family responsibilities. With

MTSU entering this arena, it has greatly reduced the cost for most employees and employers compared to the for-profit or private school alternatives. Our goal is to allow students to get a degree as quickly and efficiently as possible."

Program details can be found on the Web at www.mtsu.edu/adcp, and appointments with the ADCP director may be scheduled by calling 615-898-2177.



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CORRECTION

A story in the May 7 edition of *The Record*, "Busy alumnus nabs \$588K for postgrad degrees at VU," contained factual errors. The total amount of the full scholarship award is \$336,000, not \$588,000,

over six years. That includes a per-year figure of \$36,000 plus an \$18,000 stipend.

IN BRIEF

BOOKSTORE CLOSED JUNE 27-29
Phillips Bookstore will be

closed for inventory June 27-29. The last day to order supplies from the catalog will be Monday, June 25, and the last day for campus deliveries will be Tuesday, June 26. There will be no deliveries until Monday, July 2, when the bookstore reopens at 7:30 a.m. For more information, contact 615-898-2700.

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MT coaches honored for careers of excellence

State Legislature recognizes Insell

from MT Media Relations

State Sen. Jim Tracy, R-Shelbyville, introduced Joint Resolution 169 at the State Capitol on May 31 to honor Middle Tennessee women’s basketball coach Rick Insell for his upcoming induction into the National High School Hall of Fame.

On July 4, Insell will become the fourth high school coach from Tennessee inducted into the national Hall of Fame in Palm Desert, Calif. He’s one of 12 individuals who will be inducted into the organization for 2007.

The induction ceremony will be the closing event of the 88th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting. Previous Tennessee inductees include the late



Insell

Jim Smiddy, the late Buck Van Huss and the late Boyce Smith, all coaches. The late Bill Pack and the most recent inductee, Billy Schrivner of Jackson, were inducted into the Hall of Fame as officials.

“It is a great honor to be recognized by your state leaders and to be singled out for the work that you do,” Insell said. “I am very grateful for the time and effort Jim Tracy put into this endeavor.”

Insell built a dynasty at Shelbyville Central High School, guiding the Golden Eaglettes to a record 10 TSSAA state championships with an overall record of 775-148 (.840 winning percentage) during his 28-year tenure. He was hired at Shelbyville Central (Class AAA) in 1977 and spent all 28 years as head coach at the school.

The Woodbury native has spent the last two seasons as head coach at Middle Tennessee, compiling a 50-15 record and winning two straight Sun Belt Tournament titles.

The Blue Raiders claimed the regular season Sun Belt title in 2006-07, posting a perfect 21-0 mark versus SBC opponents and earning a school-record 30 victories.

The Middle Tennessee women won 27 consecutive games before falling 73-59 in the second round of

the NCAA Tournament to Marist College of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Insell was voted Sun Belt Coach of the Year this season, the first Blue Raider head coach to garner a Coach of the Year accolade since 1988.

Middle Tennessee also appeared in the national rankings for the first time since 1988 and in the Associated Press Top 25 poll for the first time in school history.

Insell’s high school coaching records and honors include:

- winning a Tennessee state record 10 state championships (1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004), including a state record with the four consecutive titles from 1989-92;
- coaching Shelbyville Central to 110 consecutive wins from 1987-91, a Tennessee state record;
- either winning a state title or finishing runner-up 15 of his 28 seasons as a head coach at Shelbyville.;
- being named *USA Today* National Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1991;
- being named Converse National High School Coach of the Year in 1990 and 1992.;
- leading the 1990 squad to recognize the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Team of the Year, the first high-school team so honored;
- guiding the Golden Eaglettes to 23 district championships and 16 regional championships;
- developing six Tennessee Class AAA Miss Basketball Award recipients and 15 high-school All-Americans; 57 of his players have received scholarships to continue their careers at the collegiate level;
- coaching Tiffany Woosley, who was named *USA Today* National Player of the Year in 1990-91;
- receiving a special invitation to the Oval Office by President George H.W. Bush for academic and athletic achievement as well as honors from both houses of Congress and two Tennessee governors.



Moore named Southeast Region Coach of the Year by golfing group

from MT Media Relations

Outgoing Middle Tennessee men’s golf coach Johnny Moore certainly is leaving his current position in style.

Moore, whose retirement after 18 years at the helm of the program became effective June 15, was named the Southeast Region Coach of the Year by the Golf Coaches Association of America May 31.

The nine regional Coach of the Year recipients are also candidates for the Eaton Golf Pride Dave Williams Award, which is presented to the Division I national coach of the year.

“My first reaction was that I was stunned,” Moore said. “I feel honored to be mentioned (with the coaches on this list).

These guys are legends. It’s quite an honor to be named by the Golf Coaches Association. It’s an honor in itself because it is your peers. I’m almost speechless when I think about it.

“I really think it’s an honor for the university and for those players, not for me. They are the ones who did it. I drove the bus and stayed out of the way.”

Moore, who was named Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year in April, came within inches of leading the Blue Raiders to their first SBC Championship when they lost on a birdie putt on the first playoff hole at the league tournament in April. Middle Tennessee had stormed back from a 13-shot deficit to grab a share of the lead after 54 holes.

The Blue Raiders enjoyed a stellar season in 2007, ranking 47th nationally by Golfstat and 59th by Golf Week. Middle Tennessee narrowly missed an at-large berth into the NCAA National Championships after posting a 115-29-2 record and going 26-18-2 against Top 100 competition.

Middle Tennessee enjoyed top five finishes in all seven of their spring tournaments and posted 10 top five finishes out of 12 events during the 2006-07 season. Freshman Craig Smith became the first Blue Raider to earn low medalist at the Sun Belt Conference Championships, and sophomore Chas Narramore became the first Middle Tennessee golfer selected into the NCAA Division I Championships as an individual.

“As far as depth and overall talent, I believe this was the best team we have had at Middle Tennessee since I’ve been here,” Moore said. “This was a very close team and a group of guys that really cared about one another and how one another played. It was very enjoyable to coach this team, and the best thing is the majority of the players are young, either freshmen or sophomores, so the future is very bright.”

The GCAA is the professional association of men’s golf coaches. Established in 1958, this nonprofit organization is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing its members who participate in men’s golf at all levels. Through its established events and programs, the GCAA maintains a goal of increasing awareness and the status of men’s golf.

Eaton Golf Pride Regional Coaches of the Year include Moore from the Southeast region; New England representative Tom Drennan of the University of Rhode Island; the Mid-Atlantic’s Kevin Fillman of Longwood; Southern representative Allen Terrell of Coastal Carolina; the Midwest’s Mark Crabtree of the University of Louisville; Central rep Bill Brogden, University of Tulsa; South Central’s Brian White, Lamar; Southwest’s Bruce Brockbank of Brigham Young; and Pacific rep Conrad Ray of Stanford University.



Moore



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Be prepared! Campuswide tornado drill is June 26

from Staff Reports

MTSU president Sidney A. McPhee has authorized a campuswide tornado warning drill to be held sometime between 9 a.m. and noon on Tuesday, June 26. Public Safety will activate the drill by sending out e-mail notifications to the university’s “building runners.” (The tornado siren also will be activated as part of the drill.) Building runners will then make their rounds throughout their buildings, notifying all personnel that a tornado drill is in effect. All personnel should then proceed to the “safer locations” in their buildings. (That list can be found at www.mtsu.edu/alert4u/tornado_shelter.shtml.)

The tornado drill will last for 20 minutes from the time the e-mail notifications are sent out. Afterward, all personnel should return to normal duties. The purpose of this campuswide drill is to accomplish a number of tasks:

- The drill should help building runners become familiar with receiving warning information via e-mail.
- The drill should also help all employees become familiar with how

they may be notified of tornado warnings as well as with places they should go in the event of an actual tornado warning.

- The drill also will give everyone a chance to identify problems, issues and areas that should be addressed.

With this advance notice, we trust that all faculty, staff and students will be able, if necessary, to adjust their classroom schedules and activities. Building runners should review

the areas that they need to cover and make sure they include every office and classroom on their routes. Tornado warnings and drills will be inconvenient for most of us. At the same time, they are critical to ensure a safer campus community. Please send any feedback (positive and negative), ideas and suggestions concerning tornado preparedness planning to either Tom Tozer, director of News and Public Affairs, at ttozer@mtsu.edu or Buddy Peaster, chief of the Department of Public Safety, at cpeaster@mtsu.edu. The university’s tornado notification system is meant to be an important alert system that works for students, faculty and staff. Please share your comments with Tozer or Peaster to help improve the system.



by Lisa L. Rollins

According to an African proverb, “When the lion writes history, the hunter disappears.” And Dr. Ellen Garrison, associate professor of history, says the same can be said for humankind when it comes to accurate historical records as they relate to human rights. A member of MTSU’s faculty since 1989, Garrison is the coordinator for “Whose Story Gets Told? Human Rights and the Power of Records,” an open forum and panel discussion that will be presented from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, in the Business and Aerospace Building’s State Farm Lecture Hall. “Throughout history, the victors in human conflicts have usually enshrined their account of those conflicts in carefully selected official records and standard published narratives, leaving the story of their victims untold,” Garrison said.

“In the 20th century, victims and their advocates began a systematic effort to recover those lost voices through truth commissions, video, film and oral history projects, and opening the complete record of government actions to the public.” The 90-minute panel discussion will feature internationally known archivist Dr. Trudy Huskamp Peterson, MTSU’s 2007 Visiting Distinguished Public Historian, and moderator Dwight Lewis, a columnist and regional editor for *The Tennessean*. James E. Staub Jr., who volunteers with several Nashville-based social justice groups, said it’s crucial to conduct educational discussions about the importance of accurate historical records within the realm of human rights and whose stories get told.

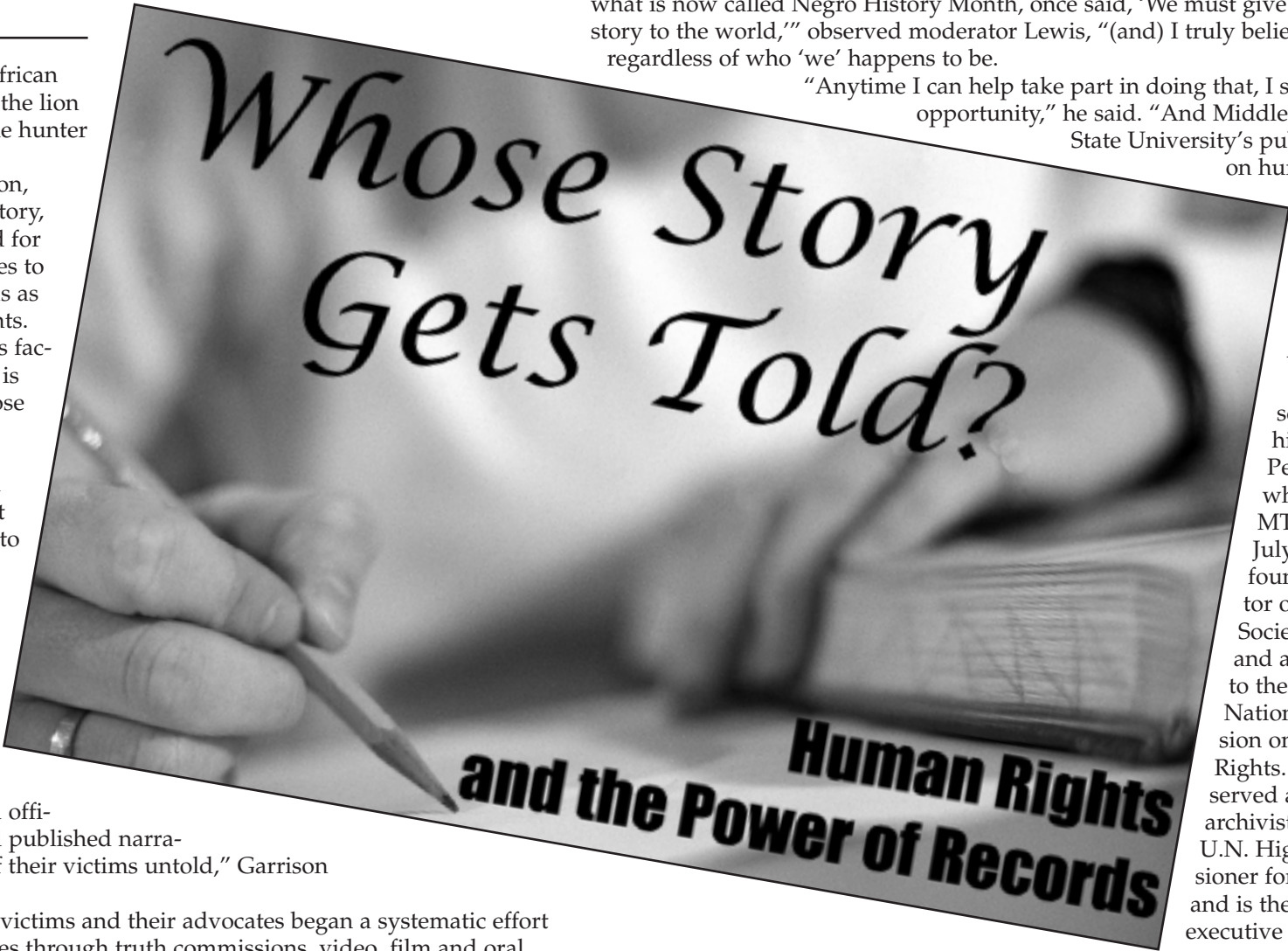


Garrison

“When we work to change the world, we must make ourselves counted, and we must hold people with power accountable for their decisions,” said Staub, a government information librarian. “Public records—and new records built from the people’s stories when the official record is insufficient or injurious—expose truth and give us raw material to replace injustice with justice.” In addition to Peterson, panelists set to share their own efforts to preserve such lost voices include the Rev. Edwin King, plaintiff in the Mississippi Sovereignty Commission Records lawsuit; MTSU alumnus John Awan, a Sudan native and naturalized U.S. citizen; and Dr. Clare Bratten, an assistant professor of electronic media communications at MTSU and producer of a documentary on Kurds in Iraq and those who immigrated. Those who attend the June 19 forum at MTSU will “hear a diverse panel explore contemporary examples of ... recent human rights conflicts ranging from South Africa and the Sudan to Iraq and Mississippi,” said Garrison, who noted that each panelist has participated in the struggle to preserve the voices that have yet to be preserved in the official records of these conflicts.

“The late historian Carter G. Woodson, who is regarded as the father of

what is now called Negro History Month, once said, ‘We must give our own story to the world,’” observed moderator Lewis, “(and) I truly believe that, regardless of who ‘we’ happens to be. “Anytime I can help take part in doing that, I seize the opportunity,” he said. “And Middle Tennessee State University’s public forum on human rights is, I think, one of those great opportunities.” Visiting scholar/historian Peterson, who will be at MTSU until July 7, is the founding director of the Open Society Archives and a consultant to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. She has served as an archivist for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and is the former executive director of



the Open Media Research Institute. She also is the former acting archivist for the United States and author of *Final Acts: A Guide to Preserving the Records of Truth Commissions* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005). “Dr. Trudy Huskamp Peterson’s reputation as an archivist is unparalleled in the United States and abroad,” confirmed Garrison, who also is a certified archivist. “During a 21-year career at the National Archives, she rose through the ranks to become the deputy archivist and acting archivist of the United States ... (before leaving) the National Archives to embark upon an even more challenging career working with international organizations to identify, preserve and maintain control over records essential to prosecuting human rights violations.”



Peterson

In addition to speaking at “Whose Story Gets Told?” during her MTSU visit, Peterson will teach “Current Issues in Public History Practice: Human Rights and the Power of Records,” a summer session course offered by the Department of History. “Her prolific scholarship is matched by a distinguished record of public speaking and teaching in the United States and Abroad,” Garrison said of Peterson, whose prior lecture-ships and professorships include George Washington University; the universities of Iowa, Maryland and Hong Kong; Central European University in Budapest; and Finland’s University of Oulu. Sponsorship for the forum was provided by the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, the College of Liberal Arts, the Middle East Center, the Department of Political Science and the Department of History’s public history program. For more information on the event, which will be followed by a dessert reception, please contact the history department at 615-898-2536.

Campus Calendar

June 18-July 1

TV Schedule

“Middle Tennessee Record”
Cable Channel 9:
Monday-Sunday—5 p.m.
NewsChannel 5+:
Saturdays—1 p.m.
Visit www.mtsu.edu/~proffice/MTR.html for airtimes on 12 other cable outlets.

June 18

June 18-21
Blue Raider Baseball Day Camp (Session III)
for boys ages 7 to 12
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

June 18-22
Blue Raider Youth Tennis Camp II
for athletes ages five to 18
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2957.

June 21

June 21-23
Kermit Davis Men's Basketball Team Camp II
for high-school boys' teams
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-5228.

June 21-July 15
Youth Culture & Art Center Recording Workshop
for children ages 12 to 17
2 p.m. Sundays and 6 p.m. Thursdays
For information, e-mail bororecording@gmail.com.

Thursday, June 21
Retirement reception for Career Center Director Martha Turner
2:30-4 p.m., BAS SunTrust Room
For information, contact: 615-898-5342.

June 24

Sunday, June 24
“MTSU On the Record: The Price of College Textbooks”
Guest: Dr. Janet Belsky
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available at www.mtsunews.com or free subscription at iTunes.

June 25

June 25-27
Blue Raider Strength and Conditioning Camp
for athletes ages 12 to 18
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-904-8196 or 615-898-2428.

June 25-29
MTSU “Boys Only” Soccer Camp
for boys ages 10 to 18
For information, visit www.mtsusoccercamps.com or contact: 615-898-5316.

June 29

June 29-July 1
Rick Insell “Elite” Women's Basketball Camp
for girls grades 7-12
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-5356.

July 1

Sunday, July 1
“MTSU On the Record: Celebration Under the Stars”
Guests: Marlane Sewell, Jim Fanguy, Darla Jackson and Deborah Paschall
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM

Ready for takeoff



3-2-1 LAUNCH—Junior biology major Sade Dunn of Lebanon, left, listens to McNair Scholars Director Dr. Diane Miller and senior accounting major Drew Monks of Fayetteville before the start of the June 5 McNair Program Blast Off Reception in the SunTrust Room in the Business and Aerospace Building. Fifteen McNair Scholars will be performing research that will end with a symposium from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, in the Tom H. Jackson Building. Monks, Sarafina Croft (electronic media journalism) and Logan Grant (political science) are returning for their second year in the McNair Program. Other first-time scholars and their majors include Dean Andrews, political science; Jessica Beard, geology; Eterial Burrell and Leonela Carriedo, biology; Anjelica Crawford, Jeremy Minton and Danielle Ross, psychology; Sierra Douglas, recreation; Dione Johnson, voice performance; Ryne Joyner, computer information systems; and Stephanie Mills, violin performance. MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee was the guest speaker at the June 5 launch, calling it a “very distinguished program.” Miller talked about program responsibilities of the scholars and faculty mentors, and Program Coordinator Steve Saunders gave closing remarks.

photo by News and Public Affairs

June 22

June 22-23
CUSTOMS Orientation
Liberal Arts, Education & Behavioral Science, Business and undeclared majors
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~customs.

Friday, June 22
Retirement reception for WMOT's John L. High
11 a.m.-1 p.m., LRC East Lobby
For information, contact: 615-898-2800.

June 25-28
Kermit Davis Men's Basketball Camp
for individual K-12 boys
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-5228.

June 25-29
Blue Raider Youth Tennis Camp III
for athletes ages five to 18
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2957.

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See your event here!

Calendar Items Welcomed
Submit your campus events (at least three weeks in advance if possible, please) to gfann@mtsu.edu.

June 19

June 19-20
CUSTOMS Orientation
Basic & Applied Science, Mass Comm and undeclared majors
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~customs.

Parkway is once again donating the “Celebration Under the Stars” birthday cakes.

Program emcee State Rep. John Hood, D-Murfreesboro, will extend a formal welcome at 7:30 p.m., followed by remarks from local dignitaries and sponsor representatives. This is Hood’s 10th year as emcee for this event.

At 8 p.m., following the presentation of colors by the Murfreesboro Fire Department’s Color Guard, a tribute to the armed forces and singing of the national anthem, the Tennessee Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra will present a program of traditional patriotic tunes, rousing Sousa marches and inspirational classics. Dr. Raphael Bundage, professor in MTSU’s Robert W. McLean School of Music, will conduct.

The fireworks display will light up the sky at 9 p.m. Guests should enter the campus on Faulkinberry Drive off Middle Tennessee Boulevard and from Greenland Drive. The entrances on the east side of campus along Rutherford Boulevard will be closed, and parking will not be permitted on either side of Rutherford Boulevard. The best parking on campus will be north and west of the celebration site and also in the new large lot on the east side of Rutherford Boulevard.

The lots adjacent to the Recreation Center will be closed. MTSU police and university personnel will be on duty to help people to parking areas.

Rutherford Boulevard will be closed temporarily during the fireworks display and reopened as soon as the area has been cleared. At the end of the evening, guests will be asked to wait about 15 minutes before exiting the campus via MTSU Boulevard onto Rutherford Boulevard in order for officials to check for any fireworks that may not have detonated.

For safety purposes, organizers are reminding everyone that pets, alco-

Cool off early on the Fourth with ‘Rock the Pool’

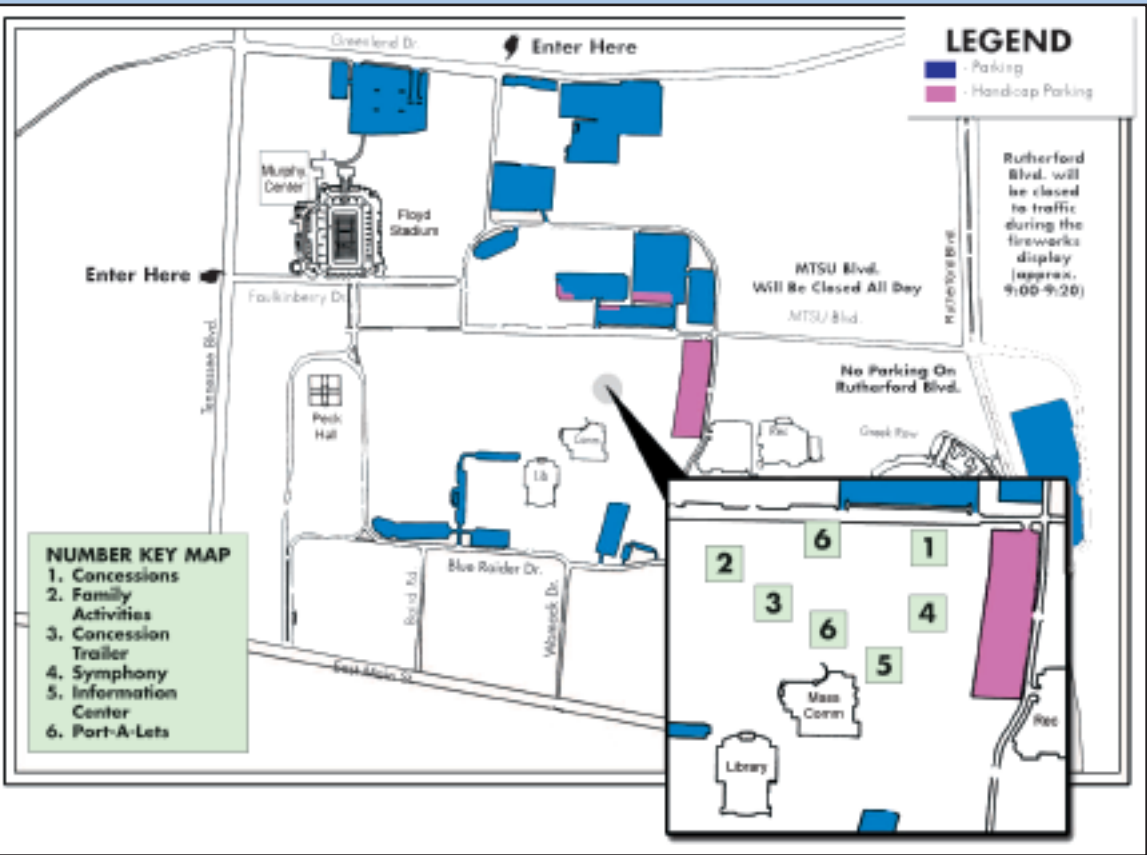
Earlier in the day on July 4th, the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Aquatics Division will kick off the day’s celebration for the whole family with “Rock the Pool” at 10 a.m. at Sports*Com, located at 2310 Memorial Blvd.

There will be family-friendly music, games and contests, face painting and “tattoos,” and a concession stand offering hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, chips and beverages.

At noon, there will be a pause in the festivities for the presentation of colors and playing of the national anthem.

The 50-meter outdoor pool at Sports*Com has a high and low dive and a separate, shaded baby pool.

“Rock the Pool” will conclude at 4:30 p.m., in time for families to go home, change clothes and head to MTSU’s “Celebration Under the Stars.” For more information, contact Sports*Com at 615-895-5040.



DON'T FORGET YOUR LAWN CHAIRS—The map above shows road closings, concessions and family activity locations and the site of the symphony performance for the annual “Celebration Under the Stars.” Some areas may change at the last minute, however, so watch the July 1 edition of the *DNJ* for updates.

map courtesy The Daily News Journal

holic beverages, cooking grills and personal fireworks or sparklers are not permitted on the celebration site. In addition, banners and signs from outside groups, other than the evening’s sponsors, will not be allowed on the grounds. Families are encouraged, however, to bring picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets for picnicking on the grass.

Sodehxo, food vendor for the event, will sell soft drinks, pizza, hot dogs and traditional holiday snacks and desserts.

Sponsors of the event include MTSU, *The Daily News Journal*, the City of Murfreesboro, Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation, Rutherford County Government and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce. In addition to MTSU, the *DNJ* and the City of Murfreesboro, additional symphony supporters include SunTrust Bank and the Tennessee Arts Commission.

A special “Celebration Under the Stars” publication will be inserted in the Sunday, July 1, edition of the *DNJ*, providing a schedule of activities and a map of the celebration site.

Event organizers will share the spotlight that evening with WGNS-AM 1450 Radio and Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation, both of which are celebrating their 60th anniversaries. Additionally, WMOT Jazz89, the MTSU station, is marking its 38th year on the air.

For more information about the celebration, call Marlane Sewell, steering committee chair, at 615-893-2141, Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation at 615-890-5333 or MTSU News and Public Affairs at 615-898-2919.

commitment of President McPhee to the Academic Master Plan in that it encourages academic excellence, and the facility will be used by literally thousands of students over its working life. I can’t think of a better example of ‘student-centeredness.’”

Renovations and installations are under way now to have the EMC studio ready for use this fall, said Marc Parrish, director of technical systems for the department. The project includes upgrades in the TV studio, central machine room, studio control room and audio control room.

When the renovated facility reopens this fall, MTSU will become the first university in Tennessee—and one of a mere handful around the country—to educate students with the new digital format.

HD TV provides theater-quality pictures and CD-quality sound, and because of its higher-resolution formatting and digital technology, it requires more specialized training to properly present media.

“There will definitely be a learning curve for both students and faculty,” said Parrish. “When we’re up and running, we’ll definitely be a leader in the industry.”

One of the most visible changes

will be placement of a massive plasma screen, complete with a rotating menu of student projects, along the south hallway of the Bragg building to replace the bank of video monitors formerly visible behind the windows.

Inside the control room, users

will be able to sit down to operate the “tape wall” of monitors, opening the facility up to better accessibility for people with disabilities.

The \$1 million upgrade is just the first phase of a departmental digitization project, according to Steven

Barnes, development director for the College of Mass Communication.

The second phase will upgrade EMC’s Mobile Production Laboratory with digital technology for on-the-go coverage comparable to any professional TV station.

“This type of project exhibits how private support can benefit an entire generation of students,” Barnes said.

“Sony’s interest in our program has opened the door for some future opportunities that could have a great impact on the university.”

MTSU’s EMC department already is acclaimed for its hands-on opportunities for students aiming for careers in TV, film and electronic media management. Most recently, the department provided a closed-circuit news operation, complete with CNN-type coverage, of a massive disaster simulation in Nashville, to help first responders practice their crisis communications plans.

“This technology symbolizes the future of higher education, in its partnership with industry giants while delivering top-notch education to our students at MTSU,” said Dr. Anantha Babbili, dean of the College of Mass Communication.



21ST-CENTURY WORK—Senior Jacob Smithson, left, joins technical systems director Marc Parrish to set up the new CMR layout in the EMC facilities.

photo courtesy Toffer King/EMC

Lecture series renamed for ‘banker to the stars’

Mass Comm honors late Brian Williams of SunTrust Bank

from Staff Reports

The College of Mass Communication is acknowledging the contributions and cooperation of the late Brian Williams, known as Music Row’s respected “banker to the stars,” by renaming its popular lecture series in his honor.

Mr. Williams, 45, was a charter member of the College’s Board of Visitors and a senior vice president and director of SunTrust Bank Inc.’s Entertainment Banking, a group comprising various units specializing in music and motorsports private banking. In that position, he directed the Nashville, Atlanta and Miami private banking units dedicated to the music industry and the Daytona Beach and Charlotte Motorsports units and used those efforts to create Music Row fundraisers.

He died July 8, 2006, from injuries sustained while swimming with family and friends at Center Hill Lake in Smithville.

The annual lecture series, which draws professionals from all venues of and connections to the communications industry, will now be known as the “Brian Williams Entertainment Studies Lecture Series, presented by SunTrust Bank.”

“Brian was a significant supporter of high-quality education at MTSU,” said Dean Anantha Babbili in announcing the decision. “He was always devoutly student-centered and used his position on Music Row to bring resources to enhance the quality of our recording industry program.

“It’s only natural and right that we honor his



HONORING THE BEST—University leaders join SunTrust Bank officials and Marion Williams, center, during an April ceremony recognizing the contributions of the late Brian Williams, director of SunTrust Bank’s Entertainment Banking, to the College of Mass Communication. From left are MTSU Executive Vice President and Provost Kaylene Gebert, Mass Communication Dean Anantha Babbili, Mrs. Williams, SunTrust Senior Vice President (and Board of Visitors member) Karen Clark and Mike Weber, Murfreesboro city president, SunTrust Bank.

photo by Jack Ross

spirit and his devotion to education by renaming our lecture series in his memory.”

The dean described Williams as a pioneer who forged effective partnerships between MTSU’s mass communication program, music industry and banking. He was particularly known for launching the practice of lending clients money against future royalty incomes and treating songs as collateral, a

once-unheard-of practice on Music Row that has since become standard.

“Brian was known as the ‘banker to the stars.’ We are grateful that part of his legacy will allow us to bring industry ‘stars’ to campus to share their experience knowledge and wisdom with our students,” said Steven Barnes, development director for the College of Mass Communication.

Soccer team seeking 5th straight winning season

from MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee soccer coach Aston Rhoden doesn’t mind challenges and he seems to enjoy seeing how his players respond when they’re put to the test.

Given that, Rhoden should get his way when the Blue Raiders begin the 2007 soccer season seeking an unprecedented fifth straight winning season.

The 2007 schedule includes non-conference games against teams from the Southeastern Conference, Conference USA, the Big 12 and the Big West, among others. In addition to eight non-conference games, the Blue Raiders will play an 11-game Sun Belt Conference schedule.

“This schedule is one of the toughest we have played in our program’s history, because there is no team on here that I think will not challenge us,” said Rhoden, whose teams have posted a 63-32-7 mark in his five seasons leading the Blue Raider program.

“Are we ready for this challenge? Since our players have no control of our schedule, they have to be ready for whatever is put in front of them,” Rhoden continued. “We have an experienced group returning, and we have made a lot of progress in the spring with our returning players, and we have some exciting new players coming into the program. Ready or not, this is the schedule we are going to face, and as long as it prepares us for the conference schedule and the conference tournament, that’s really all that matters.”

Headlining the non-conference portion of the schedule are home games against Mississippi State and Tulsa in the Middle Tennessee Classic during the weekend of Sept. 7. SBC member Western Kentucky will complete the four-team field.

“Our tournament has improved each year because of the quality of play and the caliber of teams competing in it,” Rhoden said. “This year it will be played in our new stadium for the first time, and we have quality teams coming in with Mississippi State, Tulsa and Western Kentucky. With the success we have had, we are starting to attract quality teams to come in and compete in the tournament, and with our new stadium I believe we will be able to continue to attract quality opponents.”

Middle Tennessee will also play in the Oklahoma Soccer Classic in Norman, Okla., during the weekend of Sept. 21. The Blue Raiders will face Long Beach State and Oklahoma in this event. Also on tap are dates against Alabama and Alabama A&M, as well as contests with in-state rivals East Tennessee State and Belmont.



Rhoden

The Blue Raiders open Sun Belt Conference play at home against Florida Atlantic and Florida International, and they also have home conference games against UALR, Arkansas State, Denver and North Texas.

“We play a schedule like this one because we feel it represents the type of competition we will see during conference play,” Rhoden said. “This schedule also gives us an opportunity to measure ourselves against other top teams in conferences across the country, plus face different styles and systems of play that, should we get into the NCAA Tournament, there will be no surprises for us there, either.”

Middle Tennessee begins the 2007 season at home in an exhibition contest against UAB on Saturday, Aug. 25. All home games are played at the Blue Raider Soccer Field. Games in bold type in the schedule below are home games.

2007 Middle Tennessee Soccer Schedule

Aug. 25 vs. UAB, 7 p.m. (exhibition game)

Aug. 31 at East Tennessee, 4 p.m.

Sept. 2 at Belmont, 1 p.m.

Sept. 7 vs. Tulsa, 7 p.m. (Middle Tennessee Classic)

Sept. 9 vs. Mississippi State, 3:30 p.m. (Middle Tennessee Classic)

Sept. 14 at Alabama, 7 p.m.

Sept. 16 at Alabama A&M, 1 p.m.

Sept. 21 vs. Long Beach State, 4:30 p.m. (Oklahoma Classic, Norman, Okla.)

Sept. 23 vs. Oklahoma, 1 p.m. (Oklahoma Classic, Norman, Okla.)

Sept. 28 vs. Florida Atlantic,* 7 p.m.

Sept. 30 vs. Florida International,* 1 p.m.

Oct. 5 at South Alabama,* 7 p.m.

Oct. 7 at Troy,* 1 p.m.

Oct. 12 vs. UALR,* 7 p.m.

Oct. 14 vs. Arkansas State,* 1 p.m.

Oct. 19 at Louisiana-Lafayette,* 7 p.m.

Oct. 21 at Louisiana-Monroe,* 1 p.m.

Oct. 26 vs. Denver,* 7 p.m.

Oct. 28 vs. North Texas,* 1 p.m.

Nov. 2 at Western Kentucky,* 7 p.m.

Nov. 7-10 Sun Belt Conference Championships, Mobile, Ala.

* - Sun Belt Conference Game

‘Hard to put into words’

Golfer Durham qualifies for U.S. Open

from MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee golfer Taryn Durham has reached great heights during her extraordinary collegiate career; however, the junior linkster will play on the grandest stage of all when she participates in the U.S. Women’s Open.

Durham shot rounds of 73 and 75 in sectional qualifying at the par-72 Village Links of Glen Ellyn in Glen Ellyn, Ill., June 11. That made her one of only 21 players to earn a spot in the 156-player field for the U.S. Women’s Open, which will be played June 28-July 1 at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club in Southern Pines, N.C.

“I really don’t think it has sunk in yet,” Durham said from her Glasgow, Ky., home the day after her qualifying rounds. “Everybody in my phone book has called me. It is still hard to put into words, but I played well and it’s a great accomplishment. The course was very difficult and the pin placement was tough so I felt like I played well. I’ve never concentrated that hard on each shot.”

Middle Tennessee women’s golf coach Rachael Short said Durham, the first Blue Raider linkster to qualify for the Open, is deserving of the honor.

“It is an incredible accomplishment,” Short said. “Taryn works very hard and she is deserving of this. This is where she is going to be in the future so it’s a good spot to get warmed up. There are not a lot of people who can say they have played in the U.S. Open. Taryn is not content with just making it. She wants to make the cut and she wants to play with the best.”

Durham, a three-time All-Sun Belt Conference selection, had to concentrate harder than ever to have the opportunity to play for a national championship. Durham punched her ticket for the U.S. Open when she sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the third playoff hole, but how she reached that point is even more amazing.



‘I knew, no matter what, I was in the (U.S.) Open.’

Taryn Durham,
3-time All-Sun Belt MT golfer

The driven competitor thought the opportunity of a lifetime had slipped away when she three-putted the 18th hole of her final round; however, there would be more golf to be played—a lot more as it turned out.

“I three-putted my last green and I was not a happy camper heading to the clubhouse,” Durham said. “I figured the scores were going to be a little high because the course was so tough, so I thought a two-putt would be safe, but not a three-putt. I had to wait 30 or 40 minutes for all the scores to come in to find out if I was either advancing or in a playoff, or out.”

By that time, the sun was setting over the course and daylight had long since given way to dusk as seven remaining hopefuls went back on the links for a playoff to determine four spots.

On the first playoff hole, one golfer birdied to advance, five, including Durham, parred, and one bogeyed to be eliminated, leaving five players for three spots as they headed to the second playoff hole.

All five players parred the second playoff hole to set up a third.

“At this point, the golf official asked if we wanted to finish or come back (the next day), because it was literally dark at this point,” Durham said. “None of us wanted to come back, so we all agreed to play the third hole. It was so dark you could hardly see, but we wanted to finish.”

Durham’s tee shot went 20 feet above the pin on the par-3, and she ended up sinking a 20-foot birdie to secure the coveted spot in the Open.

“It was definitely a good ending to make a birdie in the dark,” Durham said. “I was so relieved and at that point, even though the other players were still on the course, I knew no matter what, I was in the Open, and it doesn’t get much better than that.”

The first two rounds of the U.S. Women’s Open will be aired on ESPN, while the final two rounds will be carried by NBC.

Center for Student Involvement and Leadership offers one-stop services

from Staff Reports

MTSU’s Division of Student Affairs has created the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership to help equip students with the skills and confidence needed to become leaders in their chosen fields.

The center, also known as CeSIL, will be under the direction of Dr. Colette Taylor, associate dean of students. It will comprise the offices of Greek Affairs (formerly Greek Life), Intercultural and Diversity Affairs (formerly Multicultural Affairs), Off-Campus Student Services (including Adult Student Services), Leadership and Service (formerly the offices of Leadership Development and Student Organizations and Community Service) and the June Anderson Women’s Center.

“Our primary objectives are to increase student learning, provide more opportunities for more students to become engaged in the university community and to empower students to take ownership of their experience at MTSU,” Taylor said. “Studies show that the more students are engaged in their educational experience, both inside and outside the classroom, the more they learn from that experience.”

“The creation of the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership is a tremendous step forward in making MTSU a truly student-centered campus,” added Dr. Bob Glenn, vice president for student affairs and vice provost for enrollment and academic services. “By aligning these offices under the same umbrella, we are creating synergy among a diverse group of offices and campus services, creating increased effectiveness, eliminating duplication in programming and creating a seamless leadership development program. Yet each of these offices will maintain its individuality in terms of the student populations it serves.”

The center’s theme—“Do you know CeSIL?”—will introduce students to the center’s programs and learning opportunities. The center will provide a broader array of opportunities and a more inclusive environment for all students. The campaign will feature the center’s mascot, CeSIL, who will appear at a variety of events.

“The benefit of this reorganization is the opportunity it gives us to collaborate and to develop programming that will be of benefit to a broader array of students,” said Gentry McCreary, director of Greek Affairs. “Before, we operated more or less independently. While there was oversight, there was never really a coordinated effort to develop a seamless program among all of these offices. It will allow us to be more efficient and more effective as offices.”

For more information, contact Taylor at 615-898-5812.

Counting down to the Centennial



LIVING HISTORY—The June edition of MTSU’s video magazine, “Middle Tennessee Record,” continues the anticipation of the university’s 100th anniversary in 2011 with the “Centennial Countdown” segment. This month’s feature provides the history of MTSU’s name, from its founding as Middle Tennessee Normal School (see logo, inset) through a name change to Middle Tennessee State Teachers College to the university moniker it wears today. The photo above of the monument at East Main Street shows the name from 1943 to 1965. Learn more on “MT Record” at 5 p.m. weekdays on Cable Channel 9 and 1:30 p.m. Saturdays on NewsChannel5+; see page 4 for more airdates and times.

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Seniors bring home NCAA doubles championship

Pair beats Illinois, gifts outgoing coach with 1st NCAA win

from MT Media Relations

MTSU seniors Marco Born and Andreas Siljestrom made history May 28, winning the NCAA Doubles Championships, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), in Athens, Ga., over defending national champs Kevin Anderson and Ryan Rowe of Illinois.

In the final match of head coach Dale Short’s storied career, Born and Siljestrom claimed the program’s fourth national title in tennis and its first-ever NCAA Championship. The Blue Raiders were broken late in the first set and then again at 4-all in the second set and looked to be done in the first NCAA championship match. But Born and Siljestrom broke back in the next game and forced a tiebreaker in the second set, evening the match.

In the third set, the Blue Raiders nearly broke the Illini in the first game and Siljestrom overcame a pair of double faults in the 12th game to force a deciding tiebreaker. In the tiebreaker, Middle Tennessee started fast, dropping the first point before



Short



GOING FOR THE WIN—MTSU seniors Andreas Siljestrom, left, and Marco Born await serve during a match in the NCAA Doubles Tennis Championships May 28 in Athens, Ga. The pair gave MTSU its fourth national title in tennis and its first NCAA championship.

photo courtesy MT Media Relations/Rebecca Hay

rattling off three straight and five of six for a 5-2 advantage. The Illini held their two serves before Born finished off the victory with his two serves, setting off the celebration between the two seniors and their head coach. “I’m a little bit at a loss for words.

To go out like that is a dream of a lifetime,” said head coach Short, who announced his retirement in April after 20 years at the helm of the program. “I have to give credit to the guys. They kept their composure, didn’t think too far ahead and

stepped up when it mattered. “It was a great match and a huge win, not only for the guys but also for the university. I hope this is a sign of things to come for Marco and Andreas and also for our tennis program at Middle Tennessee.”

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Faculty/Staff Update

Conferences

Dr. William Canak (sociology and anthropology), chair of the Chapter Advisory Committee of the Labor and Employment Relations Association, participated in its seventh biannual National Policy Forum June 14-15 in Washington, D.C.

Presentations

Dr. Warren Anderson (agribusiness and agriscience) made a Power-Point presentation on "Composting and Mulches" May 24 at the Rutherford County Agricultural Extension Services' regular monthly "brown bag lunch" at the Lane Agri-Park Extension Center on John R. Rice Boulevard. The free educational meeting is held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month (except November).

Staffers from the Center for Dyslexia made the following presentations at the annual RISE (Reading Instruction Successfully Enhanced) conference of the Tennessee Branch of the International Dyslexia Association in Brentwood April 14:

Dr. M. Tara Joyce and Sherry Bryant presented "Seeing the Big Picture Using Graphic Organizers";

Dr. Stuart E. Bernstein presented "Brain Research: Studies of Fluent Readers and Individuals with Dyslexia"; and Janet Camp presented "Where is the Glitch? Finding Answers to Reading and Spelling Difficulties through Spelling Analysis."

Dr. Pam Taylor (nursing) presented "Improving Healthcare through Informatics" and Amy Turner presented "Management of Low Back Pain" at the Annual Alumni Continuing Education Conference May 11 in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building. Their colleagues in the School of Nursing also made the following poster presentations at the conference:

- Dr. Jenny Sauls and Shelia Marquart, "Student Habits of BSN Students in a Baccalaureate Program";
- Dr. Judy Campbell, "Influences of Attitudes and Health Literacy on Completion of Advanced Directives Among Community Dwelling Older Adults";
- Janice Harris and Dr. Suzanne Prevost, "The Backyard Medicine Cabinet";
- Sandy Mixer, "Nursing Faculty Career Expressions, Patterns and Practices Related to Teaching Culture Care";
- Dr. Lynn Parsons, "Acute and

Chronic Pain Management"; and

- Dr. Carolyn Hix, "Introducing Nurses to Practice-Based Learning and Improvement: Evaluation of the Student Integrated Quality Improvement Project."

Publications

Dr. Edd Applegate (journalism) has written "What Advertising Agency Personnel Need to Know about Public Relations," which appeared in *Public Relations Quarterly*, Vol. 51, No. 3, 2006.

Scholarships

Dr. Richard Detmer (computer science) has established the Richard Detmer Computer Science Academic Scholarship to be awarded on the basis of academic excellence to a sophomore or junior computer science major who has completed at least 10 hours of computer science courses at MTSU. It was partially funded by royalties from sales of his books through the years, recognizing that students' purchases were the source of those royalties.

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