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the RECORD

3% raises, more operating money for MTSU

from Staff Reports

Tennessee's good financial conditions once again mean benefits for MTSU in the new fiscal year.

Increased revenues allowed state legislators to approve, for the second consecutive year, more general operating funds for Tennessee higher education, providing \$70 million for new operating funds and 3 percent employee salary increases.

The General Assembly also funded the largest higher-education capital outlay program in the state's history, including \$31.7 million for a new

College of Education building at MTSU. That new facility will consolidate most of the college's departments into a single building and allow other departments to expand in the college's current quarters in the McWherter Learning Resources Center.

MTSU also will receive \$4.54 million for capital maintenance projects.

Legislators also increased lottery scholarships by \$200 from \$3,800 to \$4,000, which will help cover a proposed 6 percent tuition increase and other mandatory fee increases in 2007-08.

"We're especially thankful to the Legislature for

again providing funds for statewide higher education and especially at MTSU," said President Sidney A. McPhee. "Their support for our students by increasing their Hope Scholarships and helping hold down tuition increases shows a genuine concern for helping more students to obtain a higher education in Tennessee."

The 3 percent salary increase will be effective July 1 and will be reflected in July 31 paychecks for nonfaculty and Aug. 31 paychecks for faculty. The percentage raise won't apply to adjunct faculty,

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Workin' on a building



GIVING BACK—MTSU student-athletes join football Head Coach Rick Stockstill, center in blue shirt, and Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity crew members June 22 to begin framing a new home on East Sevier Street for Mose and Etta Battle, a retired couple from Huntsville, Ala., who moved to Murfreesboro to be near family members. From left, junior defensive lineman Trevor Jenkins, junior cornerback Alex Suber and sophomore wide receiver Dale Galvin, who's visible through the window opening, are part of a student-athlete workforce who'll be working at the site until the home is ready for occupancy. The project, the brainchild of MT Director of Athletics Chris Massaro, Assistant Athletic Advisement Coordinator Wynnifred Counts and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, will continue through July 28 with different projects assigned each day. Construction days are usually Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Volunteers are needed to help student-athletes complete the home. For more information, call 615-898-2450 or 615-898-2938; for more MTSU-Habitat building news, see page 4.

photo by News and Public Affairs

2007 Blue Raider Hall of Fame class to be inducted Sept. 29

from MT Media Relations

Three of the most competitive and spirited athletes in the history of Middle Tennessee athletics will become the 32nd class

inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame Sept. 29 as part of Hall of Fame Weekend, when the Blue Raider football team plays host to conference foe Florida International.

Greg Cunnyingham, Mike Moore

and Larry Stewart will become the 95th, 96th and 97th members to be enshrined into the Hall of Fame.

"The 2007 class will always be special because of the high level of athletic talent and extreme competi-

tiveness that each honoree exhibited," said Jim Simpson, varsity club director.

"Each was a leader during his

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IN BRIEF

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FINALE

Join the celebration at the 2007 Governor's School for the Arts Finale Festival, Thursday and Friday, July 12 and 13. Thursday's events include a 5 p.m. reception in

KUC 322, followed by a visual art gallery opening, student dance finale and theatre finale. A \$60 dinner reception ticket includes admission to all the evening's events plus a silent auction, entertainment and meal. On Friday, the day kicks off with a 9 a.m. piano/wind ensemble

performance in Hinton Hall, followed by an 11:30 a.m. reception, gallery opening, opera finale and a piano/wind ensemble finale. A \$60 lunch reception ticket offers the same benefits as the dinner ticket. For information, call 615-494-7684 or visit www.mtsu.edu/~gschool.

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What’s left to help do right? Records, thanks to archives

by Dr. Trudy Huskamp Peterson

The scraggly tree didn’t provide much shade for the man zip-ping weapons into body bags. He looked up, pushed his damp hair off his forehead and said, “People think *these* are dangerous.”

Then, nodding in the direction of an area located across the yard, he said, “The dangerous stuff is over there.”

“Over there” was the storage room for the recorded testimonies, photographs and documents about serious crimes committed during the independence struggle in East Timor, an island north of Australia. Granted, that’s a long way from middle Tennessee, but all over the world, people depend on documents to protect their rights or to seek justice for violations of them. From land titles and identity cards to wills and insurance policies, people use documents to secure their rights.

Looking at just a few examples, pre-1948 land records are used by Palestinian refugees to show their claims to land now in Israel, while records of European insurance companies have been used by Holocaust victims to secure payments, years after the end of World War II. Here at home, records of the Japanese-Americans held in internment camps during World War II were the basis for determining the payments they were given in the late 1980s. And a video showing the murder of Bosnian Muslim men and boys at Srebrenica is a key piece of evidence in the war crimes trials now in progress in The Hague.

Are these documents at risk? Sure, sometimes. As the war in Iraq was beginning, a fire broke out in the Iraqi National Archives—in the storage room that held the records of the Ministry of Defense. An alert security guard in a Swiss bank noticed old records being thrown out just as the lawsuits over Holocaust victims’ accounts were getting under way. The police in Guatemala denied to the official Guatemalan truth commission that police records from the civil war period existed—until the records were found by accident in the summer 2005.

Who preserves these crucial documents? Archives. The permanent records of businesses and governments, of nongovernmental organizations and religious bodies, as well as personal papers of individuals, come to rest in institutions we call archives. The effort to obtain and maintain, to preserve and protect and make available, goes on in archives all over the world.

Nonetheless, access to these documents can be difficult for the average person, and assistance from archivists and ombudsmen is often crucial. But access is the key issue. Just saving

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Veteran educators offer tips for future leaders

by Lisa L. Rollins

Educational leaders from throughout the region returned to the college classroom in June to help prepare a group of MTSU graduate students for their futures in education.

Sponsored by the Department of Educational Leadership, the speakers visited the campus as guests of Dr. Terry Goodin and those enrolled in his summer course, Organization and Administration of Public Schools (SPSE 6010).

“I am especially grateful to these professionals who took the time to come and speak to my students about the expectations that are placed upon them in their jobs in the field of education and about special topics or issues that they confront on a regular basis,” said Goodin.

A number of educational professionals visited Goodin’s classroom between June 6 and 28, including Jeff Helbig, former deputy director of schools for Sumner County; Harry Gill, superintendent for Rutherford County Schools; Dr. Dennis Bunch, director of the Tennessee Academy of School Leaders; Dr. Ray Butrum, assistant principal of Murfreesboro’s Barfield Elementary School and a member of the Murfreesboro City School Board; and a joint visit by Rutherford County Schools’ Paula Barnes, assistant superintendent of human resources and student services, and Dayna Nichols, human resources specialist.

“By addressing their own role in Tennessee’s system of education and current issues of importance to students, teachers and parents, these special speakers brought their own insights and problem-solving experience to MTSU graduate students who will someday fill school leadership roles,” said Goodin, whose speakers represented a cross-section of Tennessee’s administrative personnel.

Dr. James Huffman, chairman of educational leadership, said the wealth of information that the educators shared during their respective talks “is only gained through experience, and as these speakers shared what they have learned in the practice of their profession. I think our students will gain significant understanding of leadership concepts as they are applied in the field.”

Additional series speakers were Dr. David Sevier, a research analyst and policy adviser for the Tennessee State Board of Education; Dr. Pedro Garcia, director of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools; Susan Wilson, Teacher of the Year from McFadden School of Excellence; Karen Blooding, 2006 Tennessee Teacher of the Year and a Homer Pittard Campus School teacher; and State Sen. Jim Tracy, R-Shelbyville.

For more information about the recent series, please contact Goodin via e-mail at tgoodin@mtsu.edu.

Hop to it!



PUTTING MATH TO WORK—Amanda Cronin, center, of David Youree Elementary School in Smyrna checks her distance in the standing broad jump, which was part of the five-event Measurement Olympics June 13 during the Geometry Summer Institute in the Tom H. Jackson Building at MTSU. Watching Cronin's progress are, from left, Kelly Overcast of East Middle School in Tullahoma, Ann Hawkins of Brentwood Middle School, Nancy Siler of Boyd-Buchanan School in Chattanooga, Deanna Rice of Loftis Middle School in Chattanooga and Teresa Grainger of Hunter Middle School in Chattanooga. Thirty-two fifth- through eighth-grade Tennessee teachers attended the May 31-June 13 institute, which was funded through the Tennessee Mathematics and Science Partnerships grant. The institute provided an intensive look at the objectives for standards for teachers in the middle grades and marks the second year of a \$250,000 grant awarded to MTSU, an event organizer said.

photo submitted

SUNO secures \$44M to build student housing

from Staff Reports

Southern University of New Orleans has obtained a \$44 million low-interest loan from the U.S. Department of Education’s HBCU Capital Financing Program to construct student housing—the first of its kind for the 51-year-old Louisiana university—by fall 2008.

SUNO Chancellor Dr. Victor Ukpolo joined several other university and system officials for the loan closing June 13 in Washington, D.C. The loan has a low-interest rate of 1 percent for 30 years.

“This is an historic day for SUNO on many fronts,” said Ukpolo.

Securing this financing should signal to the world that SUNO is indeed firmly on the road to recovery, and will remain a viable component in the rebuilding of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region for the foreseeable future.”

MTSU entered into an agreement in February to help SUNO recover from the September 2005 ravages of Hurricane Katrina.

The memorandum of understanding between the institutions allows them to collaborate in online instruction, faculty development programs, joint research, cultural and artistic programs and cross-registration in selected academic disciplines.

Ukpolo has estimated that it will take \$60 million to restore SUNO to its former status. However, since academic exchanges will not rebuild buildings, McPhee said, MTSU is engaged in talks with Vanderbilt University officials about a joint fundraising concert this fall.

SUNO’s main campus was destroyed by floodwaters from both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the university remains the only New Orleans-area institution of higher learning that has not returned to its original campus. SUNO officials project that student housing would boost the university’s enrollment to pre-Katrina levels within a few years.

July's 'MTR' serves up a summer salad of stories

from Staff Reports

In the July edition of “Middle Tennessee Record,” MTSU’s monthly video magazine, it’s “CSI: Murfreesboro,” as the Forensic Anthropology Search and Research team learns how to help solve crimes. The “A List” student for this month, David Poag, served as director of photography for a full-length action western movie. In another segment, campers at “Camp Myself” learned about jicama and other veggies. Others campers took up pen and paper to discover that writing can be fun.

Dr. Bob Womack’s been teaching

at MTSU for more than half the university’s existence. He shares his experiences and insights in the “Centennial Countdown” segment. In another segment, student Republicans and Democrats show how to put differences aside and work together for Habitat for Humanity, while students and staffers are urged to take emergency drills seriously. Music from around the world also comes to Murfreesboro at the annual International Folkfest. “Middle Tennessee Record” airs daily at 5 p.m. on Cable Channel 9 in Murfreesboro. For a complete list of stations and airtimes, go to www.mtsunews.com and click on “Middle Tennessee Record.”



LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE—Senior electronic media production major David Poag discusses his experience as director of photography for “The Hayfield,” a film based on an historic 1867 battle on the Bozeman Trail in Montana, in this still from the July “Middle Tennessee Record.” Poag traveled with the cast and crew to six states and learned there’s a lot more to making movies than tinsel and glitter. Learn more about this “A List” student in the newest edition of MTSU’s video magazine.

photo by News and Public Affairs

Real science



LAUGH AND LEARN—Local middle-school students enjoy the activities at the Young Scientists Academy, sponsored by the National Science Foundation and coordinated by MTSU. In the photo at right, members of the Smyrna Boys & Girls Club use their forensic skills to detect who “catnapped” a prized pet for “ransom” from a Central Middle School stairwell, while in the top photo above, CMS eighth-grader Alex Timm puts his all into getting his paper boat to the finish line as classmate Griffin Ford laughs. Above, YSA instructors Kevin Bracken, left, of Smyrna Middle School and Davina Tompkins of La Vergne High School show their students the real engineering behind transportation.

photos by News and Public Affairs



Records — from page 2

records is not enough: people have to use them, whether to protect their rights or to explore their family history or just to find out how we got to where we are. Records can be dangerous, yes, but for all of us they are the best protection we have. They are what are left for us to use to protect our rights.

Former acting archivist of the United States, Dr. Trudy Huskamp Peterson is the 2007 Visiting Distinguished Public Historian at MTSU.



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Campus Calendar

July 2-15

TV Schedule

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

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Order August 2007 Commencement DVDs
\$10 each, plus \$6.95 shipping, handling and Tenn. sales tax
For information, visit www.phillipsbookstore.com or contact: 615-898-2700.

July 4

Wednesday, July 4
Independence Day holiday
No classes; university offices closed.

“Celebration Under the Stars”
5-8 p.m., family activities;
8 p.m., performance by the Tennessee Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra;
9 p.m., fireworks display;
all events at Intramural Field
For information, contact: 615-893-2141, 615-890-5333 or 615-898-2919.

July 5

Thursday, July 5
Final Exams:
Summer Session II
Classes meeting Mon-Thurs.

July 6

Friday, July 6
Final Exams:
Summer Session II
Classes meeting Mon-Fri.

July 8

Sunday, July 8
“MTSU On the Record—Whose Story Gets Told?”
Guest: Dr. Trudy Huskamp Peterson
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available at www.mtsunews.com or free subscription at iTunes.

July 9

July 9-11
Blue Raider Volleyball Ball Control Camp
for girls grades five through 12
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2230.

Blue Raider Volleyball All-Skills Camp
for girls grades five through 12
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2230.

July 9-12
Blue Raider Baseball Team Camp (Session IV)
for high-school boys’ teams
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2961.

Monday, July 9
Summer Session IV begins.

July 10

July 10-11
CUSTOMS Orientation
Basic & Applied Science, Mass Comm and undeclared majors

7:30 a.m., campuswide
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~customs or contact: 615-898-5533.

July 11

July 11-13
Blue Raider Softball Camp
girls ages eight to 12: 8:20-11:30 a.m. daily;
girls ages 13 to 18: 12:20-3:30 p.m. daily
pitcher camp, ages 13 to 18: 3:30-5 p.m. daily
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-904-8010.

July 12-13

Governor’s School for the Arts Finale Festival
Thursday, July 12:
5 p.m. reception, KUC 322;
5:30 p.m., Visual Art gallery opening, Todd Building;
6:30 p.m., Dance finale, Tucker Theatre;
7:30 p.m., Theatre finale, Tucker Theatre;
\$60 dinner reception ticket includes admission to all the day’s events plus a silent auction, entertainment and meal

Friday, July 13:
9 a.m. Piano/Wind Ensemble, WMB’s Hinton Hall; 11:30 a.m. reception, KUC 322; noon, gallery opening, Todd Building; 1:30 p.m., Opera, Tucker Theatre; 2:30 p.m. Piano/Wind Ensemble, WMB’s Hinton Hall; \$60 lunch reception ticket includes admission to all the day’s events plus a silent auction, entertainment and meal
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~gschool or contact: 615-494-7684.

July 15

July 15-17
Blue Raider Volleyball Team Camp I
for girls’ varsity, junior-varsity and junior-high teams
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2230.

Sunday, July 15
“MTSU On the Record—Books for Jamaica”
Guest: Dr. Bill Whitehill
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available at www.mtsunews.com.

All politics is local



FINISHING TOUCHES—Senior Zack Marshall, left, joins fellow political science major Lora Hortert, a junior, in interior work on a Habitat for Humanity home on East Castle Street in Murfreesboro June 16. The pair was part of a bipartisan volunteer crew as the MTSU Chapter of Students for Barack Obama worked alongside Raider Republicans to provide affordable housing in the community. “This bipartisan effort is a great indicator that politics need not divide us as a community and that both sides of the political divide can work together to make Murfreesboro better,” said Marshall, who serves as campus coordinator for the Obama campaign.

photo by Seth Alder/News and Public Affairs

temporary employees, graduate assistants or student workers.

Funding to increase the state match for employee 401(k) monthly contributions from \$40 to \$50 per month also was provided.

MTSU officials hope to use available funds to once again provide one-time bonuses of 1 percent or \$500, whichever is greater, to all regular full-time faculty and staff on the payroll as of June 30.

If funded, the bonus will be included in the Oct. 31 paycheck. A percentage of the bonus also will be paid to regular part-time employees.

There was no change with longevity payments, which will remain at \$100 per year of creditable service. Last year, the Legislature increased the maximum number of eligible years of service from 25 to 30 years.

"I also plan to request that the Tennessee Board of Regents consider my recommendation for an additional permanent salary increase for regular full-time faculty and staff on the payroll as of June



30," McPhee noted.

"The proposed additional salary increases will be based on our approved compensation plan that reflects our new peers' salary data for faculty. The overall increase pool will be limited to 2 percent per TBR fiscal year 2008 compensation guidelines.

"If approved by TBR, the salary increases would be effective Jan. 1, 2008, and will be the sec-

ond step of the current faculty salary plan and the third and final step of the current staff (nonfaculty) salary plan," the president continued.

"You will recall that last year, the university implemented the first one-third of the market salary adjustment for faculty whose salaries were below market level in the various disciplines. It is my intention to fund the second one-third of the plan, contingent on available new funding. As last year, not everyone will receive an increase."

McPhee said that additional salary adjustments will "depend on individual faculty salaries relative to the market compensation plan and as affected by the 3 percent salary increase. The bonus and additional salary increase will require TBR's approval at its Sept. 27-28 board meeting."

TBR was meeting to finalize student tuition and fee increases at press time; watch the next edition of *The Record* for an update.

Celebrate under the stars!

from Staff Reports

Bring the family, the lawn chairs and the picnic basket and settle in for an evening of Independence Day festivities at MTSU's Intramural Field, beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 4.

The schedule of free events includes:

- 5-8 p.m., family activities, including face painting, patriotic puzzles, arts and crafts projects, prizes and promotional giveaways;
- 7:30 p.m., formal welcome and remarks from dignitaries;
- 8 p.m., presentation of colors by the Murfreesboro Fire Department's Color Guard, tribute to the armed forces and singing of the national anthem, followed by the Tennessee Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra's program of traditional patriotic tunes, marches and inspirational classics;
- 9 p.m., fireworks display.

Guests should enter the campus on Faulkinberry Drive off Middle Tennessee Boulevard and from Greenland Drive. Rutherford Boulevard will be closed during the fireworks display and then reopened for guests to exit as soon as the area has been safely cleared.

For more information, contact the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation at 615-893-2141 or 615-890-5333 or MTSU News and Public Affairs at 615-898-2919.



Add great students to 'A List'

from Staff Reports

The Office of News and Public Affairs would like to thank everyone who sent suggestions this past spring for students to feature on the "Middle Tennessee Record" TV segment called "The A List."

Now we need to add some new names to the list. As you consider candidates for the segment, please keep in mind that this is video, and we want to show the students in action. Student awards and honors are important, but we want to show how the student earned the award—a special research project, a special talent for music or theater, helping to build a new home for a needy family, raising funds for charity, etc.

We also want to spread the recog-

nition around. We'd like to get a diverse sample of students from towns and counties all over the region. Because of time constraints, we can't promise that we'll feature every student nominated. We'll pick candidates based on two questions:

- Will the story translate well into a video format?
- Does the story represent the best of MTSU student achievement?

If you know of such a student, please e-mail John Lynch at jlynch@mtsu.edu.

"The A List" is part of MTSU's monthly TV program, which airs on Cable Channel 9 in Murfreesboro and 12 other cable stations in the region.

To watch the program on streaming video or check the schedule of stations and airtimes, visit www.mtsunews.com and click on "Middle Tennessee Record."



Hall of Fame

years as a Blue Raider, and they are leaders today. We are exceptionally proud to welcome them to the Blue Raider Sports Hall of Fame and are eager for their induction in September."

Cunnyingham (baseball, class of 1969), a right-handed submarine pitcher, started and came out of the bullpen for the Blue Raiders from 1966 through 1968. He was All-Conference in 1967 and 1968, earning Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year and All-Region accolades in 1968.

Cunnyingham was 9-0 his senior year as he led Middle Tennessee to its first-ever OVC baseball championship. His career stats are astonishing, compiling a 17-3 win-loss record and an earned run average of 1.55, giving up only 32 earned runs in 186 innings. Seven of his wins were shut-outs, and he pitched 13 complete games, striking out 186 while walking only 90.

With his record of 9-0 in 1968,

Cunnyingham led the Blue Raiders to a 23-9 record overall and a berth in the college division Mideast Regional, where he won two games as the Raiders came up one game short of the World Series. Arguably the most dominating pitcher for the Blue Raiders in the OVC, Cunnyingham played professionally for two years with the Philadelphia Phillies and two years with the Cleveland Indians.

Moore (football, class of 1978) ranks as one of the finest running backs in Blue Raider football history. Recruited as a result of his tremendous showing in the Tennessee High School All-Star game in 1974, Moore rushed for more than 1,000 yards in



Cunnyingham



Moore



Stewart

three of his four varsity seasons. His 3,678 rushing yards currently ranks second in Middle Tennessee history, and his 807 attempts is a school record. His 1,247 rushing yards in 1975 is the fourth greatest in a single season, while his 1,188 yards in 1976 stands as the sixth best total all-time.

Moore, who also holds the school record for most carries in both a single game (38) and a single season (296), was an All-American in 1976 and the OVC's Offensive Player of the Year in 1975. A first-team All-OVC selection for each of his final three seasons, Moore tallied 13 100-yard rushing games and three 200-yard outings during his career.

Stewart (basketball, class of 1964), a sharpshooter who played for the Blue Raiders for just two seasons, made his way to Murfreesboro in an unusual manner. After a brilliant high-school career, legendary Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp offered Stewart a full scholarship to play for the Wildcats. Stewart, however, never had the opportunity to play for the Wildcats, as Rupp quickly pulled the offer after learning Stewart was married.

Stewart then headed to Itawamba Community College in Mississippi before transferring to Middle Tennessee in 1962. In just two seasons, Stewart scored a total of 815 points to pace the Blue Raiders in scoring both seasons.

Stewart earned All-OVC and team MVP honors both years and was voted a team captain in 1963-64. His 18.1 points-per-game average is still tied for second on the Blue Raider best-of career list.

‘They could try and it was OK’

Food, fitness become fun at 1st 4-H Myself Camp

by Lisa L. Rollins

Health, nutrition and fitness topped the menu for 35 campers who signed up for the first 4-H Myself Camp held June 7-9 at MTSU.

Area 4-H extension agents partnered with the university’s Department of Human Sciences to help camp organizers create a food-meets-fun event for grades six through eight designed to make celery sensational, broccoli more beautiful and turn jicama—a sweet and edible root that resembles the turnip—into a household word.

Justin Crowe, Davidson County extension agent, was the creator and director of the camp, which he said he was inspired to initiate after attending a 4-H conference in Washington, D.C., in 2006.

“There is most definitely a great need (for this kind of nutrition-focused camp), because not only do youth not know how to cook and how to function on their own when they might be at home by themselves, but they also don’t know what resources are available,” he said.

“Oftentimes it’s easier to stop at McDonald’s or some fast-food place on the way home, and those kinds of places are fine, because there are lots of healthy things you can get in those kinds of environments,” Crowe continued. “However, what we want the kids to understand is that the kitchen is not a scary place. Yes, there are safety things to consider, but when a young person is at home, they can prepare food at home. They can learn new and innovative recipes that are easy to make, with five or six ingredients, and have things they can eat at home.”

Middle-schoolers from Rutherford, Coffee, Davidson, Robertson, Wilson, Sumner and Cheatham counties lined up in Rutledge Hall to register for Myself Camp and be divided into three activity groups—the Fruits, Grains and Dairy teams. Then they participated in back-to-back educational sessions aimed at teaching youngsters how to make healthier lifestyle choices.

One of the event’s fun and innovative sessions was Veggie Time. Kathy Finley, Robertson County extension agent, said the activity encouraged children to explore vegetables with all their senses, and in the end, the campers “actually did pretty well trying different things.”

“Some of them had never eaten a

sweet red pepper, and so they liked those,” Finley said, smiling. “They tried the celery and broccoli with some different dips. We asked them to try the cucumbers and tomatoes with cottage cheese, and they found that, ‘Hey, that’s OK.’ Otherwise, they were like, ‘Yuck!’ But then they decided that was something they could try and it was OK ... and most of them tried it and had fun.”

Campers also “felt different things (such as) an ear of corn to determine what that was, and they listened to someone biting into an apple ... or peeling a banana,” she continued. “They also smelled several foods, like tomatoes, and we even added

fruit in there with pineapple—not only feeling the texture of the pineapple, but also the smell of it once it was being cut. So they got to experience several things in that session.”

Aside from classes in nutrition know-how, reading food labels, maintaining a proper body image and cooking their own meals, campers also had lessons in table etiquette and how to properly organize a place setting and learned about food safety with the help of a Glo-Germ—a chemical that glows beneath a black light when cross-contamination has occurred from reusing kitchen utensils.

At the close of the weekend event, Crowe encouraged all camp participants to share what they had learned with at least 10 other people, especially younger children. Then, to help them with their assignment, each camper received a large plastic tub of nutrition-related materials, games, coloring books and information, including an 18-inch-tall inflatable food pyramid.

“Childhood obesity is a major issue right now,” Crowe said. “Kids are not making good, healthy choices, and so what we want as a result of this camp is for these kids to not only go home with (healthy food) knowledge but to share that knowledge with others.”

Many of this year’s participants said they hope to return to the nutrition camp again next year, and many expressed a desire for the camp to last longer than a weekend. If director Crowe gets his way, 4-H Myself Camp will be an annual event at MTSU with a reach that’s statewide, not just regional.

Chris Brown, a 4-H member from Manchester, Tenn., is among those who said he plans to return to Myself Camp in summer 2008.

“This was pretty fun,” exclaimed the camper as he readied for the trip back home. “I liked a lot of the activities we got to do, and I liked having my own dorm room. And I really think I liked the sessions.

“A lot of the sessions that we had and the classes that we attended were fun. We really did some interesting things in those classes,” he said, laughing.

For more information about 4-H activities and programs in Rutherford County, call 615-898-7710.



LEARNING FOR LIFE—Eighth-grader Trevor Stoughton, left, and sixth-grader Garrett Stoughton explore the nutrition- and fitness-related games and materials they received in the recent 4-H Myself Camp held at MTSU. The La Vergne brothers were among the first to attend the inaugural camp event, which was designed to promote healthy food and lifestyle choices.

photo by News and Public Affairs

Holiday heat making you hungry? KUC will be open on the 4th

The Keathley University Center has announced its Independence Day building hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5.

Regular summer operating hours (7 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. weekends) will resume Thursday, July 5. The KUC Grill will be open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 3, and Quiznos in the KUC will be serving 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 4.

The Grill will resume its regular summer hours (7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays) on July 5.

For more information, visit www.mtdining.com.

Keep university smoking policy in mind

from Staff Reports

If these hot, dry days of summer aren’t enough of a reminder, here’s another: Mind the heat and everyone’s safety by remembering that MTSU’s smoking policy is in effect year-round.

Tennessee law prohibits smoking in all state-owned or operated buildings, including MTSU’s facilities.

In compliance with the law and to promote a healthy, safe and aesthetically pleasing work, educational and living environment, smoking is not permitted in any MTSU-owned or leased buildings or vehicles, indoor facility or athletic facilities. This includes hallways, classrooms, laboratories, seminar/meeting rooms, offices, restrooms, indoor or open-air athletic facilities, performance halls and all other spaces

in MTSU-owned or leased buildings or vehicles.

The policy applies to all faculty, staff, students and visitors at MTSU.

Smoking areas are permitted outside MTSU facilities only if the areas are located far enough away from doorways, windows and ventilation systems to prevent smoke from entering buildings and facilities.

In general, that’s at least 20 feet from any gate, entryway, arch, doorway and common path of travel, air intake or open window. Smokers also should remember that improper disposal of smoking materials is a fire hazard and littering.

While the success of the policy depends on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of both smokers and nonsmokers, all members of the MTSU community are responsible for compliance with the smoking policy.



Science teachers invited to July 9 GRITS workshop

by Randy Weiler

Openings remain for the Girls Raised in Tennessee Science in-service teachers’ workshop, which will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 9, in the SunTrust Room of the MTSU Business and Aerospace Building.

The workshop will “address the need of encouraging and motivating adolescent girls to seek further education and careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields,” said Karen Claud, assistant director of the grant-funded program also known by its acronym, GRITS.

“The GRITS workshop is open to teachers (in sixth through 12th grades) and community leaders who are interested in learning more about the economic status of women in Tennessee and ways to improve the participation of girls in math and science education,” Claud added.

“Recruitment, retention and graduation of women with science, technology, engineering and mathematics training are critical needs,” she said. “The low rate at which women are entering the



STEM pipeline in high school and in college is troubling.”

Claud said that in 1998, the National Science Foundation reported there were more than 105,000 women with doctorates in science and engineering professions, compared with 379,000 men with the same degrees.

“In addition,” she said, “the growth of women earning bachelor’s degrees in math and science programs has remained stagnant for the past seven years, which ultimately will cause a further decline in women earning master and Ph.D. degrees in math and science fields.”

Jennifer Rawls, executive director of the

Tennessee Economic Council on Women, and Lachelle Norris, associate professor of sociology at Tennessee Tech University, will handle the “Working with GRITS” morning session.

Rawls and Norris will provide information on gender equity, economic status of women in Tennessee, nontraditional careers—benefits and barriers for women, mentoring and the importance of supporting girls in math and the sciences, Claud said.

Stacey Roberts-Ohr, national executive director for the Expanding Your Horizons Network, will present information on fostering the success of girls in math and science through the EYH math and science conferences and the resources available from the EYH Network, Claud added.

The MTSU GRITS program is “proactively working across Tennessee to provide information and resources to help increase girls participating in the STEM pipeline and create a new southern tradition of girls being raised as Tennessee scientists,” Claud said.

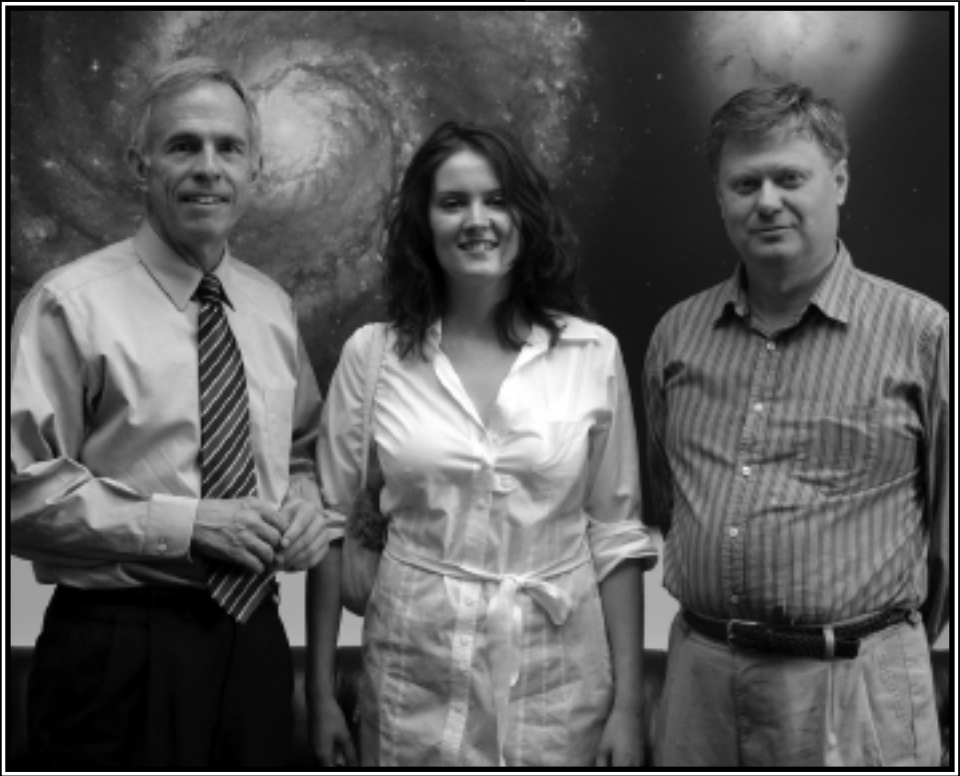
To register or attend, contact Claud at 615-504-8587 or e-mail her at kclaud@mtsu.edu.

Checking in at the Capitol



MTSU ON THE MOVE—MTSU political science students and faculty visiting Washington, D.C., recently met with Sixth District Congressman Bart Gordon, D-Murfreesboro, to discuss current events and issues. In the photo above, students from Congressman Van Hilleary’s Contemporary Issues in American Government class stop by Gordon’s office for a visit. Pictured are, from left to right, Zack Marshall, Alyssa Hall, Joel Corley, Travis Brown, Rep. Gordon, Lora Hortert, Jasmin Skopljak and Drew Correro. At right, Gordon, an MTSU alumnus, meets with student Natalya Vaughn and political science professor Dr. Andrei Korobkov.

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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT—Parent Loren Velazquez Sr. of Knoxville, right, uses his camera phone to snap a shot of son Loren Jr., a rising senior at Austin East Magnet High School in Knoxville, and teacher Cheri Jorgenson in the Todd Gallery during Parent and Teacher Appreciation Day June 23 at the 2007 Governor’s School for the Arts. The younger Velazquez, a participant in the visual art curriculum, was congratulating Jorgenson, who teaches at Vine Middle Performing Arts and Sciences Magnet School in Knoxville and also received an outstanding teacher award at Governor’s School. Shown in the inset photo is an example of Loren Jr.’s work. Governor’s School continues through July 13 all over campus, with the Finale Festival set for Thursday and Friday, July 12 and 13. For more information, contact 615-494-7684 or visit www.mtsu.edu/~gschool.

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Faculty/Staff Update

Appointments

Dr. Leigh Ann McInnis (nursing) has accepted the chairmanship of the special interest group for nurse practitioners for the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty.

Certifications

The following staffers have earned their Certified Professional Secretary designation: **Sue Lee** (Tennessee Center for Child Welfare), **Karen Moser** (Business Office), **Kym Stricklin** (Center for Popular Music) and **Sandra Tucker** (Student Unions and Programming).

Certifications

Dr. Robert B. Blair (business communication and entrepreneurship) will serve on the Tennessee Association of Parliamentarians board of directors as the communications committee chairperson during 2007-08. He was also elected secretary of the TAP Delta Unit-Nashville for 2007-08.

Excursions

Drs. Jette Halladay (speech and theatre) and **Tony Johnston** (agribusiness) led an exploratory experiential

learning and research team to Honduras May 4-11. **Dr. Robert B. Blair** (business communication and entrepreneurship/Center for Economic Education), **Maria L. Edlin** (Center for Economic Education), **Dr. Tammie S. Brown** (educational leadership) and **Dr. Margaret A. Fontanesi-Seime** (social work) represented their respective colleges on the team. Students **Quenton White** (concrete industry management), **Maria Elena Leos** (elementary education), **Tasha Avery** (social work) and **Mandi Purnell** (agribusiness) also were part of the team. Dr. Linda Foster, a Manchester physician, and Jenny Rogers, executive director of KidSake Foundation, accompanied the team.

Presentations

Dr. K. Watson Harris (Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost) presented “Integrated Measures for Instructional Spaces” at the Annual NoName Facilities Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, May 21.

Publications

Drs. Mark Anshel and **Minsoo Kang** (health and human performance) published their study, "Effect of an intervention on replacing negative habits with positive routines for

improving full engagement at work: A test of the Disconnected Values Model," in *Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research*, June 2007, vol. 59, pp. 110-125.

Drs. Martha Balachandran, Robert B. Blair and **Stephen D. Lewis** (business communication and entrepreneurship) had a chapter, “Assessment: Feedback for Professional Development,” published in the 2007 *National Business Education Association Yearbook*. Balachandran and Blair also published “Resume Preferences of U.S. Businesses” in the 2007 *Business Education Digest*.

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