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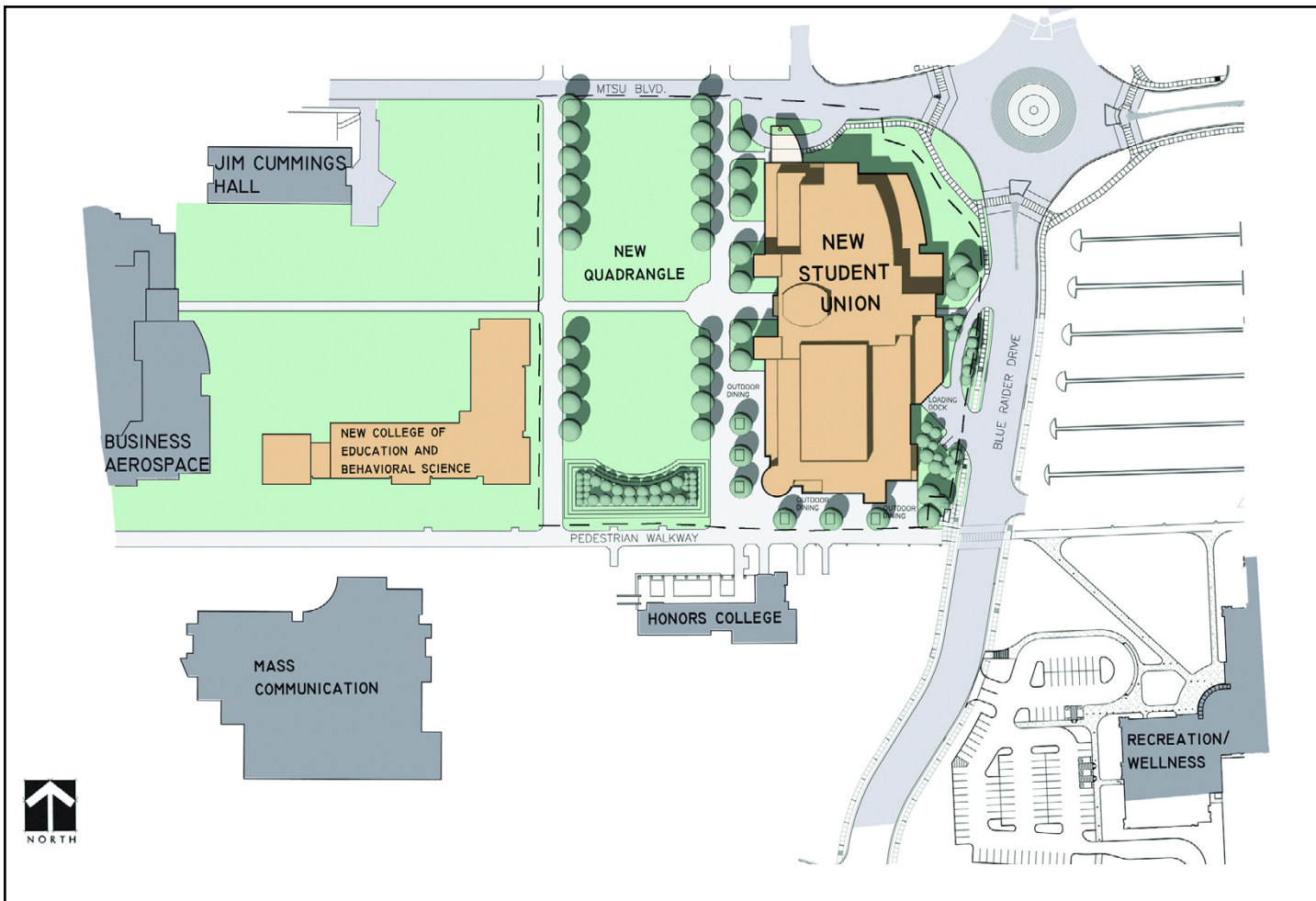
by Tom Tozer

While construction on campus creates dust, noise and congestion, it also generates a sense of excitement as MTSU continues to explore ways to accommodate growth that are both practical and visionary.

Even while the governor has applied the brakes on state funding for capital projects, the inevitability of new facilities at MTSU—a student union, education facility and science complex—promise an extraordinary future at the largest undergraduate university in Tennessee. And while those projects lie somewhere between drawings on paper and looming steel beams, other projects are under way and in varying degrees of completion.

The ceramic tile and vinyl composition tile flooring is complete in the Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center, thanks to Orion Construction, and the final painting and tile work has started. If bad weather is not a barrier, the project should be finished by Aug. 1.

MTSU Boulevard heading west



BIG PLANS—The new Student Union Building planned for the east side of MTSU's campus, above, will anchor a new quad adjoined by the planned new building for the College of Education and Behavioral Science.

map courtesy of Thomas Miller & Partners JV/Street Dixon Rick

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To text or not to text? No easy answers to decisions

by Tom Tozer

One of the major sticking points in the ongoing discussion about text messaging at MTSU—and undoubtedly on other campuses across the nation—is when and when not to send an emergency text message.

Because there is no easy or right answer, university officials must make difficult decisions based on their experience and knowledge as well as their instincts and best judgment.

The basic criteria for sending a text message across campus—as opposed to issuing a crime-alert e-mail message and posting bulletins that might include a composite drawing—is that a specific incident must (1) pose an imminent threat to the campus at large and (2) require the campus population to take some specific action. Short of meeting those two standards, MTSU police will not issue an emergency text message.

But there's much disagreement about what constitutes an "imminent threat" on campus, and it's a subject of ongoing discussion among students, faculty and administrators.

A text-messaging system is not a news service. Its purpose is not merely to alert everyone on campus that something has happened. It is not a device simply to inform and make people feel included. If it were, text messaging would lose its impact, and people soon would begin to ignore text messages and dismiss them as "just more spam." A text message is an emergency notification, not an e-mail service.

After an incident that may warrant a crime-alert e-mail rather than a text message, some individuals want to know, "Why didn't I know about it?" The answer is that it didn't appear to pose a threat to you. The incident was isolated to one part of campus, and officials determined that there was obvious closure or containment

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GETTING ROUNDABOUT

The intersection at Blue Raider Drive and MTSU Boulevard will be closed until Wednesday, Aug. 20, for construction of a roundabout. Detours are clearly marked, and

more details and a map are available on page 5. For those who ride the Raider Xpress, please check the "Transportation" link at www.mtsu.edu/~parking for temporary route changes.

REQUEST STUDENT HELP

The Financial Aid Office will

soon be assigning Federal Work-Study students for the 2008-09 academic year. Please e-mail Barbara Sensing at bsensing@mtsu.edu before Friday, May 23, and include the minimum and maximum number of workers to be assigned to your department.

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Hot tips for faculty, staff who award scholarships

by Bonnie A. McCarty

Attention MTSU faculty and staff: Do you award Foundation or departmental scholarships, or are you responsible for notifying the Financial Aid Office of such awards? If you do, this information is for you! Please read the following important information about scholarship policies and procedures.

Q: How do I submit information about scholarship recipients?

A: For a Foundation Scholarship, you must submit an official Foundation Scholarship Request form, available from the Foundation Office. Please complete all blanks on the form. Be sure to indicate the year to which the award should be applied (2007-08 or 2008-09), and include the scholarship fund code, a four- or six-character code beginning with a U. If your form does not include a place for the fund code, please write it beside the account number.

For a departmental scholarship, you may submit an e-mail list of the recipients. For security reasons, please do not include both full name and full M number in your e-mail. You may

provide either full name and last four digits of the M number or initials and full M number. Alternately, you may attach a password-protected spreadsheet with the complete information and supply the password in a separate e-mail. Be sure to indicate what year the awards are for (2007-08 or 2008-09) and include the scholarship fund code, a four- or six-character code that begins with an I or F.

Q: When should I submit scholarship information?

A: Please submit all scholarship requests no later than Tuesday, July 1, so that the awards can be processed and applied before fall bills are issued. We will process your awards within three to four weeks of receipt. If you will not be able to submit information by July 1, please notify the recipients of the expected timing (approximately one month after submission) and let them know that they may not receive the scholarship before the fee payment deadline in mid-August.

Please note: If you submit scholarship information after the start of the fall semester, we may not be able to apply the award if the student has already received the maximum allow-

able amount of aid. All scholarships for the academic year should be submitted before the beginning of the fall semester, when possible.

Q: How can I find out what the fund code for my scholarship is? Is it the same as my account number?

The fund code is not the same as the account number; it is used by the Financial Aid Office to apply scholarships, while the account number is used by the Business Office to manage the actual funds. If you awarded a Foundation Scholarship in 2007-08, you should have received a

memo or e-mail from the Financial Aid Office with information about the fund code for that scholarship, with a note that you should record the fund code and provide it on future scholarship forms. If you have misplaced the memo for a particular award or did not award the scholarship in 2007-08, you may contact me at bmccarty@mtsu.edu or Julie Hughes at jmhughes@mtsu.edu; please provide the exact



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name of the scholarship in your e-mail. Please note that beginning with 2008-09 scholarships, we will not be able to process forms or lists without a fund code provided; the form or list will be returned to you to be completed. This will help us process the thousands of Foundation and departmental awards more promptly.

Q: What should I do if I need to change a scholarship recipient or amount after submitting the award?

A: Please contact Julie Hughes or me and provide information about the requested change. We will be happy to help you make the correction.

One more note: If you expect to be out for some or all of the summer and you are the contact for a scholarship, please be sure to provide alternate contact information in case we need to reach you. You may provide either a different way to reach you, or the name, phone number and e-mail address of someone who can answer questions in your absence.

Bonnie A. McCarty is the assistant director of scholarships in MTSU's Financial Aid Office.

Professional Science master's program is among fastest-growing

by Dr. Saeed Foroudastan

Middle Tennessee State University is offering a new two-year degree in science and mathematics: the Master of Science in Professional Science, or MS-PS, degree program. The MS-PS equips people for work in public and private business enterprises, or corporate America, and in academia. The goal for this degree is to enhance the interface between science and business by providing strong degrees emphasizing expertise in both areas.

The Master of Science in Professional Science combines the business management skills commonly found in the traditional MBA program with advanced learning in specific science fields. The MS-PS at MTSU includes a business core with specific concentrations in biotechnology, biostatistics and health care informatics.

The program offers 12 full-time graduate assistantship positions to students who are fully admitted to the program. The S-STEM grant also offers



ANOTHER GREAT YEAR—Spring 2008 MS-PS program internship presenters and staff include, seated from left, Jean Lau, Brianne Begley, Emily Joan Vest, Thalia Little and Daneise Cotton; standing, Drs. Linda McGrew (business core coordinator) and Saeed Foroudastan (MS-PS director), Linda Feagans, (executive aide), Lincoln Rogers, Dr. Lisa Bloomer Green (biostats coordinator), Joshua Richard, Jennifer Stovall, Lori Foster, Tiffany Johnson, Brian Shoun, Dr. Rebecca Seipelt (biotech coordinator), Jonathan Jennings and Drs. Pam Taylor (HCI adviser) and Karen Ward (HCI coordinator).

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several scholarships to full-time students in good standing.

The MS-PS program has grown by leaps and bounds since the spring semester of 2005. The program began with three students and grew to 55 students by spring 2008.

BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, located in Chattanooga, is very supportive of the MS-PS program. BCBST has invited the MS-PS staff to talk with their employees about the program several times in the past two years.

In fact, MS-PS staff members recently made a presentation on the program's great opportunities to more than 30 interested BCBST employees.

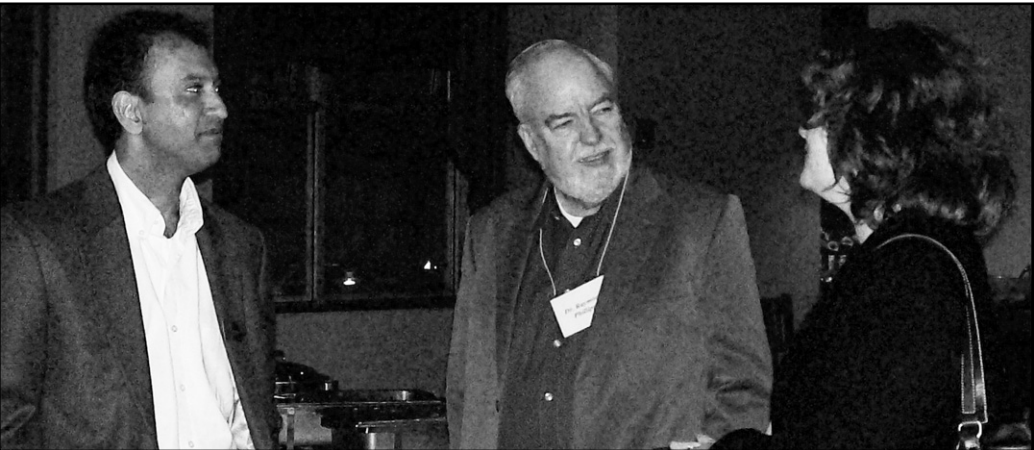
The May

2008 commencement ceremonies also included the first six graduates from our partnership with BlueCross BlueShield. Dr. Allen Naidoo of BCBST recently was elected chairman of the MS-PS Advisory Board. MTSU is looking forward to a lasting working relationship with BCBST.

To learn more about the program, you may contact me at Campus Box 83 or 615-494-7618 or the following people:

- Dr. Lisa Bloomer Green, biostatistics coordinator, Box 34, 615-898-5775;
- Dr. Rebecca Seipelt, biotechnology coordinator, Box 60, 615-904-8393;
- Dr. Karen Ward, health care informatics coordinator, Box 81, 615-898-5622;
- Dr. Pam Taylor, health care informatics adviser, Box 81, 615-494-8718;
- Dr. Linda McGrew, business core coordinator, Box 40, 615-898-5420;
- Linda Feagans, executive aide, Box 83, 615-494-7618.

Dr. Saeed Foroudastan is associate dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences and director of the Master of Science in Professional Science degree program at MTSU.



SCIENCE BUSINESS—Dr. Allen Naidoo, left, and Dr. Raymond Phillippi of BlueCross/BlueShield of Tennessee talks with Dr. Lisa Bloomer Green, MTSU MS-PS program biostats coordinator, during an MS-PS staff visit to the BCBST offices in Chattanooga.

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by John C. Lynch

May is overflowing with good news in the newest edition of “Middle Tennessee Record,” MTSU’s video magazine.

This month, MTR visits the classroom of Steve Wedan, associate professor of speech and theatre. He teaches students how to use acting techniques to prepare themselves for the theatre of real life.

May also is Better Speech and Hearing Month, and Elizabeth Smith, coordinator of MTSU’s speech clinic, says students there are learning how to serve children and adults with communication problems.

The Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic has been serving clients for 38 years. In that time most of the students have been female, but one of the exceptions has demonstrated an extraordinary ability to relate to his clients. He has taken lessons learned in his own life and helped those less fortunate—that’s why Clifton Hancock’s name has been added to the A List.

It’s that time of year: you can’t mention May without mentioning graduation. MTSU presented more than 2,000 students with their degrees in spring commencement ceremonies, and students from kindergarten to graduate school are getting

their diplomas and moving on to the next stage in life. MTR’s May edition takes a look at 10 high-school seniors who’ll be coming to MTSU next fall and have been singled out because of their special gifts in overcoming adversity and their ability to inspire.

Media reports often speak of Islamic fundamentalism in the same ominous tones that were once reserved for Communism in the 1950s. Earlier this spring, the Muslim Student Association set aside an entire week to help our campus see another side of the religion, and MTR has the details.

In more May MTR news, Dr. Judith-Iriarte Gross is the winner of the 2008 King-Hampton award. For nearly two decades, the award has been given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of women at MTSU. But who were King and Hampton? Their photos are above, but find out more on Centennial Countdown.



CELEBRATION—Martha Hampton, left, former MTSU dean of women, slices a cake resembling Corlew Hall at a 1967 ceremony at the opening of the seven-story women’s dorm, then called “High-Rise.” The inset photo shows Jeanette M. King, a member of the first Middle Tennessee Normal School faculty.

photos courtesy of the Albert Gore Research Center

And finally, Seth Alder’s face is among those used for the “I’m One” campaign. For the past two years, the recording industry grad student has also shot and edited MTR. Host Tom Tozer turns the camera on Alder in the final segment.

To see the May edition of “Middle Tennessee Record,” watch local Cable Channel 9 daily at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Sundays at 1:30 p.m. on News-Channel5+, or anytime via www.mtsunews.com.

Whiteside named interim education dean

by Gina E. Fann

Dr. Harold D. “Terry” Whiteside, the new interim dean of MTSU’s College of Education and Behavioral Science, is tackling the year-long appointment with enthusiasm, saying he’s “honored and humbled at this chance because of the great people—students, faculty and staff—I work with here.”

But he also jokes that getting to use the dean’s parking spot behind the McWherter Learning Resources Center is what really sealed the deal.

“I’m like the ‘Kelly administrator.’ They can put me anywhere and I’ll go to work,” Whiteside, a psychology professor at MTSU since 1973, says with a laugh. “I’ve been here so long that I know everybody.”

In addition to teaching popular courses in sport psychology, performance enhancement, interpersonal influence and persuasion during his 36 years at the university, Whiteside, a two-term Faculty Senate president, has served on councils, committees and boards charged with everything from choosing new administrators to ensuring proper accreditation and funding.

He’s also MTSU’s current NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative, serving as a senior adviser on athletics to Dr. Sidney A. McPhee and a partner with the university’s athletic department on issues of academic integrity, student-athlete welfare and NCAA rules compliance.

Whiteside’s appointment, which took effect May 1, comes as longtime dean Dr. Gloria Bonner takes over the new Office of Community Engagement and Support. The OCES was created to communicate the university’s mission and activities to the surrounding communities and provide a listening ear to the needs and concerns of MTSU’s neighbors.

“Dr. Whiteside is one of MTSU’s treasures: a respected academic, an experienced administrator, an enthusiastic university advocate and a true

friend to students, faculty and staff alike,” McPhee notes. “He can indeed step into almost anyone’s shoes and take charge of whatever situation arises.

“I’m confident that the College of Education and Behavioral Science will be in excellent hands during Dr. Whiteside’s term. The only downside for our students is that he won’t be able to teach as many of his classes as they’ve requested.”

The college includes the Departments of Criminal Justice, Educational Leadership, Elementary and Special Education (including the Homer Pittard Campus School), Health and Human Performance, Human Sciences, and Psychology as well as special services like the university’s Instructional

Technology Support Center, Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia, Project Help, the Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance, the Tennessee Early Intervention System and the ESL Enterprise Project.

Whiteside says his strong working relationships and friendships across campus will help him keep the college moving forward during the national search for a new education dean.

“I intend to make sure that the college is in such great shape with our programs and our new building and our faculty and students that we can easily pick someone to take the reins and lead us deep into the 21st century,” Whiteside says, specifically anticipating the college’s work with the pilot Teacher Quality Initiative, launching new doctoral programs and implementing new fundraising efforts.

“I’ve committed my entire professional life to Middle Tennessee State University, and if I can help us move forward in any capacity, I’m proud to do it. I’m a big believer in customer service, and students are our primary customers, so we’ll do everything we can do to help them in their academic efforts.”

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*Dr. Harold ‘Terry’ Whiteside,
interim education dean*



Make note of KUC, JUB and food-service summer hours

Summertime means changes in building operation hours across campus, and the James Union Building and Keathley University Center are adjusting their schedules accordingly.

The JUB will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed Saturdays and Sundays until the fall 2008 semester

begins on Monday, Aug. 25. The JUB also will be closed on the summer’s two big holidays, May 26 (Memorial Day) and July 4 (Independence Day), with the rest of the university.

The KUC, however, will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on those holidays. Its regular summer hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends.

Summer food-service hours are:

- KUC venues: Grill open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays through Aug. 8; Quiznos open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. weekends (and holidays) only through Aug. 3, and daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 9-21
- Business and Aerospace Fly ‘n’ Buy: open 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 2-Aug. 7.

- Starbucks in Walker Library: open 1-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 2-Aug. 7.

The KUC Grill will be closed Aug. 22-24 to prepare for the fall 2008 semester and will reopen Aug. 25.

For more information, call 615-898-2590 or visit www.mtsu.edu/~mtunions.

Campus Calendar

May 19-June 1

Please note:

Event dates, times and locations may be subject to change after press time. Please verify event specifics when making attendance plans.

TV Schedule

“Middle Tennessee Record”
Cable Channel 9:
Monday-Sunday—7 a.m., 5 p.m.
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Sundays—1:30 p.m.
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May 19

May 19-24
BlueCross Spring Fling
(TSSAA tennis, track and field)
For information, visit www.tssaa.org or contact: 615-889-6740.

May 23

May 23-25
Volunteer Ranch Horse Assoc. World Show Warm-Up
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
For information, visit <http://americanranchhorse.net/eventscalendar.htm>.

May 23-31
Volunteer Girls State
For information, visit www.volunteergirlsstate.org.

May 25

Sunday, May 25
“MTSU On the Record—Lonesome Cowgirls and Honky-Tonk Angels”
Guest: Dr. Kris McCusker
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available at www.mtsunews.com.

May 26

Monday, May 26
Memorial Day holiday
No classes; university offices closed.

May 30

May 30-June 1
Tennessean Dressage Show
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
For information, visit www.tndressage.com.

Friday, May 30
Summer Session I final exams.

Employees of the Year



EXEMPLARY WORK—MTSU President Dr. Sidney McPhee, left, congratulates winners of the 2007-08 Employee of the Year Awards during the annual reception May 1 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Accepting their honors are:

- Technical/Service Employee of the Year Rodney Clinton, chief mechanic, Vehicle Operations;
- Secretarial/Clerical Employee of the Year Betty Rowland, executive aide, Albert Gore Sr. Research Center;
- Administrative Employee of the Year Karen Milstead, benefits specialist, Human Resource Services; and
- All-Classified Employee of the Year Craig McDaniel, maintenance utility worker, Building Services.

The winners, who received engraved crystal awards and monetary gifts for their commitment to MTSU’s success, were chosen from among dozens of nominees during the 2007-08 academic year. MTSU’s Employee Recognition Committee regularly salutes staffers who make outstanding contributions and demonstrate excellence in their roles. To nominate an administrative, secretarial/clerical, classified or technical/service co-worker for the quarterly award program, download a nomination form at <http://hrs.web.mtsu.edu/er/recog.html> and submit it to Human Resource Services in Room 204 of the Ingram Building.

photo by Andy Heidt

Text

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to that event.

For example, last fall, a man approached a female student outside the Fairview Building, took hold of her arm and suggested that she go with him. At that moment, several people were coming out of the Fairview Building. The man immediately let go of the student, turned and walked west toward the surrounding neighborhood. University Police made the decision to issue a crime-alert bulletin with a composite drawing rather than send an emergency text message. While there was some disagreement about whether a text message should have been sent in this case, officials believed, after patrolling the area, that the man had left and there was no additional threat. (After several days, the man was apprehended off-campus and positively identified by the student.)

A more recent “attempted abduction” case closer to the campus’s inner core involved a man in a vehicle who asked a female student for direc-

tions, then demanded she get into his SUV. After she refused, he drove off. Because it wasn’t known if he was still on campus, a text message was sent. While there is not a substantial difference between these two incidents, they also are not identical. Whether there is a continuing imminent threat or closure to an incident remains a difficult judgment call.

Also last fall, a man in a car exposed himself to females in the area of Cummings Hall. In this case, a crime-alert message was e-mailed across campus informing people of the incident and urging everyone to report any suspicious behavior or



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activity to University Police. Did this incident warrant an emergency text message? What decision would you have made?

Recent incidents on campus—a phoned-in bomb threat, a suspicious e-mail that spoke of someone coming to campus with a gun, and an attempted armed robbery in a residence-hall parking lot—led officials to determine that the threat of danger to the

campus population warranted an emergency text message, followed by several “alert updates” on the university home page. Two of these incidents involved firearms—one implicit, one very real—and the other a device capable of widespread destruction. In each case, a more

imminent threat seemed apparent, and the text messages directed recipients to take some kind of action, whether it was to evacuate a building or to remain cautious and vigilant.

There are no easy or absolute right answers to the text-message process. We live, work and go to school in a different world than just a decade ago. Campus police and university officials are faced with challenges and decisions that are new and complex. For every action, there is indeed an opposite and equal reaction. Thus, every call made by officials must be measured carefully to create an appropriate response but to avoid panic.

Responding to a crisis—the unknown, the unexpected or the unthinkable—is a fluid process that involves all of us: students, faculty and university officials. We must keep the lines of communication open and encourage discussion.

handling the project. Traffic into campus can be diverted to the new Alumni Drive adjacent to Greek Row; additional roundabouts are planned for the future. .

The baseball stadium upgrade by Olympian Construction is moving toward completion; steel is going up in the press box area, the water line is being tied in and the transformer pad is being poured.

Kerry Campbell Construction has begun work on Kirksey Old Main, which will result in a new roof and exterior enhancements. The Peck Hall first-floor renovation by Bruce Adams Construction is completed for the Department of Social Work.

Messer Construction has begun interior finishes in Lyon Hall, and bids will be going out soon for a new roof for Monohan Hall. MTSU officials met at the beginning of May at the Tennessee Board of Regents to discuss the renovation of Corlew and Cummings Halls, and the reroofing and renovation of Cummings is slated to begin next month by Denark Construction.

Phase II of the Observatory will be complete as soon as a mounting piece for the telescope arrives. It may be six to eight weeks or more before the observatory, which is being built by Bruce Adams Construction, is fully operational.

The parking lot on Division Street across from Murphy Center should be completed this month, as soon as lighting is installed by Resource Management Company.

Olympian Construction has completed renovations on the Womack Lane Apartment kitchens, and heaters are being installed in those apartments.

Work continues by Turner Universal Construction on the satellite chilled-water plant adjacent to the Wesley Foundation on the south side of campus as well as on the Billy Thomas Plumbing sewer and manhole updates around campus and phase III of the underground electrical project.

Going out for bids are the Stark Agriculture Building elevator and the Murphy Center fire-alarm upgrade.

As always, completion dates are subject to weather conditions and other factors.

Baseball field renovation

In mid-April, construction crews began working on the steel supports for the Reese Smith Field press box, and by this reading, work should have begun on the grandstands. Columns and the elevator tower will be bricked over the next few weeks. Completion is tentatively set for July.

“Every day there is more progress,” said Steve Peterson, head baseball coach. “The result is going to be the biggest thing that has happened to Middle Tennessee baseball. It will be bigger than any win, because it solidifies the future of what our university is saying they want their baseball program to be.”

Road improvements help travel, traffic

The completion of the new Alumni Drive, linking Rutherford Boulevard and old Womack Lane, is yet another step toward improving parking, traffic flow and overall access to campus. The new Alumni Drive includes Raider Xpress shuttle-bus lanes to insure that the buses can navigate their routes without getting stuck in commuter traffic. It’s all part of phase II of the 10-year Parking and Transportation Improvement Project and is scheduled to be completed by the start of classes this fall.

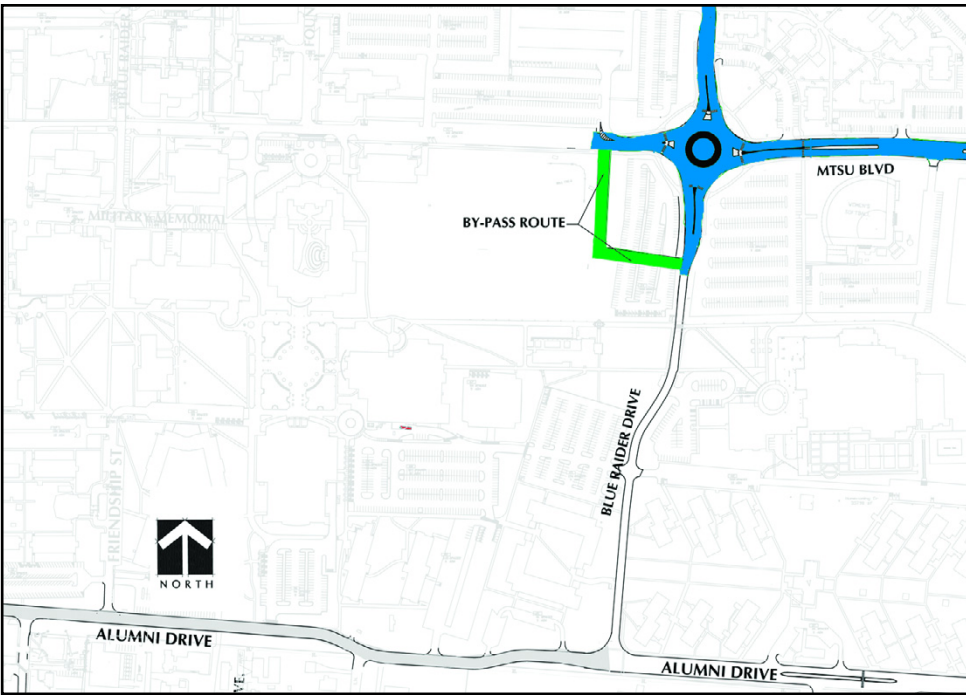
This comprehensive project will improve vehicular access and traffic flow and add much needed lighting improvements and pedestrian walkways.

A ‘roundabout’? Around what?

As many campus visitors know by now, part of MTSU Boulevard, the main artery heading west into campus from Rutherford Boulevard, is closed for construction of the university’s first roundabout, a circular roadway in which all vehicles travel in the same direction and exit at various points. It’s shown in blue in the map above right.

According to one traffic-pattern study, roundabouts are safer than traditional traffic circles and intersections, with 40 percent fewer collisions and 80 percent fewer injuries to drivers and pedestrians. Most common traffic accidents occur at intersections with stop signs or traffic lights where vehicles are making right-angle turns or are moving too fast through a two-way intersection.

Studies indicate that roundabouts are safer for pedestrians, too, because “splitter islands” exist in the middle of each crossing so a pedestrian doesn’t have to cross the entire width of the roadway all at once.



ALL AROUND—This map shows the traffic roundabout on the east side of campus.
map courtesy of MTSU Campus Planning

Getting around roundabout construction

If you enter campus on Alumni Drive from Rutherford Boulevard and turn right at the intersection at Blue Raider Drive, you will go as far as the raised crosswalk in front of the Recreation Center. At that point, you will turn left onto a new temporary bypass, show in green in the map above.

The new two-lane asphalt road will take you north and drop you onto MTSU Boulevard. At that point, you may:

- turn left and go toward the intersection at the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building;
- turn left onto MTSU Boulevard to Founders Lane, then turn right to go to Blue Raider Drive; or
- go straight and cut through the parking lot, which also will take you to Blue Raider Drive.

If you’re entering campus from the north or west ends of campus, the bypass will take you around to the area of the Recreation Center and to Alumni Drive.

When the roundabout is completed, the bypass will no longer be used. Instead, it will become part of the site for the future Student Union Building.

Keeping students, staff healthy

When the new Student Health Services Clinic opens in August, it will include 22 exam rooms, a procedure and observation room, an expanded lab, allergy injection rooms, central nurse station and an administrative conference area. Thanks to a grant from the Christy-Houston Foundation, the new clinic also will have new digital equipment to provide diagnostic X-rays for students.

A campus pharmacy will be located just off the main entrance and will be open to fill prescriptions for students, faculty and staff. Also just off the main lobby will be space for the new Office of Health Promotion. This office will provide programming and resources for students in the areas of alcohol and drugs, nutrition and healthy lifestyles, stress reduction and sexual health.

The new Travel Medicine Clinic will offer vaccines and pre-trip counseling for students, faculty and staff involved in study-abroad programs or other international travels.

The Recreation Center expansion also is expected to be completed Aug. 1. The new expansion will house a new cardiovascular room, add 4,000 square feet to the weight room and provide an additional exercise room, a group meeting room, an outdoor-equipment room, a health-assessment room and a family-changing room. The scope of the project is indicated in the photo below.



ALMOST DONE—Construction crew vehicles fill the lot of the renovated Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center, which is scheduled to reopen in August.
photo courtesy of Campus Planning

CUSTOMS sessions to touch on student safety

by Randy Weiler

New and transfer student summer orientation, or CUSTOMS, gets under way soon, and campus safety during the 2008-09 academic year will be a major point of emphasis for the students and their families attending.

A safety table manned by members of the Environmental Health and Safety Committee will provide potentially life-saving information that students will want to use and access when they return to campus in late August. The safety table will be part of the 6 p.m. dinner and ports of interest session on the first day of each CUSTOMS.

“We want to provide a safe campus environment for our students and visitors,” said Tom Tozer, director of the Office of News and Public Affairs and a member of the safety committee.

“We want them to know what’s available in the event of a fire or tornado, and we’re encouraging new students to register for MTSU’s emergency text-messaging system. We’re hoping to have 10,000 students registered (for text-messaging) by Sept. 1.”



Tozer said that both he and campus Police Chief Buddy Peaster have spoken with Middle Tennessee TV (Channel 10), *Sidelines* (the student newspaper) and other media outlets to publicize campus safety opportunities. Students also can go to the Alert4U location on the MTSU Web site “that takes them to everything,” Tozer said, including information on all types of emergencies, situations and safety plans.

Parents at CUSTOMS will view an informational video about the university that includes a section on safety. Bookmarks, key chains and magnets will be among the giveaway items with a safety theme.

College of Basic and Applied Sciences, College of Mass Communication majors and undeclared students will attend CUSTOMS June 3-4, June 13-14, June 24-25, July 9-10 and July 22-23.

Jennings A. Jones College of Business, College of Education and Behavioral Science and College of Liberal Arts majors and undeclared students will attend June 10-11, June 18-19, July 17-18 and July 25-26.

For more information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~customs, e-mail customs@mtsu.edu or call 615-898-5533. For questions about admission status, call 615-898-2111.

Diversity golf tourney set

The National Advisory Board for the Scholars Academy at MTSU will conduct its first Diversity and Multicultural Golf Outing on Wednesday, May 28, at Gaylord Springs Golf Course in Nashville.

Founded in 2005, the Scholars Academy was developed to support and mentor bright and talented minority and other underserved students who may be underachieving.

For sponsorship, golfer packages or more information, contact Jerry M. Whitmore Jr. in the Office of Institutional Diversity at 615-898-5975 or whitmore@mtsu.edu.

March of Dimes aids Health and Human Services center

from Staff Reports

The MTSU Center for Health and Human Services has received \$23,490 from the March of Dimes Tennessee Chapter Community Grants Program for two projects focused on folic acid and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome education.

“Good Health Looks Good: Folic Acid Every Day” is a program that targets adolescent girls through Girl Scouts, 4-H and other community-based organizations, a March of Dimes official said. The program teaches young women about the importance of folic acid and the role that the vitamin plays in the prevention of birth defects.

Project goals include increasing the number of girls who are aware of the need for folic acid and who take a daily folic-acid supplement.

This is the second year the

March of Dimes has provided funding for the program. The SIDS portion of the grant was a check for \$16,135. The March of Dimes provided \$7,365 with the second grant.

The MTSU center is providing education to approximately 600 girls. For 2008-09, the center hopes to reach an additional 200 Girl Scouts in middle Tennessee. The center is partnering with the Tennessee Folic Acid Council and the Tennessee Department of Health on this initiative.

For more information on MTSU’s Center for Health and Human Services and the folic-acid and SIDS education programs, contact Carol Smith at 615-904-8342 or e-mail her at csmith@mtsu.edu. Smith serves as the center’s assistant director.



READY TO HELP—Tamara Currin, left, associate director of program services for the Tennessee chapter of the March of Dimes, presents a check for \$16,135 for a SIDS education grant to Carol Smith of MTSU’s Center for Health and Human Services. The March of Dimes also contributed \$7,365 for a second grant for a folic-acid education program.

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Health and Wellness Program won’t slow down for summer

from Staff Reports

Ready to work up a sweat? MTSU’s Summer Faculty-Staff Health and Wellness Program kicks off Monday, May 19, with the opening orientation for the new 10-week session.

Registration is open to full-time MTSU faculty and staff for a one-time fee of \$35. The program, which can support 100 participants and continues through July 25, includes:

- fitness testing (pre- and post-session);
- an aerobic class punch-pass;
- nutritional consultation with a registered dietician; and
- weekly meetings with a personal coach.

Launched in fall 2006, the Health and Wellness Program has so far served an enrollment of 557 different faculty and staff (not including those who re-registered) and provided employment and training for 32 student coaches and six external consultants in nutrition, life skills and yoga over five semesters. MTSU is the only university in the state of Tennessee whose operating budget provides financial support to an employee-wellness program.

“This is not a rehabilitation program,” says

Jerry Langham, Campus Recreation fitness director. “Our staff is not trained to work with cardiac or pulmonary patients or individuals receiving extensive rehabilitation who cannot engage in cardiovascular and strength training. The fitness assessment pre-test will help determine if you are physically fit enough to participate in this program.”



The opening orientation is set from noon to 1:30 p.m. on May 19 in Room 106 of the University Honors College. A repeat session for those who can’t attend the midday orientation is scheduled on Tuesday, May 20, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the same

location.

“It is essential to attend one of these sessions,” Langham adds. “The content will include introducing the program and developing an action plan that replaces unhealthy habits with positive, healthy routines and to provide ways to maintain program participation.”

Participants should register and pay in the Campus Recreation office at the Recreation Center Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Campus Rec accepts only cash, checks or Raider Funds. Registration fees can be refunded only if you must withdraw because of medical reasons or injury, Langham says, and a physician’s statement will be required to receive a refund.

Contact Langham at 615-898-5548 or jangham@mtsu.edu for more information or if you are unable to attend either session. The program’s Web site, www.mtsu.edu/~wellness, also can provide useful information about employee health and wellness as well as health-related topics, tips on fitness and nutrition and updates on research findings.

Registration under way for ‘Middle Half’ marathon

from Staff Reports

Registration for the second annual Murfreesboro Half Marathon, “The Middle Half,” presented by Middle Tennessee Medical Center, is under way.

The 13.1-mile race is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11, at 7 a.m. with a wheelchair start at 6:55 a.m. Because the course runs by the geographic center of Tennessee, begins and ends at Middle Tennessee State University and is presented by Middle Tennessee Medical Center, it has been tagged “The Middle Half.”

Last year’s race sold out with 1,000 participants in only 34 days. Half of the participants were from Rutherford County with the remainder from counties all over Tennessee. Runners came from 16 states; an Oregon runner traveled the farthest to participate.

“We’ve increased the limit to 2,000 runners and lowered the age limit to 14,” said race director Natalie Tate. “Last year, we wanted to learn how to conduct a race on a smaller

scale with fewer runners. We’re ready for more participants this year.”

New features are being added for the 2008 race.

“Anyone registering during the month of May will receive a five-dollar ‘early bird’ discount,” Tate said. “We want to have a cheering contest along the course, and we are also looking into having a kids’ Fun Run this year.”

Registration forms may be picked up at Fleet Feet Sports, WGNS, *The Murfreesboro Post* offices, Barfield Park, Patterson Community Center and Sports Com, or runners can register online at www.TheMiddleHalf.com. The form also may be downloaded from the Web site.

The proposed course begins on Greenland Drive near MTSU’s Track and Soccer Complex, passes by the

obelisk at the geographic center of Tennessee on Old Lascassas Pike and MTSU’s Greek Row and down scenic tree-lined East Main Street.

Runners will circle the Rutherford County Courthouse on the Square, run down Maney Avenue to Oaklands Historic House Museum and then finish at the MTSU track.

The course will be certified, and the race is officially sanctioned by USA Track & Field. The estimated elevation variation is only 41 feet, making the course flat and fast for runners.

Charities will be using the race as fundraisers. Special Kids’ “Team A.S.K.” will have a training team, and Soles4Souls will be conducting a used shoe drive.

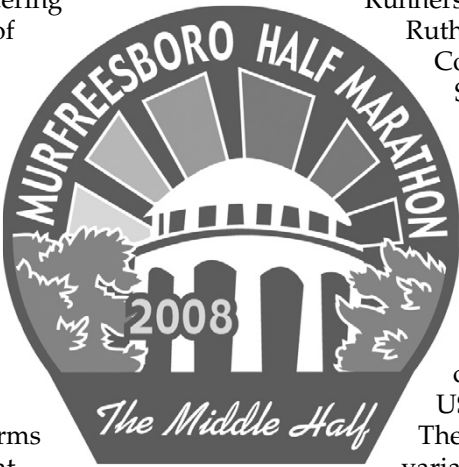
“The Middle Half Marathon is a great event for our community,” said Mona Herring, vice president of the

Convention and Visitors Bureau. “We have many local residents who run, and it also brings in many runners from outside of our county. It is a wonderful way to showcase our historic downtown, Oaklands Historic House Museum and Middle Tennessee State University.”

Best Times ChampionChip Tennessee, Inc. will provide the timing system with electronic chips. When runners wearing electronic chips on their shoes pass over special mats along the course, their time is automatically recorded.

Middle Tennessee Medical Center is the presenting sponsor of the event. The City of Murfreesboro, Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation, Fleet Feet Sports, MTSU, SunTrust, State Farm, The WORX Group and Emerson Heating Products are major sponsors.

Spectators along the course are encouraged to cheer on the runners with signs and music. Admission is free at the MTSU Track and Soccer Complex where the runners will cross the finish line. For more information and a map of the race course, visit www.TheMiddleHalf.com.

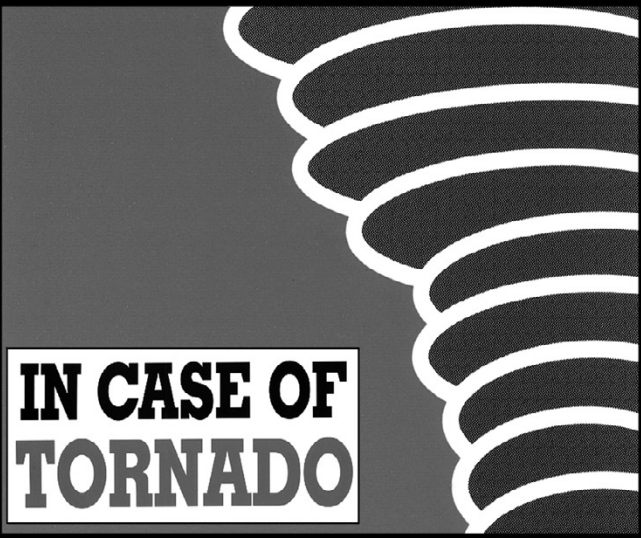
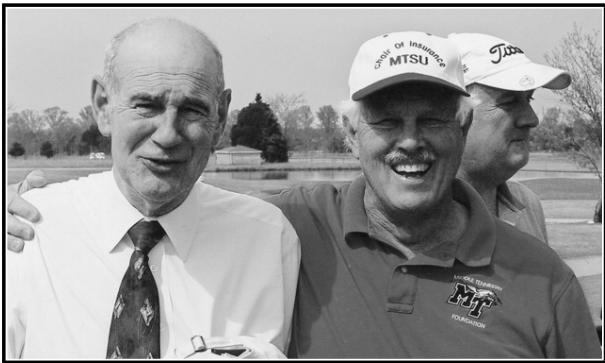


A good day for golf



AND FOR INSURANCE—Golfers watch a tee shot, at left, on the 17th hole during the 24th annual BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Martin Chair of Insurance invitational scramble golf tournament April 22 at Champions Run Golf Course in Rockvale. The hole was a par-3 sponsored by Judith Barrom in honor of her late husband, Jim Barrom. Below, Dr. Ken Hollman, left, and Don Midgett visit during the tournament. About \$40,000 was pledged in donations for insurance scholarships, including \$10,000 from BCBST. “It’s easily the best tournament we’ve ever had,” Hollman said. “I estimate we’ve made \$500,000 (over 24 years) for scholarships for the insurance program.”

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