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the RECORD

TBR to eye 6% tuition hike

MTSU included in list of proposed student fee increases, too

from Staff Reports

The Business and Finance Committee of the Tennessee Board of Regents voted June 10 to recommend to the full board that tuition at five TBR universities, including MTSU, increase by 6 percent beginning this fall.

The other universities affected are Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee State University in Nashville and Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville. The committee also recommended that tuition at the University of Memphis increase by 7 percent.

A 6 percent tuition increase also is

recommended at all community colleges and technology centers. Tuition at the U of M Law School would increase by 14 percent, by 5 percent at the ETSU School of Medicine and by 9 percent at the ETSU School of Pharmacy, according to the panel's recommendation.

In the area of mandatory fees, the committee recommended the requested increases in fees for auxiliary enterprises, such as dormitories, which must cover all their expenses, and the requested increases in fees already approved by student referenda.

The other fees recommended are for items where a critical need was demonstrated: a \$25-per-semester athletic fee increase at MTSU, a \$10-per-semester activity fee increase at ETSU, a \$10-per-semester campus access fee at TTU and a \$10-per-year student activity fee at Northeast State Community College. A breakdown of mandatory fees by institution is available at the TBR Web site at

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Celebrate the 4th at MTSU

by Tom Tozer

Rutherford County's "Celebration Under the Stars" will once again be held on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University—and admission to the family-oriented event again will be free of charge. Festivities will kick off at 5 p.m., Friday, July 4, on the university's intramural field.

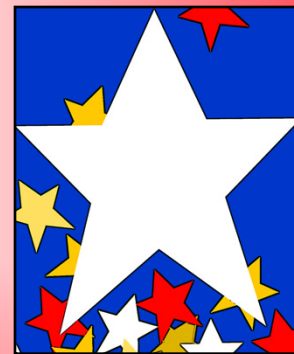
From 5 to 8 p.m., there will be games and activities for kids, including face-painting, games and arts and crafts projects. Inflatable playgrounds, sack races and egg tosses will be featured, along with prizes and promotional giveaways. Glow-in-the-dark necklaces will be on sale.

The Col. Hardy Murfree Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution again will provide free U.S. flags for everyone. The chapter has provided flags for this celebration for the last 10 years. Wal-Mart at Old Fort Parkway is donating "Celebration Under the Stars" birthday cakes.

State Rep. John Hood, program emcee, will extend a formal welcome at 7:50 p.m., followed by remarks from local dignitaries and sponsor representatives. This is Hood's 11th year serving as emcee for the event.

At 8 p.m., following the presentation of colors by the Murfreesboro Fire

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Raider golfers cap historic season at NCAA

from MT Media Relations

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.—One of the most successful seasons for any Middle Tennessee team culminated when the Blue Raider men's golf team made the cut at the NCAA Division I Men's National Championship and eventually finished 15th after the May 31 final round.

The Blue Raiders, who won a school-record five tournaments in 2007-08, including four in succession, became the only team in the program's Division I-era history to play on the final day of its respective sports' national championship. Middle Tennessee accomplished this feat after earning the program's first at-large berth in the NCAA East Region and subsequently reaching the Division I National Championships for the first time.

Once there, Middle Tennessee's players proved their worth among the nation's top 30 teams and made the cut to reach the final round.



HOW'S IT FEEL?—Junior Rick Cochran, left, talks with NewsChannel 5's Brian McKeegan during a reception for the MTSU men's golf team on its return from the NCAA Division I National Championship May 31. The Blue Raiders finished 15th.

photo by MT Media Relations

"I knew this group was special at the beginning of the season, and I knew they could do special things," first-year Head Coach Whit Turnbow

said. "I really believed we could get into a regional this year and see what happens. Did I expect to be playing in the final round of the national cham-

pionships this year? We believed we could get here, but to make the cut was even more special. Our kids proved they belonged, and I am so proud of them and their accomplishments. They worked hard for it and they received the rewards that go along with sacrifice and commitment. This group is why you enjoy coaching young men. I have some of the best you could ask for, and that's in all aspects of their lives."

The Blue Raiders had to sweat out their final destiny overnight and into the morning after play was suspended due to inclement weather during the May 30 second round. When play resumed the morning of May 31, Auburn owned a four-stroke lead on Middle Tennessee but shot five over on the 18th hole to fall one shot back and off the cut line, moving the Blue Raiders into 15th place.

The drama was not over. Texas had pulled to within one shot of Middle Tennessee on the front, but

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IN BRIEF

**POLI SCI MAJOR NABS AWARD
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Cory Brunson, a 2008 graduate of Central High School in Columbia, Tenn., and 19-year-old

political science major, is the recipient of MTSU's James C. Free Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship is named for Free, president of the Smith-Free Group, a Washington, D.C., lobbying firm. Free, an MTSU Distinguished Alumnus, served as special assis-

stant to the president for congressional affairs under President Jimmy Carter, and he managed Al Gore's presidential bid in 1988. Brunson is the son of Ken Brunson and Elaine Russell, both of Columbia.

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In defense of the ‘I-word’: internationalization

by Dr. Gregory P. Meyjes

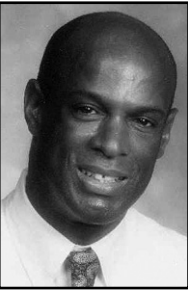
As is the case on other university campuses, we at MTSU are grappling with the meaning of the term “internationalization,” whether we want it, or need it—and, if so, how to get it and how much of it to pursue. Opinions, it is fair to say, range widely—even more widely, perhaps, than about the related notion of “intercultural” education on differences within society. Whether at home or abroad, some view “diversity” as a convenient platform to advance their own cultural group or agenda; others see the “international” as an opportunity to promote a particular foreign place, people or purpose, while still others respond to either or both the “I-words” with indifference, suspicion or even dislike.

There is, of course, plenty of room for confusion and even tension. Some think, for instance, that internationalization detracts from, and competes with, multicultural education. At issue is not just difference but disparity within and between societies as well—with views differing widely on the wisdom or necessity of confronting such potentially volatile matters. Besides, not only are the values that define our myriad cultures inherently ethnocentric, they affect our attitudes and actions in ways so deeply ingrained as to be largely subconscious, thus making us far less prepared to effectively negotiate cultural incompatibilities. And still the plot thickens, for as global markets, systems and information networks tighten, so too are local cultures, ethno-politics and grassroots networks often strengthened.

What, if anything, is all that to us here in Middle Tennessee? Are we not cross-culturally and internationally privileged? Do others not come to us to live and to be educated? Are we not leading the world economically, politically and professionally? Should we not concentrate on what it takes to be successful here? Besides, is English not the most powerful language ever? What if we saw no need to expand on a status quo that has hitherto stood us in good stead? What if we were comfortable and content with the way things are and did not want to be bothered?

Where social theorists struggle to conceptualize how and why societies are transforming, that they are dramatically changing everywhere—along vertical and horizontal axes of power and culture—is noncontroversial. The question is whether our awareness, our knowledge and our skills are keeping up, let alone staying ahead of things. This is not the place to expound on why, for example, most of the U.S. population is poised to be of color in little over a decade or why Western dominance stands soon to be eclipsed by developments in the East. It is the educational and professional implications that are pertinent.

In mass communication, for instance, the question is whether students in recording industry are gaining the skills with which to confront international copyright issues, open new foreign markets or anticipate hybrid cultural tastes in ways that preserve their marketability and perchance allow them to contribute to the future of the local music industry. Similarly, are those in electronic media communication developing what it takes to succeed in a market where international distribution, consumption and production—for instance, of digital animation—are unlikely to become any less global? As for journalism, how other than with the aid of sophisticated intercultural skills can those entrusted with communicating realities worldwide competently convey content? How else to report effectively on such current events as violent tribal politics in Kenya, ethno-religious tensions in Tibet or the election of an indigenous president in Bolivia—not to mention developments in Basque Country, Somalia, Myanmar, Kosovo, Darfur and myriad others around the world? Those who would argue that “all journalism is local” would do well to realize that whether one lives in Shanghai or Shelbyville, what was local a mere half-century ago has in fact become international. For instance, Hispanics have become Bedford County’s largest minority group, and students in Rutherford County schools now speak around 40 native languages.



Meyjes

With the support of successive deans, efforts have been made in the College of Mass Communication to rise to these challenges. During the 2007-08 academic year, its Internationalization Committee has been formulating a long-term strategy. This is needed, since issues in intercultural and international education cannot be adequately met by, for instance, hosting occasional events, however agreeable. Nor can they be addressed just by reacting to problems arising. Therefore, while promoting discussions among the faculty, co-developing plans for the integration of foreign students and working with those offering meetings on related topics, the committee has concerned itself with creating coherent conditions for a) the promotion of intercultural and international skills, awareness and experience on the part of the students and b) the continued development of pertinent practices and insights in curriculum, pedagogy, advising, advocacy and research on the part of faculty and administrators.

The opportunities for progress are as numerous as the challenges ahead. No doubt students will, in part, push developments ahead as they respond to cultural trends and market opportunities. There is no doubt, either, that MTSU’s College of Mass Communication can fulfill its societal mandate in the area of intercultural and international education. The question, after all, is not just one of individual growth, however personally empowering internationalization may be. The question is also one of education’s contributions to society, *i.e.*, to the ability of humanity to build a society as vibrant and prosperous as it is diverse. Indeed, it is on all these questions that the future of our tradition of excellence depends.

Dr. Gregory Paul P. Meyjes is currently serving as MTSU’s Underrepresented Minority Visiting Professor (intercultural education and internationalization), anchored in the Department of Elementary and Special Education and affiliated with the College of Mass Communication. Meyjes also is CEO of Solidaris Intercultural Services LLC (www.intersolidaris.com), a cultural consulting firm based in the Washington, D.C., area. He can be reached at 615-898-2687 or meyles@mtsu.edu.

SAE Formula Car revs up 2008 competition

from Staff Reports

The MTSU student team members of the SAE Formula Car, an applied undergraduate research project, completed the 2008 SAE Formula Competition in Alton, Va., with great success and accomplishments.

The Formula SAE is a formula-style race sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers, and 2008 was the MTSU team’s second year in competition. Because of strict guidelines on designing and building the open-wheeled racers, this competition is one of the most difficult. Entries are judged not only by their performance on the track but also by their technical and engineering innovation, with consideration given to project budget and timeline.

Teams also are required to show manufacturability of their concept and must prove their design on its merits before proving it on the track. Fifty-four teams registered to compete in the 2008 event, but only 28 qualified to participate. (If a car does not pass the technical inspection, it is disqualified from participating in any event.) MTSU’s car, fielded by a team comprising freshmen and sophomores, passed the technical inspection and participated in and completed all the events.

The team finished ninth place in the acceleration event and took eighth place in the endurance event. The student team members included Matt Bush, Michael Potts, Kevin Morrison, Randy Winston, Andres Valdes, Craig Beard, Ernesto Bustos, Jacob Gonzalez and Paxton Jones. Two individuals also critical to the 2008 Formula Car success, according to faculty adviser Dr. Saeed Foroudastan, were Scott Oetjen and J.T. Tapp, recent graduates who returned to oversee this year’s SAE Formula Car.

“We all would like to thank our sponsor, Mr. Jeff Lane of the Lane Motor



IN THE WINNERS’ CIRCLE—MTSU SAE Formula Car team members pause at the 2008 competition site. From left are Randy Winston, Andres Valdes, ETIS Director of Mechanical/Electromechanical Labs Rick Taylor, Paxton Jones, Jacob Gonzalez, Scott Oetjen and Matt Bush; seated is Michael Potts.

photo submitted

Museum, for his encouragement and support, as well as Dr. Gene Fitch and Jacqueline Victory for their support from the SGA (Student Government Association) Office,” Foroudastan said. “Our Engineering Technology and Industrial Studies faculty also helped to support the team, and Rick Taylor provided the team with expertise and guidance in the ETIS machine shop.

“Dr. Walter Boles, Dr. Charles Perry and Dean Thomas Cheatham of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences also provided encouragement and support,” Foroudastan added.

New associate VP for marketing, communications settles in

by Tom Tozer

After intermittent jaunts to MTSU from Mississippi Valley State University as a part-time employee over the last two months, Dr. Tonjanita L. Johnson has settled into her full-time position as associate vice president for marketing and communications at MTSU.

Johnson, who officially began her new post June 2, also will work with the Office of the President on executive communications. She previously served for seven years as executive assistant to the president/associate vice president for university relations at the MVSU campus in Itta Bena, Miss., and before that as the school's director of public relations.

"Tonja comes to us with great academic experience," said Joe Bales, vice president for development and university relations. "Her professional career at both the University of Alabama and Mississippi Valley State gives her the perspective of both large and small institutions that have to integrate their communications programs. Her private-sector background will help bring a business perspective to our daily operations."

"In her marketing and communications oversight role, Dr. Johnson will work to create more efficiency of time, effort and output among the various departments that disseminate information from MTSU," added President Sidney A. McPhee.

"We welcome her expertise in developing this kind of synergy to showcase the university in a positive and more comprehensive manner. I welcome her to MTSU and look forward to working with her."

Johnson said she wants to integrate the division's communication services to tell a more complete MTSU story.



Johnson

"We need to bring more consistency to our image in terms of how we promote ourselves locally, in the state and throughout the nation," she said. "It's about who we are and what we do. We all want to be promoting the same message."

"I want to make sure we're all aware of the institutional policies and procedures for our marketing campaigns," she continued.

"I want to make sure we're educating people on what those policies and procedures are and how they can get the most from their efforts."

While the "I'm One!" campaign features students first and foremost, she said she believes the faculty should be an integral part of that effort.

"I want to showcase the faculty and staff," Johnson said. "I want this to be an office where faculty members can come in and share ideas on our marketing and communication efforts."

"I'm mission-oriented. I think Dr. McPhee has a great vision for this institution, and everything we do in marketing and communications is going to be geared toward the mission and vision of MTSU. ... The key is to understand the priorities, goals and objectives of the university."

Coming from Mississippi, Johnson says she fully understands educational budget constraints. She wants to do a thorough review of the division's operations to determine if and where there may be duplication of time and energy, ultimately resulting in a more efficient process.

"Tonja gives us the opportunity to bring the entire university communications process under one umbrella," Bales noted. "We need to involve the entire campus in an effective marketing and branding campaign."

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," Johnson added. "One of the great things about being here is the fact that all the pieces are in place. I think we have an excellent staff, and I'm looking forward to working with them."

Johnson began her career at the University of Alabama as a *New York Times* Scholar and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from UA in mass communication. Later, she earned her doctorate in urban higher education from Jackson (Miss.) State University. Next month, she will attend the 2008 Institute for Education Management at Harvard University.

Pre-law major earns national grant for grad study

by Gina K. Logue

Gretchen Jenkins, a May 2008 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, received one of 40 Phi Kappa Phi Awards of Excellence to be used for graduate study. She was one of only 40 students from throughout the nation to be honored with the \$2,000 stipend; another 60 students received fellowships of \$5,000 each.

Jenkins, the daughter of Baxter and Sandra Jenkins of Lebanon, Tenn., plans to attend classes at New York Law School in Manhattan starting Aug. 18. She successfully defended her honors thesis on the First Amendment rights of students in April at MTSU.

"The U.S. Supreme Court has

never heard a case about college students' First Amendment rights," Jenkins said in a recent telephone interview from Auburn, Ala., where she was one of only 25 students from across the nation chosen to attend a women's leadership conference.

For her thesis, Jenkins used several appellate court decisions for creating criteria by which the high court could decide a First Amendment case involving college students.

Phi Kappa Phi is "the nation's oldest, largest and most selective honor society for all academic disciplines," according to its Web site at www.phikappaphi.org.

Jenkins credits Dr. John McDaniel, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and Dr. John Vile, chair of the Department of Political Science, with being the major influences on

her academic career at MTSU.

Vile says MTSU has had an impressive number of Phi Kappa Phi award-winners in recent years.

In 1999, Ryan Durham, a business major, received one of 50 Fellowship Awards (then for \$7,000); he went on to attend law school at the University of Tennessee.

In 2001, Natalie Woodward, a pre-law major, received an Award of Excellence (then for \$1,000); she pursued graduate work in political science before going on to law school at the University of Minnesota.

In 2002, Virginia Vile, a French and pre-law major, received one of 50 Fellowship Awards (then for \$8,000); Virginia earned her Juris Doctor and Master of Laws degrees at the College of William and Mary and Washington University.

In 2003, Eric Freundt, a biology major, received one of 50 Fellowship Awards; he became the first MTSU graduate to enroll at Oxford University under the National Institutes of Health Scholars in Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program.

In 2004, Andrea Walker, a RIM major, received one of 50 Fellowship Awards; she went to Vanderbilt University School of Law.

In 2006, Katie Crytzer, a pre-law major, received one of 50 Fellowship Awards; she is at the George Mason University School of Law, where she is on the law-review staff.

In 2007, Matthew Bullington, an economics major, received one of 60 Fellowship Award; he went to Vanderbilt for graduate study in law and medicine.

Physics and Astronomy taps interim chief

Henderson to lead department; plans to build on strengths

by Randy Weiler

Dr. Ron Henderson has been appointed to serve as interim chair in the Department of Physics and Astronomy for the 2008-09 academic year, Dr. Tom Cheatham, dean for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, announced May 28.

"He has mentored dozens of undergraduate research projects and taught a variety of different courses," Cheatham said of Henderson, who is an associate professor.

Henderson will fill the void left by the June 30 retirement of Dr. Robert Carlton.

"I am interested in technologies with applications in the creation of alternative white-light sources and the generation of electricity using solar



Henderson

power," Henderson said, adding that although research is an important part of his work, his passion remains in the classroom.

As interim chair, Henderson said he hopes to develop a program to train future middle- and high-school physics teachers.

Henderson also said he plans on building on the existing departmental strength in radiation physics, as well as investigating what role MTSU might play in servicing the growing nuclear-power industry.

He said he actively seeks to improve the classroom experience in a student-centered manner by introducing innovative but proven pedagogies and participating in discipline-specific workshops.

Henderson is a native of Martin, Tenn. He obtained a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Tennessee, a master's degree from Duke University and a doctorate from the University of Virginia before joining MTSU in 1996.



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Event dates, times and locations may change after press time. Please verify specifics when making plans.

TV Schedule

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

June 16

June 16-19
Blue Raider Baseball Day Camp
for boys ages 7 to 12
For information, visit
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June 18

June 18-19
CUSTOMS Orientation
Liberal arts, education and behavioral science, business and undeclared majors
For information, visit
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or contact: 615-898-5533.

June 18-22
Blue Raider Youth Tennis Camp II
for athletes ages five to 18
For information, visit
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June 21

June 21-22
Southeast Regional Limousin Show
Tennessee Livestock Center
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June 21-23
Kermit Davis Basketball Team Camp II
for boys’ high-school teams
For information, visit
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June 22

June 22-27
U.S.-Sino Workshop on Mathematics and Science Education
For information, e-mail
dmiller@mtsu.edu or contact:
615-898-2881.

Sunday, June 22
“MTSU On the Record—Pondillo on Film and God”
Guests: Dr. Bob Pondillo and David Lawrence
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available at
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June 23

June 23-28
American Ranch Horse Association World Championship Show
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
For information, please visit
www.americanranchhorse.net/2008worldshow.htm.

June 25

June 25-27
Blue Raider Strength and Conditioning Camp
for athletes ages 12 to 18
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June 25-28
Kermit Davis Basketball Camp
for kindergarten to 12th-grade boys
For information, visit
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or contact: 615-898-5228.

June 26

June 26-29
Murfreesboro Obedience Training Club Agility Trial
Tennessee Livestock Center
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motc@webtv.net.

June 27

June 27-29
Rick Insell “Elite” Basketball Camp
for seventh- to 12th-grade girls
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-5356.

Looking back



THE MORE THINGS CHANGE—Students wait in line in Murphy Center to register for classes in this photo from the early 1980s, when MTSU registration meant obtaining a computer punch card for each class and traveling through each level of Murphy Center to finally have tuition and fees tallied on an adding machine. The June edition of MTSU’s video magazine, “Middle Tennessee Record,” takes a look back at how student registration has evolved through the years. The program, a repeat of the October 2007 edition of “MTR,” airs on local Cable Channel 9 daily at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Sundays at 1:30 p.m. on NewsChannel5+, or anytime via www.mtsunews.com on YouTube.

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June 29

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“MTSU On the Record—Celebration Under the Stars”
Guests: Marlane Sewell, Jim Fanguy, Tom Sage and Birdie Donnell
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available at
www.mtsunews.com

Department’s Color Guard and singing of the national anthem by MTSU Associate Professor H. Stephen Smith, the Murfreesboro Symphony Orchestra will present a program of traditional patriotic tunes, rousing Sousa marches and inspirational classics. Dr. Raphael Bundage, professor in the MTSU School of Music, will conduct.

The fireworks display will light up the sky at 9 p.m.

Caution, parents!

Because there is construction on campus, some temporary fencing will be erected as a barrier to keep guests away from construction zones. Organizers are urging parents to keep a close eye on their youngsters during the celebration and keep them away from those construction areas.

Construction may affect traffic entrances

Guests should enter the campus via one of these designated entrances: Faulkinberry Drive off Middle Tennessee Boulevard, Champions Way off Greenland Drive, Alumni Drive off Rutherford Boulevard or north from East Main Street onto North Baird or Womack Lanes.

All other entrances on the east side of campus along Rutherford Boulevard will be closed.

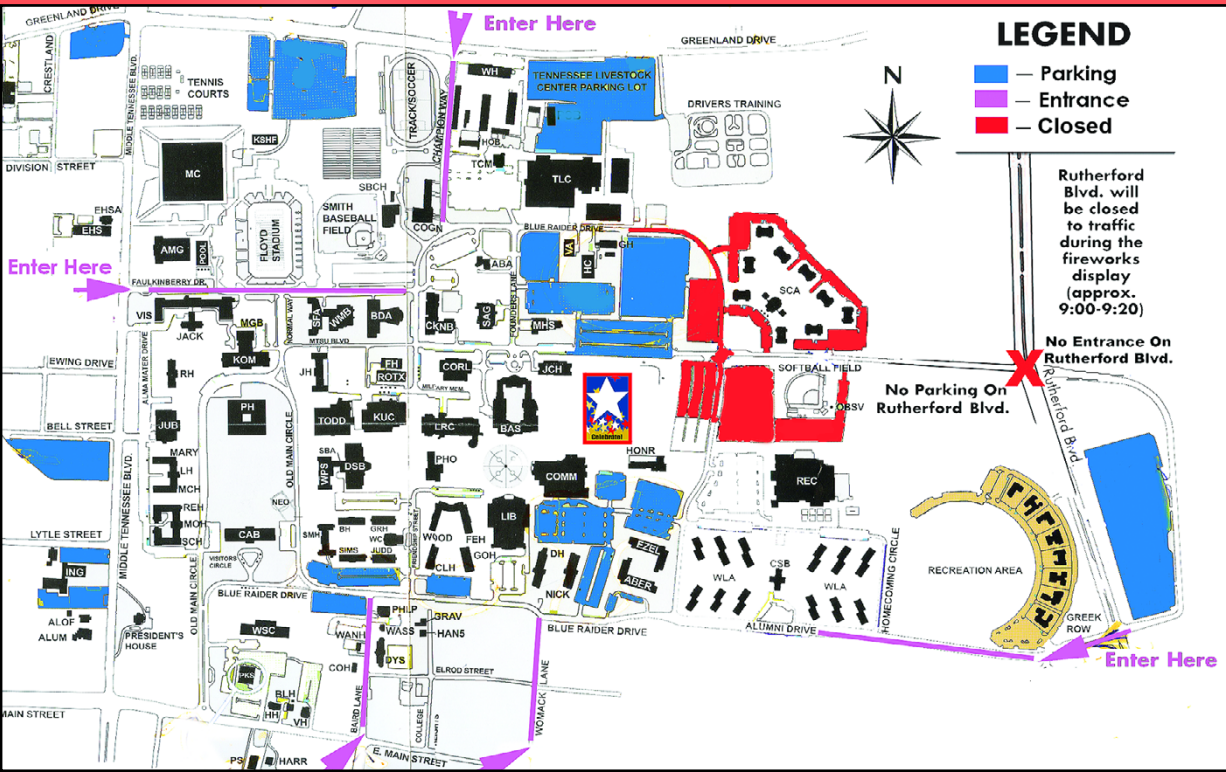
A section of Blue Raider Drive south of the Tennessee Livestock Center down to the Recreation Center will be closed to traffic.

Parking will not be permitted on Rutherford Boulevard. Parking also won’t be allowed in any lots at the corners of MTSU Boulevard and Blue Raider Drive, including lots adjacent to Scarlett Commons and the softball field.

The best parking on campus will be north (toward Greenland) and west (toward Middle Tennessee Boulevard) of the celebration site and also in the large lot on the east side of Rutherford Boulevard. The lots adjacent to the Recreation Center will be closed.

Handicapped parking will be available by entering campus from the south side heading north on Blue Raider Drive near the Recreation Center. By showing your permit, a staff person will direct you to the appropriate lot.

MTSU police and university personnel also



will be on duty to help guests find parking areas.

Guests should exit the way they enter

Rutherford Boulevard will close temporarily during the fireworks display and reopen as soon as the area has been cleared.

At the end of the evening, guests are asked to exit by the route they used to get to the celebration. All lots on the north (Greenland Drive) side of MTSU Boulevard will be directed to exit campus via Champion Way onto Greenland Drive or via Faulkinberry Drive to Middle Tennessee Boulevard.

All lots on the south (East Main Street) side of MTSU Boulevard will be directed to exit campus via Alumni Drive onto Rutherford Boulevard or via Womack or Baird Lanes or City View Drive onto East Main.

Safe and fun for everyone

For safety purposes, organizers are reminding everyone that pets, alcoholic 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.

Event sponsors include MTSU, *The Daily News Journal*, the City of Murfreesboro, Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation, Rutherford County Government and Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce. Symphony supporters include the City of Murfreesboro, SunTrust Bank, the Tennessee Arts Commission, Aquatic Critter and General Mills.

A special “Celebration Under the Stars” publication will be inserted in the July 3 *DNJ*.

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

www.tbr.state.tn.us.

In MTSU’s case, a proposed \$89 increase in the mandatory program services fee (currently at \$610 per semester) will include:

- a \$60 increase in the debt service fee to fund phase II of the new student center, approved by the TBR in June 2007;
- the previously mentioned \$25 athletic-fee increase to help fund gender-equity efforts, student scholarships and employee salaries and benefits; and
- a \$2 increase in both the health services and recreation center fees, which will fund plant costs, utilities and employee salaries and benefits.

If approved by the full TBR, the mandatory MTSU fee increase will generate another \$3.916 million annually.

Nonmandatory fee increase proposals for MTSU include a \$10- to \$50-per-hour change in the current \$65- to \$225-per hour flight instruction fee, a \$25-per-credit-hour addition to the current \$150- to \$300-per-credit-hour applied music fee, a new \$20-per-hour fee for art course materials and a new \$15-per-course concrete-management materials fee.

If approved by the board, taking both tuition and fees into account (except the \$60 phase II debt-service fee increase for the new student cen-

ter construction approved in June 2007), the average student’s bill would increase only 5.6 percent due to the low number of fee increases.

“The 6 percent tuition increase will not provide sufficient funds to fully cover the \$6.1 million state appropriation reduction, fixed cost increases and needed new initiatives,” said MTSU Senior Vice President John Cothorn, “so budget cuts will still be necessary and will have some significant effect on some university programs and activities. The university is committed, however, to protect as much as possible its core mission, which is academics and instructional activities.”

The full board will take action on the committee’s recommendations at its meeting on Thursday, June 26, at the TBR central office at 1415 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 350, in Nashville.

The meeting is set for 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and is open to the public and the press as observers; those planning to attend should notify Mary Morgan at 615-366-4414 to arrange clearance by building security. An agenda and meeting materials will be on the TBR Web site for download at a later date.

The Tennessee Board of Regents is the nation’s sixth-largest higher-education system, governing 45 post-secondary educational institutions.

the Longhorns ran into trouble on their closing holes and couldn’t overtake the Blue Raiders. Next on the list was Indiana, which also had pulled to within one shot, but the Hoosiers also were doomed on No. 18.

“The wait was tough, and then being at the course this morning and seeing all of it unfold made for some nervous moments,” said junior Chas Narramore, who finished strong at three-over on a day when the course was at its toughest due to extremely strong crosswinds.

“Once we knew we had made the cut, it was pretty exciting. To know you are playing on the final day of the national championship is something you always will remember. We were standing with the nation’s best on the final day; that’s pretty good.”

Freshman Jason Millard came up strong on the national stage, turning in a Top 20 finish with a 12-over 300 that tied him for 18th individually. He had moved to as high as sixth

during one point in the final round.

“I played pretty consistent this week, but I think I could have finished a little stronger,” Millard said. “This has been a great experience for all of us. We knew we were good enough to get to the national championships and we hung in there well for the most part this week. We had a chance to finish higher, but this is something we can build on for next year.”

Rick Cochran finished at 22-over 310 for the tournament and among the top half of the field tied for 55th.

Narramore overcame a tough week with his strong final round and was 23-over for the tournament, good for a tie for 60th.

Sophomore Kent Bulle tied for 69th at 26-over, and senior Nick Bailes concluded his career in style with his five-over 77 counting on the final day of the national championship. He was 28-over for the tournament and tied for 71st. His even-par 72 in the second round tied for Middle Tennessee’s low round of the tournament.



Translators aid U.S.-Sino workshop communications

by Randy Weiler

Mathematical sciences professor Xiaoya Zha and management and marketing associate professor Jinfeng Yue share a common thread in their roles as translators for the June 22-27 U.S.-Sino Workshop on Mathematics and Science Education.

Co-hosted by MTSU and Northwest Normal University in Lanzhou, People’s Republic of China, the invitation-only workshop will have the central theme of “Identifying Common Priorities that Promote Collaborative Research.”

“Every Chinese faculty member here feels obligated (to help),” Zha said.

“It is my honor and my duty to help the progress in this conference,” Yue added.

Obviously, when you merge 50 Chinese higher-education people with 75 from the United States—and math and science are the subject matters—communication could be a problem.

That’s where Zha, Yue and a dozen or so faculty members and students enter the picture. They will serve as translators.

Yue even wants to enlist the services of his son David, 10, and daughter Cynthia, 7.

“Both speak both languages,” Yue said. “They can help and learn from a conference. This opportunity will give them an impression of how the whole conference is running.”

“This is a very important event for both co-hosting universities and both countries that is being partially funded by the National Science Foundation,” said Dr. Diane Miller, interim vice provost for academic affairs and MTSU co-chair for the U.S.-

Sino workshop along with Northwest Normal Vice President Deng Hualing.

“While the workshop’s language will be English, organizers realize that the visiting Chinese scholars will have varying degrees of proficiency in English. The volunteers will help ensure that the Chinese scholars can fully participate in and benefit from all meetings and events.”

In addition to Zha and Yue, who hold doctorates from Ohio State and Washington State University, respectively, Miller said other faculty members have volunteered to serve as translators and to transport Chinese participants from and to the airport in Nashville. They are Drs. Wandi Ding, Dong Hong and Liping Zhang (math); Chong Chen and Yang Zhifu (engineering technology); Amy Xia and Thomas Li-Ping Tang (management and marketing); and Zhijiang Dong (computer science).

Miller said two graduate students, Jia “Grace” Xiaohua and Rong Wang, also are helping her with the project and arranging for a few Chinese students to offer their expertise during the week.

Zha said he is glad to see this math-science collaboration between MTSU and this university from his native country.

“MTSU is doing so much more with undergraduate research, starting Ph.D. programs and the promotion of the research,” he said. “The research level is certainly different than 10 years ago. It has provided many opportunities for faculty to develop themselves. This (collaboration) is purely international. It’s kind of unique.”

Yue said collaborations like this could enhance exchange programs.

“We could exchange faculty and students, and they also could send faculty to MTSU,” he said. “In

business programs, we’re also looking for opportunities for joint programs in China so we can bring our MBA experience to China.”

Grad student Xiaohua will bring familiarity to the workshop. The math education major is an exchange student from Northwest Normal.

“I will be a contact to the Chinese participants, providing workshop information to them and helping them get to MTSU successfully,” said Xiaophua, who added that she knows eight Chinese faculty, including her major director, making the trip. “I will be more involved while the Chinese group is here that entire week.”

Xiaophua said she will return to China in August and hopes to graduate from NNU in December before embarking on a teaching career.

The opening gala dinner will be held in the James Union Building’s Tennessee Room at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 22. U.S. Congressman Bart Gordon, an MTSU alumnus, will deliver the opening address.

During the week, four plenary lectures and 48 topic session papers will be given by scholars from both nations. Miller said participants will be divided into working groups to identify common priorities promoting collaborative research.

The event is being funded by the National Science Foundation, Texas Instruments and MTSU’s Offices of the President, Executive Vice President and Provost, Vice Provost for Research, the Colleges of Basic and Applied Sciences and Education and Behavioral Science, the Department of Mathematical Sciences, the McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, the Tennessee Mathematics, Science and Technology Education Center, and Paul W. Martin Jr.

Division’s work garners acclaim from statewide PR association

MTSU’s Division of Development and University Relations recently brought home seven awards from the Tennessee College Public Relations Association conference at the University of Memphis.

The Office of Publications and Graphics received Silver Awards in the “Reports” and “Print Ads” categories and a Bronze Award in the “College Viewbook” category.

The Office of Marketing Communications received a Silver Award in the “Radio Ad” category and shared credit for the “Print Ads” award.

The Office of News and Public Affairs received a Silver Award in the “Media Success Story” category for “Filling Empty Bookshelves”; a Silver Award in the “Radio/TV Show or Newscast” category for “Convergence Journalism: Media Relations-Meets-Student Learning,” which was a segment in the January 2008 “Middle Tennessee Record” TV program that was created, written and produced by NPA and the fall 2007 JOUR 2710 students; and a Bronze Award in the same category for the radio program “MTSU On the Record: Safety and Sanity.”

Senior nontraditional student receives journalism scholarship

MTSU senior Laura Raines of Murfreesboro recently was chosen as the 2008 recipient of the Lisa L. Rollins Journalism Scholarship, which is presented annually to a nontraditional student majoring in mass communication with an emphasis in news-editorial, magazine, electronic media, public relations or media design/graphics.

Raines, 22, received the \$500 award during the College of Mass Communication’s 15th Annual Student Awards ceremony. A native of Cleveland, Tenn., Raines received her GED before enrolling in MTSU’s mass communication program.

During the fall and spring semesters, she is employed by ARAMARK Food Services.

“(The) Lisa L. Rollins Journalism Scholarship ... allows students like me, with a family, financial assistance for college,” Raines said. “(With this scholarship), I will be able to do an internship this summer!”

Rollins, who serves as a part-time journalism professor and as director of special media projects for the Office of News and Public Affairs, established the scholarship in 2004 to assist journalism majors, especially nontraditional learners.

It’s football season-ticket time again in Middle Tennessee

MTSU football season is just around the corner, so don’t miss out on every Blue Raider touchdown and tackle.

All regular MTSU employees are eligible for the discounted season tickets. MTSU employees may use payroll deduction to pay for season tickets.

That means that reserved sideline season tickets, regularly \$90 each, will be \$65 each for employees. General admission tickets, which regularly cost \$65 each, are only \$50 for employees. And a Family Fun Zone ticket, which includes a concession coupon booklet, is only \$90 for employees.

Nonemployees can buy season tickets at the following prices:

- reserved sideline tickets, \$90 per person;

- general admission tickets, \$65 per person; and
 - Family Fun Zone tickets (including a concession coupon booklet), \$90 per person.
- If you are a current season ticket holder and renew by Wednesday, June 18, you will receive one complimentary concession coupon booklet.
- And under the new “ADD ONE Campaign,” if you add one new season ticket or are becoming a new season-ticket holder, you will receive the official BLACK OUT T-shirt and a MTSU car flag.
- For tickets, call the MTSU Ticket Office at 615-898-2103 or renew online at www.goblueraiders.com. For more information, contact the marketing office at 615-898-5322.

The Blue Raiders’ 2008 football schedule is ready to roll! Clip and save this handy listing; home games are in **BOLD** and Sun Belt Conference games are starred.



2008 MT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 28 TROY (ESPN Regional)	Nov. 8 LOUISIANA-MONROE (Homecoming)*
Sept. 6 MARYLAND (KidFEST)	Nov. 15 at Western Kentucky
Sept. 13 at Kentucky	Nov. 22 NORTH TEXAS
Sept. 20 at Arkansas State*	(Annual Salute to Armed Services/Veterans)*
Sept. 30 FLORIDA ATLANTIC* (ESPN2; “Black-Out” night)	
Oct. 11 at Florida International*	Dec. 3 at Louisiana-Lafayette* (ESPN Regional)
Oct. 18 at Louisville	Dec. 19 New Orleans Bowl (ESPN2)
Oct. 25 at Mississippi State	

Citizens offer more stories of town’s 1927 trauma for researchers’ ongoing work

by John C. Lynch

Ask anyone in Tombstone, Ariz., about the incident at the O.K. Corral on Oct. 26, 1881, and most will be able to tell you about the shootout that killed three men. Ask a similar question of folks from South Pittsburg, Tenn., about what happened in their town on Christmas night 1927, and you’re likely to get some puzzled looks.

Dr. Barbara Haskew, MTSU professor of economics and director of the Tennessee Center for Labor Management Relations, and Dr. Bob Jones, professor of history, have been researching the events that led up to that deadly shootout more than 80 years ago.

They published their initial research in the winter 2004 *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* and have continued their work by interviewing people in the region who have family memories and stories about the incident.

On May 18, they visited the South Pittsburg Senior Citizen Activity Center to facilitate the collection and recording of several of the stories so that they can become a part of the record for future generations. These recordings and other materials will be preserved at MTSU’s Albert Gore Sr. Research Center.



TELL US MORE—Drs. Bob Jones, left, and Barbara Haskew talk with Bob Hookey about family recollections of the South Pittsburg, Tenn., 1927 shootout.

photo by News and Public Affairs

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1927.

PRICE: THREE CENTS FIVE CENTS ON TRAINS to Chattanooga. and outside Chattanooga.

QUIET REIGNS AS TROOPS PATROL STREETS OF SOUTH PITTSBURG; HOME OF MAYOR UNDER GUARD

FIGHT OVER NEW SHERIFF Friends of "Uncle Wash" Coppinger Favor His Son for Office.

JOHN ADAM RAULSTON CONTENDER FOR POSITION

South Pittsburg Council Will Attempt to Control Appointment—Turner Coppinger Says Phone Call Lured Father to Scene of Fatal Battle.

By Staff Correspondent. JASPER, Tenn., Dec. 26.—Sequel to the Christmas day battle at South Pittsburg, in which six officers of the law lost their lives, a battle of ballots, in which a new sheriff of Marion county will be chosen, will be fought out when the county court meets in regular session here next Monday.

Sunday's tragedy, the culmination of a feud of long standing between the

CURFEW RUNG AT 8 O'CLOCK

By Staff Correspondent. SOUTH PITTSBURG, Tenn., Dec. 26.—Troops of the Tennessee National Guard, under Lieut-Col. A. W. Buchholz, patrolled the streets of South Pittsburg today and, no matter how much of the hatred which produced last night's tragedy was still smoldering, ready to burst into flame, there was an outward semblance of quiet. The troops moved up and down the streets, two and two, and the people with outward appearance of cordiality entered into the spirit of "moving on" without chance to gather in crowds to form for further attacks.

MACHINE GUN MOUNTED

People Believe Presence of Guard Averted Further Bloodshed.

CONNER'S DEATH MAKES TOTAL CASUALTIES SIX

City Faction Says Attack Was Carefully Planned by Coppinger and Associates—Meeting Today to Discuss Troops' Length of Stay.

TALE OF TERROR—The front page of the *Chattanooga Daily Times* two days after Christmas 1927 details the South Pittsburg, Tenn., shootout in the wake of a longstanding labor dispute. Although the story received worldwide attention for a few days, it quickly faded from the headlines, unlike the 24-hour news coverage common today.

photo by News and Public Affairs

Vile ‘looks forward to challenge’ as honors dean

by Randy Weiler

Dr. John Vile has been named dean of the University Honors College, Dr. Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost, announced in late May. Vile previously served 19 years as political science chair.

“He is an exemplary academic, an involved university and community citizen, and a man with a wonderful laugh,” Gebert said of Vile, who takes the reins July 1. “Dr. Vile will be an exceptional honors dean, and we are delighted to welcome him to this new role.”

“John Vile is an internationally recognized constitutional scholar who also takes time to advise CUSTOMS students for freshman registration,” Gebert added. “Dr. Vile also chaired the recently revised University Academic Master Plan.”

Vile replaces Dr. Phil Mathis, who will retire June 30. Vile was selected after a national search. Dr. Clyde Willis was named political science interim chair.

“I’m really looking forward to the challenge of this job,” Vile said of becoming the third dean and fifth director in the program. “I directed an honors thesis this year and am looking forward to working with students on a one-to-one basis.

“I’ve always had an open-door policy in political science that I plan to take with me to the

Honors College. I believe that my experience as a department chair will help me in interacting with the departments that supply the faculty for the Honors College.

“MTSU’s is the first public honors college in the state, and it attracts quality students like those I already am used to getting in my pre-law and mock-trial classes,” Vile added. “I think I’ve known each of the previous chairs and deans (Drs. June McCash, Ron Messier, John Paul Montgomery and Phil Mathis). Each has been the kind of scholar-teacher that I myself aspire to be.”

Vile

seek outside support at a time when state budgets are tight,” Vile said. “Dr. Mathis has put together an extraordinary advisory board. I already know some of the members and am looking forward to meeting the others.”

Vile earned his bachelor’s degree from the College of William and Mary in 1973 and his doc-

torate from the University of Virginia in 1977.

“I was in the honors program when I was an undergraduate at the College of William and Mary,” he said. “My daughter (Virginia) participated in the program here (and was named Honors College Most Outstanding Senior). Both my daughters went to public universities, and I am looking forward to explaining to other students what a bargain an honors education can be.”

Vile admits he has 19 years of emotional attachment to his political science chair’s job in Peck Hall.

“I told Dr. John McDaniel (College of Liberal Arts dean) that when I’m buried, I may be like (explorer) David Livingstone—my heart might have to be buried near the (political science) department. I’ve formed some extraordinary friendships with students, faculty and administrators and look forward to forming many more in the Honors College.”

Vile has worked with Willis and Dr. Tom VanDervort in coaching MTSU mock-trial teams. They have placed in the top 10 nationally for 11 years, and their students have won numerous individual awards.

Vile and his wife, Linda, who teaches kindergarten at Stewartsboro Elementary School in Smyrna, live in Murfreesboro.

The honors program began in 1973 and became a college in 1998.

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MT Abroad leaders taking off for new horizons

by Gina K. Logue

MTSU will look to fill two positions in the MT Abroad office this summer: Jennifer Campbell, director of MT Abroad, departed May 30, and Brandon Fisher, coordinator, will leave in August.

Campbell was slated to assume the job of director of study abroad at her alma mater, Rollins College, in Winter Park, Fla., starting June 2. Fisher, an MTSU graduate who is pursuing a master’s degree in educational leadership, will teach English in France after 2 ½ years as the office coordinator.

“We’re going to miss Jennifer tremendously, because she’s been essential to developing a lot of the policies and procedures that give us an infrastructure for running what is becoming a pretty large program,” says Dr. Anne Sloan, assistant to the executive vice president and provost for international education.

During Campbell’s nearly six-year tenure, all of MTSU’s study-abroad opportunities, including those available through consortiums, exchange and faculty-led programs, were centralized in the MT Abroad office so that students can access all programs from a single source.

Under Campbell’s guidance, MTSU has sent more college students abroad than any other Tennessee Board of Regents institution. And although she says she did not accomplish it alone, Campbell maintains she is most satisfied with the establishment of a pool of funding for worthy students.

“It has taken five years to get here, but we finally have a study-abroad scholarship,” she says. “I think a university MTSU’s size could easily send 500 or 600 (students out of the country), and I would have liked to have seen us get to that point. ... I think once the scholarship word gets out to the students, you’re going to see things open up here at MTSU. You’re going to see things just soar.”

Sloan says the MT Abroad office is responsible for the education and safety of sometimes close to 300 students around the globe at any given time, including athletic teams and students who travel under the auspices of the Recreation Center. If anything, she says, its mission has become more and more important over time.



ON HER WAY—Departing MT Abroad Director Jennifer Campbell happily points toward her new destination, Winter Park, Fla., as her career path takes her back to her alma mater, Rollins College. Campbell has served students and faculty in MTSU’s study-abroad program for nearly six years.

photo by News and Public Affairs

“We need to have more students who have interacted with cultures other than their own to prepare them for the marketplace of the 21st century,” Sloan says. “It’s no longer some little extra educational enhancement. Nationally, it has become more and more part of the educational mainstream.”

Campbell says she remains confident that international education will remain a strong priority at MTSU.

“There’s a campus here that really believes in study abroad, puts their money where their mouth is and really supports international growth on this campus,” she says.

For more information about study abroad opportunities at MTSU, contact the MT Abroad office at 615-898-5179 or go to www.mtsu.edu/~mtabroad.



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Faculty/Staff Update

Appointments

Dr. Don Hong (mathematical sciences) was recently invited to serve as a peer reviewer for Small Business Innovation Research Concept Proposal for Lytmos Group, Inc.

Conferences

Dr. Allen Hibbard (English, Middle East Center director) gave a keynote address at the Fourth International Conference in Tangier, Morocco, “Borders, Beats & Beyond,” held May 16-19. Hibbard was on the organizing committee for the conference, and MTSU’s Middle East Center was an official sponsor of the event.

A proposal by **Dr. John Omachonu** (mass communication), “Media Concentration and Minority Ownership: Intersection of Ellul and Habermas,” was one of 10 selected (in a blind review process) from a national pool of 30 for the 2008 University of Colorado Colloquium on Media Ethics & Economics, scheduled for Sept. 15-17. Omachonu will be mentoring a doctoral student from the University of Illinois as co-author, and completed papers will be published in a special issue of the *Journal of Mass Media Ethics*.

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Passages

Archie Sullivan, former director of safety for the Office of Campus Planning, passed away May 28. Mr. Sullivan was employed by MTSU from July 1, 1966, until his retirement on April 1, 1982.

Presentations

Dr. Hilary Stallings (liberal arts), **Dr. Watson Harris** (provost’s office) and **Jean Nagy** (art) presented “The Ugly Truth: An Academician’s Reflection on the Punch List” at the 2008 Annual NoName Facilities Conference at Pennsylvania State University May 12.

Publications

Drs. Gary Wulfsberg and **Preston MacDougall** (chemistry), along with undergraduates **Rachell Briggs** and Goldwater Scholar **Taylor Barnes** and colleagues at Colorado State University and the Russian

Academy of Sciences, have published an article, “Silver Dichloroacetate: A Compound with Weak Ag-Cl Bonding Interactions and An Extraordinary Range of 35Cl NQR Frequencies,” in the international journal *Inorganica Chimica Acta* (Volume 361, pages 2471-2482 (2008)).

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