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TOMORROW, THE WORLD!—Unity School sixth-graders Daniel Pearson, front, and Kohler Smallwood of Petersburg, Tenn., demonstrate their invention, the hands-free Biologically Helpful Book Turner, during the 2010 Invention Convention Feb. 25 in Murphy Center. The 18th annual event welcomed 400 fourth- through sixth-graders from across middle Tennessee for a fun morning of sharing creations in one of two categories: “Games” or “Something to Make Life Easier.”

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What's g% d 4 U? March of Dimes, MTSU teaming for text project

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The March of Dimes Tennessee Chapter has awarded a grant to the Tennessee Folic Acid Council to support “Did U know what’s g% d 4 U is good 4 UR future baby?”, a campaign utilizing text messaging and Web technology to educate college women on important lifestyle issues.

The project is geared toward young women attending MTSU who come from all parts of the state. They will learn about the importance of folic acid and birth-defects prevention and abstaining from alcohol and tobacco, as well as maintaining a healthy lifestyle to reduce the risk of developing diabetes, obesity and other chronic health conditions. Peer-directed educational activities will include a text-messaging campaign and other online educational tools.

“We will use the March of Dimes

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Summer Reading '10: *Outcasts United*

Incoming freshmen—and the rest of the campus community—will be diving into *Outcasts United* by Warren St. John as the 2010 Summer Reading Selection.

The national best-seller chronicles the impromptu social experiment created when a small Southern town became a center for refugee relocation and one woman attempted to change lives through soccer.

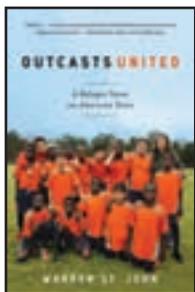
“It has much to teach us about how to live in an age of globalization when our neighbors may not look like or live like we do,” said Dr. Laurie Witherow, director of MTSU’s Academic Support Center, which sponsors the annual

reading program. “I trust it will resonate with our newest students, who are themselves transitioning into a new community.”

MTSU’s Summer Reading Program, created in 2002, aims to provide a unifying experience for entering freshmen, give them a chance to read and interact with acclaimed authors and affirm the importance of reading for a successful and fulfilling life. Incoming freshmen are expected to read the book before fall classes start on

Saturday, Aug. 28, and all University 1010 classes will discuss the selection.

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Spring enrollment up 1,100+

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MTSU’s preliminary spring enrollment total of 23,653 students is a 5 percent increase from January 2009, when 22,516 students were registered and taking classes, said Sherian Huddleston, the university’s associate vice provost for enrollment services.

Numbers supplied from the Records Office show an overall increase of 1,137 students. After the 14-day census period that ended Jan. 27, Huddleston said MTSU’s head count totals were submitted to the Tennessee Board of Regents.

“We’re very pleased that Tennessee students and their families continue to see MTSU as their best choice for pursuing a college degree,” said Dr. Debra Sells, vice provost for enrollment services and vice president for student affairs. “It’s our commitment to continue to provide these students with the very highest-quality academic programs, the most talented faculty and the best support services available in the state.”

In specific areas such as total graduate population, MTSU’s College of Graduate Studies has a 5.9 percent increase from spring

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MTSU TEAMS WITH PREDS

The Nashville Predators are offering special ticket prices to the MTSU community for Thursday home games in March and April.

MTSU Nights are March 18 vs. Minnesota, March 25 vs. Phoenix and April 1 vs. St. Louis. All games begin at 7 p.m. at the Bridgestone Arena. Tickets are \$30 for lower-bowl seats and \$15 for upper-bowl seats. For information, call 615-770-2115.



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BERC earning national attention for economic studies

by Tom Tozer
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The Business and Economic Research Center at MTSU is putting the university and the region on the national map because of the studies conducted by its director, Dr. David Penn, and assistant director Dr. Murat Arik.

The BERC recently released an underemployment survey in the Tullahoma area that attracted the attention of the New York-based "Dan Rather Reports."

The show's producer and crew visited the Career Center in Tullahoma and conducted interviews with six unemployed individuals in the area, then came to MTSU to inter-

view Arik, the author of the survey. The segment was broadcast in February over HDNet.

"It is obvious that our underemployment survey has gained national attention both through *The New York Times* and this television documentary," Ted Hackney, director of the Coffee County Industrial Board, said in an e-mail to board members and the BERC.

Arik also conducted an analysis in late 2009 of Dyer, Lake and Obion counties in the northwest corner of Tennessee to explore the impact of the development of the Port of Cates Landing.

If funding becomes available,

Cates Landing's proposed transportation system will connect area businesses to the Mississippi River, the Canadian National Railroad via the Tenn-Ken Railroad, and local and state highway networks. In his two-month study, Arik determined that the project could reduce the poverty rate in that area of the state by 50 percent.

MTSU's BERC, which is part of the Jennings A. Jones College of Business, provides updated and searchable local economic indicators in easy-to-use formats and publishes the *Tennessee Housing Market Brief*, *Tennessee's Business*, *Midstate Economic Indicators* and *Global Commerce*. In 2008-09, the BERC made 13 presenta-

tions to various organizations and agencies, conducted nearly 60 media interviews and co-sponsored the annual Economic Outlook Conference.

The center also conducted several contracted analyses, including a health care analysis for the United Southern and Eastern Tribes, an industrial-cluster analysis for the Middle Tennessee Industrial Association and a Maury County strategic analysis and call-center workforce supply-and-demand study. In addition, director Penn teaches a course on campus on environmental and natural resource economics.

For more information on the BERC, visit www.mtsu.edu/~berc or call the center at 615-898-2610.



There's a WORLD OF CONCRETE out there

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Associate Professor Heather Brown had a relatively easy task rounding up 24 concrete-industry management seniors to attend the annual World of Concrete event, also known as WOC, in Las Vegas.

The WOC, held Feb. 1-5, is the industry's only annual international event devoted to commercial construction industries. This year's event saw more than 70,000 people and 1,500 exhibitors in attendance from across the United States. Brown, who is director of the concrete-industry management program at MTSU, said this is her ninth year taking students to the elite and worthwhile function.

At WOC, she said, students get an opportunity to attend seminars and exhibits, work in booths relating to their industries of interest and participate in hands-on projects that are completed near the end of WOC. Commercial contractors, concrete contractors, architects, rental-equipment centers and pipe and block producers are just a few of the industry professionals who attend the event.

This year, the lasting design was a replica of the World Trade Towers from Sept. 11.

"This was the best moment for me because the entire presentation was so emotional," Brown said.

WOC draws concrete and masonry industries' key people from around the world, she noted.

"This is a time where industry suppliers, technologically inclined people and innovators [get an opportunity to] display their passion for this business," Brown said, noting that WOC provides her students with a chance to network and find new ways to sustain the growth of companies.

"I have always liked rocks and dirt, and (I) love construction," Brown



ROCK SOLID—MTSU concrete-industry management students pause for photos at the recent World of Concrete event in Las Vegas. At left, Matthew Gerdes, Kelly Cloud and Trevor Hartz worked on the Sept. 11 memorial decorative project with Chico State CIM students. In back, Ryan Frost, Andy Steffen, Marshall McDade and Devin Leach also represented MTSU's program at the WOC. In the photo above, MTSU students pose with the CIM truck that was donated for the CIM auction at WOC. From left are Andrew Beaty, Tom Dietrich, Ervin Bradley, Aaron Bruback, Jordan Owen and Hunter Wallace.

photos submitted

said. "Even though my students might start off as plant managers in a small lab, they seem to always land a huge job after graduation because someone is always wanting something built."

Army ROTC plans fundraising golf tournament March 21

MTSU's Army ROTC is teeing off for the Blue Raider Golf Tournament, set Sunday, March 21, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start at Old Fort Golf Course in Murfreesboro.

"This is a fundraising tournament to support the Army ROTC program at MTSU," said organizer Maj. Chuck Giles. "We are expecting a great turnout and are excited about this opportunity to reach out to the community and establish some great relationships."

Registration cost is \$55 per person, which includes prizes and food. Each team should consist

Tournament info @ a glance

What: Army ROTC Golf Tournament
When: Sunday, March 21; 8 a.m. shotgun start
Cost: \$55 per person
Sign-up deadline: Sunday, March 14
For more info: call 615-898-2470 or 615-593-1306

of four players, and teams must sign up no later than Sunday, March 14.

Sign-up information must include the team captain's name, e-mail address and phone number

and the names of the three other team members.

Registration checks (made payable to Crossed Sabers) should be delivered to Nancy Garner in the Department of Military Science in Forrest Hall or mailed to MTSU Box 52. Teams should call Garner at 615-898-2470 to ensure that payments have been received.

Teams needing additional players may contact Cadet Bradley Christmas at 615-593-1306 or 898-2470 to arrange for a cadet to finish the team.

For more information, contact Christmas at the numbers above.

Presidents' Day open house



COME ON IN!—University Honors College leaders, students, faculty and guests celebrate the college's first President's Day Open House, an opportunity for prospective students and their families to see their potential new home firsthand. More than 200 people braved wintry conditions Feb. 15 to attend events from noon until 4 p.m. in the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building. In the top photo, Corey Smith, center, of Dyersburg High School, a prospective Buchanan Fellow, poses with honors adviser Laura Clippard, Dean John R. Vile, MTSU freshman Buchanan Fellow Celia Gendron and junior Buchanan Fellow Jordan Cox in the lobby of the Honors Building. In the photo above left, Clippard assists prospective Buchanan Fellow Amanda Scott with questions about MTSU and the Honors College. Scott, a senior at Brentwood High School, was one of about 60 prospective students, who, along with many parents and siblings, attended the open-house event. And in the photo above right, Vile talks with prospective students and siblings Ben Stevens, center, and Zach Stevens of Blackman High School about the benefits of the Honors College. Vile said he was pleased with the turnout for the event, which many high schoolers could attend because their schools were closed for the holiday, and said the college will continue the open house in the future.

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National Women's History Month looks to future, past

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"History, Change and the Future" is the theme of the 2010 National Women's History Month celebration at MTSU with conversation, scholarship and a national headliner on the agenda.

Gracing the button worn by NWHM champions this year is feminist Gloria Steinem, who delivered the keynote address on Tuesday, March 2. That lecture was followed by "Women During World War II," a presentation by Drs. Jan Leone and Nancy Rupprecht of the Department of History, on March 4.

During MTSU's annual Scholars

Week, March 22-26, the Women's Studies Program will concentrate on "Celebrating Women as Scholars."

Faculty and student panels will tackle a different topic each day, culminating in the Women's Studies Research Series lecture "Daring Girls, Sensitive Boys and Everything In Between: Teaching Gender Construction in Children's Literature" by Dr. Jennifer Marchant, associate professor of English, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, in Room 100 of the James Union Building.

Dr. Diana Bilimoria, professor of organizational behavior at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, will deliver a lecture at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 29, in the Monohan Hall classroom. She'll also guide a student workshop at 3 p.m.

on Tuesday, March 30, in Room N109 of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building.

Bilimoria served as a co-principal investigator on a five-year ADVANCE award from the National Science Foundation to advance women faculty in the sciences and engineering from 2003 to 2008. Her executive education and teaching activities focus on executive leadership, emotional intelligence, and gender, diversity and inclusion in organizations.

National Women's History Month activities extend into April with "Safety Awareness Day" slated for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, on the Keathley University Center knoll.

The Women's Studies Research Series lectures will conclude with

"That's not a beer bong, it's a breast pump!": Representations of Breast-Feeding in Prime-Time Fictional Television" by Dr. Katherine Foss, assistant professor of journalism, from 3 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, in the SunTrust Room (N127) of the Business and Aerospace Building.

On Tuesday, April 20, members of the campus community will be encouraged to wear red in observance of "Equity Pay Day" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the KUC knoll. The color symbolizes how women and minorities are still "in the red" due to inequitable wages and salaries.

For a complete calendar of events and more details, go to www.mtsu.edu/jawc/nwhm.shtml or call the June Anderson Women's Center at 615-898-2193.

Campus Calendar

March 8-21, 2010

Please note:

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.
Visit www.mtsunews.com
for other cable-outlet airtimes
or www.youtube.com/mtsunews
for a complete show archive.

Radio Schedule

"MTSU On the Record"
8 a.m. Sundays,
WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcasts available
anytime at
www.mtsunews.com.



March 8

March 8-11
MTSBOA Concert Band Assessment
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2493.

March 8-14
Spring Break
No classes; university offices
open March 8-11.

Monday, March 8
Educause Webinar:
"Team-Based Learning"
Noon-1 p.m., Room 475,
Walker Library
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/ltanditc/events.shtml
or contact: 615-494-7671.

March 9

Tuesday, March 9
2010 American College Dance Festival Association's Southeast Conference Gala Dance Concert
2 p.m., Tucker Theatre
Tickets: \$10 general admission,
\$5 for faculty and students
with valid MTSU ID
For information, contact:
615-904-8392.

March 10

March 10-13
TSSAA Girls' State Basketball Championships
Murphy Center
For information, visit
www.tssaa.org or contact:
615-889-6740.

Wednesday, March 10
Tornado Siren Test Date
(no action needed)
11:15 a.m., campuswide
For information, contact:
615-898-2424.

MT Baseball vs. Tennessee
3 p.m., Reese Smith Jr. Field
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

March 12

March 12-14
MT Baseball vs. Louisiana-Monroe
6 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. Saturday,
1 p.m. Sunday
Reese Smith Jr. Field
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

Friday, March 12
University holiday
All university offices closed.

March 14

Sunday, March 14
Daylight Savings Time begins
Set clocks ahead one hour.

March 15

Monday, March 15
Spring Honors Lecture Series:
Dr. Clyde Willis, "It is Easier to Torture the 'Others'"
3-3:55 p.m., Room 106, Honors
Amphitheatre
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/~honors
or contact: 615-898-2152.

Faculty Senate Meeting
4:30 p.m., Room 100, James
Union Building
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/facultysenate
or contact: 615-898-2582.

Noteworthy Duo:
Lisa Schroeder, flute, and Michael Nigro, guitar
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2493.

March 16

Tuesday, March 16
MT Softball vs. Evansville
1 p.m., Blue Raider Field
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

Faculty Recital:
Karla Grove, piano;
Todd Waldecker, clarinet; and Christine Isley-Farmer, soprano
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

March 17

March 17-20
TSSAA Boys' State Basketball Championships
Murphy Center
For information, visit
www.tssaa.org or contact:
615-889-6740.

Wednesday, March 17
Guest Violin Recital:
Frederieke Saeijs
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

March 18

Thursday, March 18
Duo Elegancia:
Jessica Dunnivant, flute, and Paula Van Goes, saxophone
6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

Faculty Recital:
Christine Poythress, soprano, and Joseph Walker, piano
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

March 19

Friday, March 19
eLearning Workshop:
Brenda Kerr, "Social Networking Tools for Teaching and Learning"
2:30-4 p.m., JUB 100
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/ltanditc/events.shtml
or contact: 615-494-7671.

March 20

Saturday, March 20
"The Legacy of Stones River: Why They Fought" Symposium
co-sponsored by MTSU's
Department of History and the
Center for Historic Preservation
8 a.m.-4 p.m., Rutherford

County Courthouse and
Stones River Battlefield
Registration: \$10 per person
For information, visit
www.tncivilwar.org
or contact: 615-893-9501.

March 21

March 21-25
Tennessee Guitar Festival
All performances 8 p.m.,
Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

Sunday, March 21
Bach Festival
3 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

TSSAA tournneys mean changes for MTSU traffic

The TSSAA High School State Basketball Tournaments get under way at Murphy Center this month, and that means temporary traffic changes for MTSU!

As in the past, tournament team buses will be parked along the east side of Middle Tennessee Boulevard, creating a brief single lane of traffic heading north on MT Boulevard between Lytle Street and Faulkinberry Drive. The Faulkinberry entrance from MT Boulevard will be closed March 10-13 for the girls' games and closed March 12-15 for the boys' games. Faulkinberry also will close at Normal Way.

MTSU students, faculty and staff who usually use Greenland Drive lots for parking should find alternative parking on campus; those lots will be reserved for TSSAA ticketholders and have a \$5 per vehicle parking charge.

Vehicles with appropriate campus permits may park in the Woodfin, Maintenance, Horseshoe, Corral, and S-Curve/Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building lots.

The Raider Xpress shuttle service will run its normal schedule during the TSSAA tournaments with the exception of the "Green Route," which will not serve Greenland Drive. Instead, the shuttle will serve the lots along Crestland Drive as normal, then re-enter campus behind the James Union Building and make its way around Old Main Circle to MTSU Boulevard and out of campus via Champion's Way.

For questions or information about TSSAA parking, please call MTSU Parking Services at 615-898-2850.

grant as seed money to meet our objective of providing young women from all areas of the state of Tennessee with education on healthy lifestyles, which may have an impact on them today as well as tomorrow as future parents," said Cindy Chafin, TFAC coordinator and project director for MTSU's Center for Health and Human Services.

"We want to use innovative methods of reaching these young women that fit with the Centers for Disease Control's recommendation for preconception health. We are grateful to those volunteers who support the March of Dimes by participation in events like March for Babies and who donate in other ways. That participation and those donations make this grant possible."

The Tennessee Folic Acid Council is a partnership between the Tennessee Chapter of the March of Dimes and the Tennessee Department of Health to help prevent birth defects. Through a variety of activities, the council provides education and advocacy on the benefits of folic acid to the general public, health care providers and local policymakers so that the number of preventable neural-tube defects is

reduced, Chafin explained.

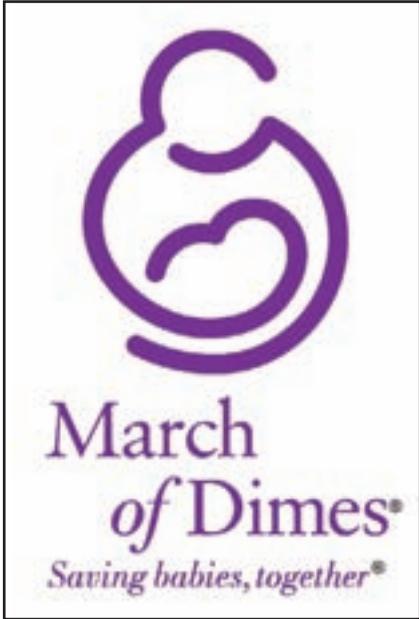
MTSU's Center for Health and Human Services has been a previous grant recipient for folic-acid education and has been involved in several activities of the Tennessee Folic Acid Council.

"The Center for Health and Human Services is delighted to be a continuing partner in helping to promote healthy lifestyles in young women and to reduce birth defects through its projects with the March of Dimes," said Dr. Jo Edwards, MTSU Adams Chair of Excellence in Health Care Services and director of the university's Center for Health and Human Services.

For more information about folic acid and

National Folic Acid Awareness Week or about MTSU's Center for Health and Human Services, visit www.folicacidinfo.org, www.folicacidtn.com and <http://mtsu.edu/~achcs/>.

Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For more information, visit www.marchofdimes.com or its Spanish language Web site, <http://nacersano.org>.



2009, when 2,594 grad students were taking classes. This spring's total is 2,748, which is an increase of 154 students.

Huddleston reported a 9.8 percent increase in new students, or 1,606 new undergraduate and grad students, this semester compared to 1,463 in January '09.

She added that the overall enrollment increase likely stems from the stagnant economy.

"If people are becoming unemployed, they're turning to universities and community colleges for additional education and to learn new skills," she said.

Of the key categories enrollment officials keep tabs on, only the number of re-enrollees shows a decrease from 2009. There are 1,171 re-enrollees compared to 1,275 a year ago. Huddleston said re-enrollees are students who have attended MTSU

in the past but did not attend the previous term.

Huddleston said spring enrollment "traditionally is less than the fall enrollment because of the preceding December graduation and other attrition."

A record 25,188 combined undergraduate and graduate students attended MTSU last fall. This spring's head count is 94 percent of the final fall enrollment submitted to the TBR, Huddleston said.

Huddleston added that admissions representatives are putting the final touches on the fall 2010 recruitment class. Saturday, March 27, will be the first of two Spring Preview Days for prospective students and their families. April 24 is the second. Prospective students should visit www.mtsu.edu/admissn/ to register.

Witherow once again encouraged faculty in all disciplines to include the 2010 Summer Reading Selection in their syllabi.

"This program's success depends on the involvement of the faculty who make use of the Summer Reading Selection in fall classes," she noted. "All new students are required to read the book prior to their arrival on campus in the fall, so *Outcasts United* may be perfect as the basis for an early writing or other assignment."

Faculty members who want to use the book in their classrooms

should contact Witherow at 615-898-2339 or lwithero@mtsu.edu for a review copy. There's also more information on the book at its Web site, <http://outcastsunited.com>.

St. John, like previous Summer Reading Selection authors, will provide the keynote address at MTSU's University Convocation. This year's event, which formally welcomes freshmen to the MTSU family, is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 29, in Murphy Center.

Recognizing excellence



GREAT WORK!—Lisa McCann, center, executive aide for the College of Mass Communication, displays her plaque as recipient of the latest quarterly Secretarial/Clerical Award as her boss, Dr. Roy Moore, right, dean of the college, and Ben Jones, left, Business Office manager and chairman of MTSU's Employee Recognition Committee, look on. MTSU's Employee Recognition Committee salutes staffers who make outstanding contributions and demonstrate excellence in their roles. To learn how to nominate an administrative, secretarial/clerical, classified or technical/service co-worker for the award program, go to <http://hrs.web.mtsu.edu/er/recog.html>, download the form and submit it to Human Resource Services at MTSU Box 35.

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Nominate your top students for '10 awards

Applications are being accepted now through Wednesday, March 17, for the 2010 Student Recognition Awards.

The Division of Student Affairs will pay tribute to four undergraduate students honored for their exemplary character and achievements in scholarship, leadership and service.

All members of the MTSU community are encouraged to nominate students who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and meet the award criteria.

The awards include the President's Award, the Provost's Award, the Robert C. LaLance Jr. Achievement Award and the Community Service Award. Descriptions and information about the application and selection process are available at www.mtsu.edu/mtleader/awards_mtleader.shtml.

Nominating a student for one of these awards is easy—e-mail Jackie Victory, director of the Office of Leadership and Service, at joivictory@mtsu.edu and include the student's name, contact information and the award for which the student should be considered.

The deadline for completed applications is 4:30 p.m. March 17.

Foote repeats outstanding business professor win

from Staff Reports
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Rebecca Foote, an instructor in the MTSU Department of Accounting, has been elected Outstanding Professor in the College of Business in an election sponsored by the insurance fraternity Gamma Iota Sigma.

The award was announced after a vote by students in the Jennings A. Jones College of Business on Jan. 28.

Every professor in the College of Business was a candidate for the honor, said Dr. Ken Hollman, Martin Chair of Insurance chairholder. All students with a major or minor in the COB were eligible to vote, he added.

"A total of 405 votes were cast," Hollman said, "and Ms. Foote received 30 of them, about 40 percent more than her nearest competitor."

Foote received the honor for the second straight year.

"Every day in the classroom, I try to convey my belief that it is a privilege for us to be there—teacher and students," Foote said. "I strive to challenge my students and help them realize that dedication to their educational endeavors



Foote

will be rewarded. I am truly humbled by this wonderful honor from the students."

Gamma Iota Sigma gives the award as part of its competition with 45 other chapters across the country, Hollman said, adding that the award is given only at MTSU.

Hollman, adviser to Gamma Iota Sigma, praised Foote.

"Ms. Foote is devoted to the students and her profession," he said. "She is well-prepared, current in her field and can relate extremely well to today's student. The students in our fraternity and I feel that naming an outstanding professor each year is a way to provide psychological encouragement to the faculty for doing a good job."

In a letter of commendation to Foote, Gamma Iota Sigma President Megan Richardson noted that her selection was indicative of a "sincere interest in students and of efforts to provide them with a relevant and contemporary educational experience leading to a career in business. It is an expression of appreciation for service to our college and its student body."

Foote has been an instructor in the Department of Accounting at MTSU since 2006. She received a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and a master's degree from MTSU.

New opportunity



READY FOR BUSINESS—Community leaders join staffers from MTSU, Motlow State Community College and the new Middle Tennessee Education Center to celebrate MTEC's grand opening Feb. 17 in Shelbyville. Hanging on to the ribbon as MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, center, makes the official cut are, from left, Bedford County Property Assessor Ronda Clanton; Barbara Blanton of the Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce; Evelyn McGrew, widow of Shelbyville banker and MTEC booster Sidney "Bud" McGrew; Motlow President MaryLou Apple; and County Mayor Eugene Ray. MTEC is MTSU's first full-service satellite campus, and it will serve students from Bedford, Coffee, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, Rutherford and Williamson counties.

MTSU Photographic Services photo by J. Intintoli

Student Support Services aims to encourage, empower, inspire

by Lindsey Austin
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"We encourage. We empower. We inspire" is more than just a motto to the staff at Student Support Services; it's a goal.

The department of Student Support Services is one of the best-kept secrets at MTSU, and it's one that Director Cricket Pimentel wants to expose.

"We are a great resource that many students just don't know about," Pimentel says.

Student Support Services, located within the federally funded TRiO program that includes the McNair Scholars Program, is a "home away from home" for more than 175 first-generation, low-income and disabled students.

"First-generation college students have a harder time navigating," Pimentel says. "We provide the support and guidance they need to succeed."

Nearly 50 percent of all first-year freshmen lose their Tennessee State Lottery scholarships, she notes. But through workshops like the financial aid "Cash Course" and one-on-one

advising and counseling, 80 percent of freshmen enrolled in the SSS program do not lose their scholarships.

"Ninety percent of our students return each year," Pimentel proudly notes.

In fact, the state's newly passed "Complete College Tennessee Act" changed how MTSU receives funding, basing it on retention and graduation rates rather than overall enrollment. "Student Support Services helps the university reach those numbers it needs to receive more funding," Pimentel adds.

Student Support Services doesn't offer a one-size-fits-all program.

"We serve the whole student," Pimentel says. "Our goal is to help to smooth the bumps in the road." "We inspire our students to have faith in their abilities and make their dream of a bachelor's degree a reality."

Student Support Services, which receives 100 percent of its funding through a five-year \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, is located in Room 101 of the Midget Building.

For more information on Student Support Services or to enroll, visit www.mtsu.edu/ssupport or call 615-898-5443.

Alternative Spring Break leads to work in Savannah this year

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The typical spring break often conjures memories of relaxing on the beach or visiting home for a few days. Rarely do you hear of college students spending their rejuvenation time feeding the homeless or building houses for the needy.

However, that is exactly what a set of MTSU students sign up to do each spring while their classmates get away to beaches elsewhere.

With the Alternative Spring Break program, students volunteer to spend the week helping those less fortunate than they. Jacqueline Victory, director of the Office of Leadership and Service, explained that it does take a different type of student to participate in the program and to give up their break time.

Most students have varying interests concerning the trip, she noted. While some are interested in the humanitarian aspects, many others participate to meet new people and get involved on cam-

pus. The benefits of the program are numerous as students travel to various locales around the country.

"We try to plan a theme for the work we will do or the place we want to go," Victory said.

The Alternative Spring Break program has gone as far as Key West, Fla., and worked with well-known programs such as Habitat for Humanity. (MTSU students are currently working on a Habitat home in Murfreesboro, which is to be completed and dedicated on Thursday, March 25.)

MTSU's Alternative Spring Break 2010 trip (March 8-12) is planned for Savannah, Ga., to work with the Second Harvest Food Bank. Students also will help restore and landscape some gardens for the Union Missions in town as well.

The university and the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership cover the trip cost, asking only for each student to raise \$100 plus his or her food costs.

For more information about alternative-break programs, visit www.mtsu.edu/leadandserve.



Are you cleaning out your shelves?

Then you may have books, CDs, DVDs, tapes and records that you need to donate to AAUW/Murfreesboro for the Annual Book Sale March 29 and 30!

We can take your donations now!

The American Association of University Women/Murfreesboro Book Sale to benefit the Ruth Houston Memorial Scholarship for MTSU students will be held **March 29-30, 2010**, in front of Phillips Bookstore.

On-campus donations can be dropped off at the Walker Library Circulation Desk. We can even arrange curbside pickups there, on Friday afternoons ONLY, between 1 and 3.

To arrange for curbside pickup on Fridays, call or e-mail Ann Funkhouser at 898-2538 or afunkhou@mtsu.edu.

Publications

Dr. Mark Anshel (health and human performance) has published an article, "The Disconnected Values (Intervention) Model for Promoting Healthy Habits in Religious Institutions," in the March 2010 issue of *The Journal of Religion and Health* (vol. 49, pp. 32-49). Anshel also has published a chapter, "Cultural Differences in Coping with Stress in Sport: Theory and Practice" (2010, pp. 119-138), in the book *Coping in Sport: Theory, Methods, and Related Constructs* (Nova Science Publishers).

Dr. Diane J. Sawyer (Chair of Excellence in Dyslexic Studies) published an article, "Improving reading instruction: A call for interdisciplinary collaboration," in *Topics in*

Language Disorders, January-March 2010, Vol. 30, No. 1, pp. 28-38.

Paul F. Wells (Center for Popular Music) published an article, "Old-Time String Band Music," in "Folklife," Vol. 14 of *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, published by the University of North Carolina Press.

Dr. Debra Rose Wilson (nursing) published primary data-driven research in her field of stress management, "Stress Management for Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse: A Holistic Inquiry" in the *Western Journal of Nursing Research* in January 2010.

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International student-affairs visit



WILLKOMMEN ZU MTSU!—Ted Thurner, center left, from the German delegation of NASPA, or Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, chats with Rich Kershaw, MTSU director of student programming, left, and Dr. Terri Johnson, director of the June Anderson Women's Center, during lunch in McCallie Dining Hall. At an adjoining table, Dr. Deb Sells, vice president for student affairs and vice provost for enrollment services, speaks with Thurner's colleagues, while other MTSU officials do the same at other tables in McCallie. The German visitors' Feb. 24 stop at MTSU was part of their weeklong tour of institutions of higher learning in the area. Their visit was made possible by NASPA, a Washington, D.C.-based professional association for student affairs administrators, faculty and graduate and undergraduate students. The organization boasts more than 11,000 members at 1,400 campuses and represents 29 countries. In addition to Thurner, who is assistant director of Studentenwerk Oldenburg, the German delegation included Clemens Metz, executive director of Studentenwerk Freiburg; Dieter Reitz, executive director of Studentenwerk Aachen; Dr. Ralf Schmidt-Roch, executive director of Studentenwerk Thuringia; and Christina Walz, executive director of Studentenwerk Kassel. The visitors toured campus, discussed mutual interests and examined projects under construction at MTSU.

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Pop-culture journalist Klosterman returning to MTSU

Best-selling author Chuck Klosterman, widely regarded as the nation's premier pop-culture journalist, is returning to MTSU March 15-18 for a series of events sponsored by the John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies and the College of Mass Communication.

His free public lecture is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, at 1 p.m. in Room 221 of the McWherter Learning Resources Center. The rest of his four-day stint on campus will be spent meeting with students and speaking to numerous classes, said Beverly Keel, director of the Seigenthaler Chair.

"Chuck is coming back to MTSU by popular demand," Keel said of the author. "His 2009 lecture at MTSU was one of the most well-attended events in recent Seigenthaler Chair history. I wanted to bring him back again, and for a longer period of time, so



Klosterman

that students could better benefit from his time on campus, especially in smaller groups. In addition to his free public lecture, he will be speaking to students in courses focusing on TV and American culture, the history of punk rock, music publicity and marketing of recordings.

"He is one of the most inspirational and informative speakers that I have seen, and I am thrilled that he is eager to devote so much of his in-demand time to help our students."

Klosterman is the author of five nonfiction best-sellers, including the 2009 essay collection *Eating the Dinosaur*, and a novel. *Entertainment Weekly* has called him "one of America's top cultural critics." The former *SPIN* senior writer is responsible for a monthly column, "Chuck Klosterman's America," in *Esquire*, for which he wrote a much-discussed Britney Spears cover story for the magazine's 70th anniversary issue. He also has written for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *GQ*.

For more information, call 615-898-5150.

Campus Rec to unveil clean, green workout machines on St. Pat's Day

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MTSU is definitely going green, and clean, on St. Patrick's Day and beyond.

Funds generated by the \$8-per-student Clean Energy fee each semester are helping MTSU become the first university and recreation facility in Tennessee to use a system that converts human energy into a usable form of renewable energy.

Since Feb. 19, students, faculty and staff have been using five Precor USA elliptical workout machines to generate clean energy and electricity in MTSU's Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center.

On Wednesday, March 17, at 3 p.m., Campus Recreation officials will unveil the going-green concept in a special presentation to the eight-member Clean Energy Committee and other campus officials, including Drs. Deb Sells and Gene Fitch, the respective leaders of Student Affairs and Student Life.

With regular use, an elliptical machine using ReRev technology will generate one kilowatt hour of electricity every two days, according to documents provided by the company. That's the same energy it takes to power a laptop for 24 hours or a vacuum cleaner for 45 minutes.

Using \$30,000 from the Clean Energy grant and \$6,650 from the Campus Rec budget, MTSU purchased the ReRev system for \$36,650, Campus Rec officials said.

MTSU and the universities of Florida, Oregon, Nebraska, Kentucky and Kansas, along with at least five other U.S. universities, are part of a higher-education trend to go green in recreation facilities. Texas State University at San Marcos is taking the greenest route with the purchase of 30 machines in December.



Students' handmade books enliven library collection

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What better place to display new and innovative books than the James E. Walker Library? The MTSU facility is providing a showcase for 19 student-created books sure to spark conversation and ignite the imagination now through Thursday, April 1, in the Special Collections area on the fourth floor.

This is the second annual juried show featuring the work of MTSU's book arts students. The Department of Art's Book Arts Program offers classes in which students learn bookbinding techniques using both traditional and nontraditional forms and materials.

Student works on display in Special Collections reflect individual creativity in expressing tributes to family or personal or humorous stories. Materials include graphite, ribbon, rice paper, string, linen, card stock, acetate, canvas, India ink, lithographs and leaves.

While all student books on display are unique, handmade creations, they are made for reading. Select books periodically will be made available in the reading room.

Works include:

- "The Hat" and "Let it Break" by Justin Boone;
 - "Untitled" and "Pop, Crack, Snap" by Maggie France;
 - "Anatomy Inc." by Sean Hood;
 - "Heartsoul," "Tour" and "Blank book" by Jenna Puckett;
 - "Initiates' Spell Box (with the grimoire of dead night)," "Method of Transmutation" and "Wizard's Item #3 (summoning cube)" by David Rollins;
 - "Type" by Alex Pietzsch;
 - "Blank book" by Tanya Cupp;
 - "Women of Influence" by Lauren Higgins;
 - "Our Garden" by Elizabeth Rich;
 - "Feelin' Wild" by Kayla Shreeve;
 - "Untitled" by Tricia Tedder;
 - "Little Mouse, Little Mouse" by Quinton Williams;
 - "A Natural Philosopher's Field Notes" by Robert Wilson; and
 - "Where did this come from and why did I keep it?" and "Our Western Road Trip, August 2009" by Megan Woolfolk.
- The Special Collections area is open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 615-904-8501.

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Faculty/Staff Update

Awards

Professor Jeff Gibson (speech and theatre) received the Region IV Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival's Medallion Service Award during the MTSU-hosted KCACTF regional conference Feb. 2-6. Gibson, who is the organization's immediate past president, received the highest honor given for distinguished service by the KCACTF as well as within theater education.

A paper by **Dr. Minsoo Kang** (health and human performance), "How Many Days Are Enough? A Study of 365 Days of Pedometer Monitoring," has been selected from the 2009 volume of *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport* to receive the annual Research Writing Award from the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The award will be presented March 18 during the AAHPERD's National Convention in Indianapolis.

Exhibitions

Professor Marc J. Barr (electronic media communication) has a set of computer-designed covered ceramic cups on display through March 27 in the 10th Annual National Juried Cup Show at Kent State University School of Art in Kent, Ohio.

Media

WTVF-NewsChannel5 featured a story Feb. 22 on the underwater-treadmill research study under way by graduate student **Sandy Stevens** and spoke with study participants and **Dr. Don Morgan** (health and human performance).

Passages

Professor Horace C. Beasley Jr. (music), 86, passed away Feb. 16. Professor Beasley was employed by MTSU as a professor of music from June 1957 until his retirement in May 1989. He graduated from Murfreesboro Central High School and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Peabody College. During World War II, Professor Beasley served in the 612th Army Air Corps Band. After university, he played trombone professionally with dance bands, circus bands, show bands, theater orchestras and on radio shows and served as first trombonist in the Nashville Symphony for several years. Professor Beasley served as director of the MTSU Concert Band and the Campus School Band and conducted performance ensembles and supervised teacher preparation courses for many years. Active in many professional organizations for musicians, he also adjudicated countless festivals and clinics. Professor

Beasley also was an active civic leader and received many service awards from organizations such as the United Way and the Governor's Committee for the Employment of the Handicapped. He helped to start the Tennessee Vocational Training Center and was a past president of the Association for Retarded Citizens and past chairman of the State Vocational Training Center Board. Professor Beasley is survived by his son Donn Beasley of Murfreesboro; son Cully Beasley and daughter-in-law Paula Beasley of Centerville, Mass.; grandson Richard Miller of Savannah, Ga.; granddaughters Cindy Gaschler of Ellis, Kan., and Erin, Katie and Kristen Beasley of Centerville, Mass.; and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maribeth Fenstermacher Beasley, and daughter, Marilyn C. Miller, both of Murfreesboro. Memorial donations may be made to The ALS Association or The American Diabetes Association.

Personnel Changes

Melinda Messick (athletics) is the new executive aide for the Center for Popular Music.

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