**Safety first: tornado FAQ now on Web**

by Tom Tozer

After nearly a year of work, the MTSU tornado-alert plan is ready to be put to the test.

Although far from perfect or comprehensive, the plan is a positive step toward securing the campus community in the event of a tornado or tornado warning.

Please visit the university home page and click on “Tornado Information” under MTSU News, where you’ll find several documents.

The first is “Safest Places.” While not yet complete, this may be the most important information, because it lists what university safety officials have determined as the safest area in each building on campus and at several off-campus sites.

Some of the “safest areas” are simply the least precarious, because some MTSU facilities weren’t designed with tornado safety in mind. Where officials haven’t been able to prescribe a surefire “safest area” in a particularly challenging facility, they have suggested advisable behavior under difficult circumstances.

The “Safest Places” document is useful to everyone who is on campus on weekdays and also will be helpful to students and professors on campus at night or on weekends. This information also will be invaluable to university personnel who are playing host to off-campus groups, such as youth camps, CUSTOMS or TSSAA.

Tornadoes aren’t picky about where or when they strike. Therefore, the “Safest Places” document is an important resource. Everyone at MTSU needs to read it and learn where the safe areas are in building they visit, study or work in.

The Web site also has a list of “Building Runners.” These 150-plus volunteers are primarily

See ‘Tornado’ page 5
16th Windham Lecture features Rory Kennedy

from Staff Reports

D oокументary filmmaker Rory Kennedy, the co-founder and co-president of Moxie Firecracker Films Inc., will help MTSU's Windham Lecture Series celebrate its 16th anniversary by serving as this year's Windham Lecturer at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in the State Farm Hall of the Business and Aerospace Building.

In preparation for her visit, two of Kennedy's films, “American Hollow” and “A Boy's Life,” also will be shown in the Keathley University Center Theater on campus Tuesday through Thursday, March 27-29, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily. The screenings are free and open to the public.

Kennedy, one of the nation's most prolific independent documentary filmmakers, will speak on “The Camera Doesn't Lie” during her appearance at MTSU. Her work has tackled some of our most pressing social concerns, including poverty, domestic abuse, drug addiction, human rights, AIDS and mental illness, and have garnered numerous awards and been featured on HBO, A&E, MTV, Lifetime, The Oxygen Network, Court TV, The Learning Channel and PBS. Her most recent film, “The Ghost of Abu Ghraib,” premiered on HBO.

Kennedy is a committed social activist and human rights advocate. She has been a member of the board of directors for a number of nonprofit organizations, including the Legal Action Center and the Project Return Foundation. She serves as chairwoman of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, which funds educational and training programs as a member of the board and was a member of the 1999 Presidential Mission on AIDS in Africa.

Kennedy initiated and helped develop the Teacher Transfer Program between the United States and Northern Ireland, a member of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Human Rights delegations in South Africa, South Korea, Japan, El Salvador and Poland and is a graduate of Brown University with a bachelor’s degree in women’s studies.

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READY TO LEARN—Friends and guests of the Dyslexia Center discuss U.S. Bank’s recent scholarship gift to the center’s graduate program. Listening to bank branch manager Bryan Nale explain the goals for the $2,000 gift are, seated from left, parent Beth Holder, center student Andrew Holder and graduate student Trina Shelton, and standing, Drs. Diane Sawyer of the center and Stuart Bernstein, psychology.

photo by J. Intintoli

Partnerships fueling Ricketts’ research

by Randy Weiler

Long before MTSU’s recent trend to build community and business partnerships, Dr. Cliff Ricketts was building corporate bridges in his career-long quest to find alternative fuels.

Since 1991, Ricketts, professor in the agribusiness and agriscience department, has had a sponsorship-turned-partnership with Brentwood-based Tractor Supply Co. TSC has contributed more than $118,000 to Ricketts’ research efforts.

“We were trying to set the land speed record in ’91, and I wrote to about six companies. The only one to respond was Tractor Supply Co. (the late) Tom Hennessey was the president and CEO. He was the National Future Farmers of America Foundation chairman. The timing was right. He said he’d sponsor us.”

TSC gave Ricketts’ endeavor $4,750 for nine years, then upped it to $9,500 for each of the past eight years. MTSU has matched every dollar, Ricketts said. “We wouldn’t have done as much without their assistance.”

Ricketts recently attended the TSC Manager’s Convention at the Nashville Convention Center. He carried his alternative fuel message to the U.S. Congress in 2006 and a 30-minute “futuristic” outlook to the Tennessee House Agriculture Committee March 6.

Other partnerships Ricketts has crafted through the ag programs include Valspar Corp. (paint) of Minneapolis, the Tennessee Valley Authority (Green Power Switch) and Bridgestone/Firestone (tires). Valspar hauled, painted and added TSC and sponsor decals to two Corvettes in the research program.

Ricketts participated March 14-16 in a meeting of Hypowerful Advisory Committee members at Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

“In May, Ricketts hopes to conduct a run across the state in a Toyota Tercel converted to run on hydrogen. The hydrogen is taken from water through an electrolysis unit on the MTSU campus in the vocational ag shop. The unit is powered by the sun’s energy, which is harvested in the gridline of Murfreesboro Electric through the TVA Green Power Switch program.

Ricketts hopes to make the 600-mile run from Bristol to Memphis, with a stopover in Murfreesboro, in one day, with sun and water as the only two energy sources.

Women engineers await March 29 panel

Brenda Sanford, Susan Ferrell and Fiona King will participate in the first Women in Engineering Panel, event co-coordinator Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross said.

It will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, in Davis Science Building Room 100.

Students and others interested in engineering careers are welcome. The event is part of National Women’s History Month activities.

Each panelist will share for 10 to 15 minutes how they decided on engineering as a career and field questions, Iriarte-Gross said.

Sanford is conservation engineer for the Prince George’s County Soil Conservation District in Maryland. Farrell is nuclear assurance project manager at TVA’s Watts Bar Nuclear Plant.

King is an infrastructure marketing specialist for Gresham, Smith and Partners in Nashville.

Drs. Diane Sawyer of the center and Stuart Bernstein, psychology.

Photo by J. Intintoli

U.S. Bank gift helps dyslexia grad program

by Tom Tozer

S. Bank recently helped fund a graduate scholarship program for the center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia at MTSU with a check for $2,000 to the MTSU Foundation.

Bryan Nale, branch manager of the bank and a 2002 MTSU graduate, presented the check to Dr. Diane Sawyer, holder of the Katherine Davis Murrfree Chair of Excellence in Dyslexic Studies.

“We strongly believe that education and outreach services are the keys to improving the quality of life for those who struggle with dyslexia,” Nale stated. “U.S. Bank is pleased to be a good neighbor and supporter of the center’s efforts.”

The MTSU Dyslexia Center was established in 1993 and provides assistance to students in grades K-12 who are diagnosed with dyslexia to help them become successful in school and life. It also offers support to the parents of the children.

“In addition to our work with students throughout Tennessee, we have helped teachers and administrators to better understand dyslexia — how to identify it and how effectively to educate these children,” Sawyer explained. “We provide no-cost workshops and we offer individual-level courses to meet this goal. The generous contribution by U.S. Bank will help us to start a scholarship fund for teachers and students who might not be able to take these courses without tuition assistance.

This gift will have ripple effects throughout our community and throughout Tennessee. We at the Center and Middle Tennessee State University are grateful for this expression of support.”

U.S. Bancorp is the parent company of U.S. Bank with assets of $219 billion. The sixth largest commercial bank in the United States, it operates 2,472 banking offices throughout the nation.

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Organizers and Insurance Liaison Committee members continue to work to raise student scholarship funds through the 23rd annual Martin Chair of Insurance Invitational Golf Tournament.

The tournament will be held Tuesday, April 17, at Champions Run Golf Course in Rockvale. The event is sponsored by the MTSU Foundation.

“Having a good golf tournament involves having a full complement of players, a nice prize for each player and a large number of hole sponsors,” Jim Cavendish, chairman of the 36-member committee, told more than 20 of his insurance colleagues during a Feb. 9 luncheon at Stones River Country Club.

“We cannot fail in either of these areas if we wish to do well,” he added. “However, securing hole sponsorships is possibly the most important, because hole sponsorships pay for the bottom line with very little expense, if any at all. Unlike players, there is no limit on the number of hole sponsors we can accept.”

Cavendish said to “increase our intake from last year is going to take a concerted effort from every member of the committee. We were able to generate $33,000 for the (Martin) Chair of Insurance last year. We left some on the table, so I hope that we can do better this year.”

Dr. Ken Hollman, Martin Chair of Insurance chairholder, said between $40,000 and $45,000 in scholarship money will be awarded to 56 students for the 2006-07 academic year.

“For the first time in perhaps 15 years we have increased the amount of money that scholarship winners get,” Hollman said.

“This year, majors receive $1,000, up from $750, and minors receive $750, up from $500.”

Hollman said the program has awarded more than 82 scholarships to 425 students since 1983-84.

“We will have a big to-do when the 1,000th scholarship is presented,” he added.

The tournament schedule features lunch and registration from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.; a shotgun start, rain or shine, at noon; and a 4:30 p.m. meal and awards presentation.

Events of the day include best ball scramble play, a putting contest, par-3 contest, longest drive and shortest hole-in-one on par-3 hole No. 17.

The latter wins a two-year lease privilege for the new car on display, courtesy of Alexander Ford Lincoln-Mercury in Murfreesboro.
**March 26-April 8**

**TV Schedule**

“Middle Tennessee Record” Cable Channel 9 Monday-Sunday, 5 p.m.

**NewsChannel5+** Saturday, 1 p.m.

**Through March 30**

“Sound in Print: The Art of the Contemporary Music Poster” 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Todd Gallery

For information, contact: pjisnow@mtsu.edu.

“No Longer on the Sidelines: 35 Years of Title IX at MTSU” 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday (except March 27 and 29)

Core Research Center, Todd Hall 129

For information, 615-898-2632.

**March 26**

Monday, March 26

**Women’s Tennis vs. South Alabama**

11 a.m., Buck Bouldin Tennis Center

For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2103.

**National Women’s History Month: “Women and Media: Are Women’s Voices Heard in Mainstream Journalism?”**

2:20 p.m. panel discussion, 6 p.m. keynote by ABC News’ Lynn Sherr

BAS State Farm Lecture Hall

For details, see page 1 or contact: 615-898-2193.

**Honors Lecture Series**

Dr. James Tate, “Causes of Crime” 3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106

For information, 615-898-2152.

**Nathan B. Forrest Educational Forum: “Middle Tennessee and the Reconstruction Era”**

4:30 p.m., LRC 221

For information, contact: Dr. Colette Taylor, 615-898-5812.

**Stones River Chamber Players**

7:30 p.m., WMB Hinton Music Hall

No admission charge

For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

**March 27**

March 27-29

**Rory Kennedy Film Screenings**

“American Hollow” and “A Boy’s Life” 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. daily, KUC Theater

No admission charge

For information, contact: 615-494-7628.

**March 28**

**TV Schedule**

“Middle Tennessee Record” Cable Channel 9 Monday-Sunday, 5 p.m.

NewsChannel5+ Saturday, 1 p.m.

**Monday, March 27**

MT Baseball vs. Austin Peay

6 p.m., Reese Smith Field

For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2103.

**Legends in Forensic Science LectureSHIP: Dr. William Bass of UT’s “Body Farm”**

7 p.m., BAS State Farm Lecture Hall

For information, contact: 615-494-7628.

**March 29**

Thursday, March 29

**National Women’s History Month: “Opportunities and Careers in Women in Engineering” panel**

7 p.m., Wiser-Fatten Science 102

For information, contact: 615-898-5910.

**March 30**

March 30-April 1

MT Baseball vs. Louisiana-Monroe

March 30, 6 p.m.; March 31, 4 p.m.; April 1, 1 p.m., Reese Smith Field

For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2103.

**Friday, March 30**

**Second Annual Majors Fair**

sponsored by the MTSU Career & Employment Center

11 a.m.-1 p.m., KUC second floor

For information, contact: 615-898-2500.

**March 31**

Saturday, March 31

**Women’s Tennis vs. Arkansas State**

1 p.m., 3 p.m.; April 1: 11 a.m.

MT Softball vs. North Texas

April 7-8

MT Softball vs. Tennessee Tech

6 p.m., Reese Smith Field

For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2103.

**Sunday, April 1**

**MTSU On The Record—MIMIC**

Guests: Drs. Andrienne Friedli and Marion Wells

7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM

Podcast available at www.mtsunews.com or free subscription at iTunes.

**National Women’s History Month: Spring Out! Nashville in Harmony Concert**

5 p.m., KUC Knoll

For information, contact: 615-898-5910.

**April 2**

April 2-3

AAUW Annual Book Sale

KUC first floor outside bookstore

For information, e-mail AALWBooksale@mtsu.edu.

April 2-6

Scholars’ Week

For event details, see page 7 or visit mtu.edu/~research/scholarsweek_schedule.html.

**Monday, April 2**

**African American History Month: “Race, the Death Penalty and Criminal Justice” panel discussion**

9:10-10:05 a.m., LRC 221

For information, contact: astaples@mtsu.edu.

**National Women’s History Month: Spring Out! Info Fair and Carnival**

10 a.m.-4 p.m., KUC Knoll

For information, contact: 615-898-5910.

**April 3**

Tuesday, April 3

**MT Baseball vs. Tennessee Tech**

6 p.m., Reese Smith Field

For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2103.

**April 4**

Wednesday, April 4

**National Women’s History Month: Spring Out!—Kevin Lawson of Nashville CARES,**

“Let’s Talk About Sex” 7-9 p.m., BAS S316

For information, 615-898-5910.

**MT Softball vs. Memphis**

5 and 7 p.m., Blue Raider Softball Field

For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2103.

**April 5**

Thursday, April 5

**Graduate Studies Conversation Hour:**

Drs. Thomas May and Thomas Cooper, “Bioterrorism and the Corrosion of Truth in the Age of Emer” 2 p.m., HONR 202 (conference room)

For information, 615-898-2840.

**Windham Lecture: Rory Kennedy, “The Camera Doesn’t Lie”**

5 p.m., BAS State Farm Lecture Hall

For information, 615-494-7628.

**Stones River Chamber Players**

7:30 p.m., WMB Hinton Music Hall

No admission charge

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**April 6**

Friday, April 6

**First Friday Star Party**

Dr. Eric Klumpe, “White Dwarf Stars” 6:30-8:30 p.m., WPS Room 102

For information, contact: 615-898-2483.

**April 7**

April 7-8

MT Softball vs. North Texas

April 7: 1 p.m., 3 p.m.; April 8: 11 a.m.

Blue Raider Softball Field

For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2103.

**Saturday, April 7**

**Women’s Tennis vs. Arkansas State**

1 p.m., Buck Bouldin Tennis Center

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Tigers’ McLain to put spin on Baseball & Lit event

DENNIS MCLAIN, whose pitching brilliance propelled the Detroit Tigers to the 1968 World Series championship, will deliver the luncheon address at MTSU’s second annual Conference on Baseball in Literature and Culture Friday, March 30, in the James Union Building.

McLain, the last major league pitcher to win more than 30 games in a season, chalked up 31 victories during his major league career, which lasted from 1963 to 1972.

In 1985, McLain’s life took a tragic turn when he was convicted on federal racketeering and extortion charges relating to his partnership in a Florida financial services company. The conviction was overturned on procedural issues in 1987. When McLain was retried, he pleaded guilty and received a 12-year sentence but was credited for time served and got five years’ probation instead.

In 1996, McLain was convicted of conspiracy, theft, money laundering and mail fraud for looting the pension fund of a Michigan meat-processing company he owned. He served more than six years in a federal prison in Pennsylvania.


The keynote speaker for the conference will be Dr. Gerald Wood, chairman of the Department of English and dean of humanities at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. He will speak on “Doctor Smith: Joe Wood,” Yale University and the 1926 Baseball Controversy,” a spinoff from a biography he is writing.


The conference registration fee of $50 includes breakfast, lunch and the conference program. Public attendance at presentations, excluding meals, is free.

For more information, contact Warren Tormey, assistant professor of English, at 615-494-7879 or tormey@mtsu.edu.

Great work — Christopher Crowell, right, chairman of MTSU’s Employee Recognition Committee, presents Lisa Zaret and slated for release by Triumph Books this year. His previous two books are “Nobody’s Perfect (1975)” and “Strikeout: The Story of Denny McLain (1988).”

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Following the suggestions in the "Preparation Alert" document will lessen last-minute anxieties.

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Love! Lust! Lies! Big wigs! See it all CenterStage at MTSU

by Lisa L. Rollins

William Wycherley’s comedy of manners, “The Country Wife,” will come to life at 7:30 nightly March 30-31 and April 4-7 in MTSU’s Tucker Theatre as the next offering in the MTSU CenterStage Series.

“Love, lust, deception, curious wives and jealous husbands make this 1675 Restoration Comedy one of the funniest and most vulgar plays of its time,” remarked Jeff Gibson, assistant professor of speech and theatre, who adds that for 200 years, it was considered too outrageous to be performed. According to the play’s storyline, London’s elite are reeling from the news that its most notorious playboy, Jasper Horner, is back from France and rumored to be a medically certified eunuch. Consequently, husbands practically throw their wives at him, delighted that they can have affairs without losing their honor. Horner, however, has not been so honest, and he seduces the wives of all-too-trusting friends. His cleverness is taxed when he becomes involved with Margery Pinchwife, a newlywed from the country whose husband is an extremely jealous foil determined to protect her innocence at any cost.

“Most of our students have never performed in a Restoration play from the Restored Period, so this show is an exceptional opportunity for them to learn the style of that time,” said Deborah Anderson, professor of speech and theatre and the show’s producer.

“I have spent a lot of time with the students in developing the movement, posture and language of the Restoration period, because we want this show to be as historically true and authentic as possible,” she added.

Production organizers said the dedicated work of Tommy Macom, director of costume, played a vital role in making the show authentic. It was the job of Macom and his staff to recreate the embelished fashion of the late 1600s, including big wigs, elaborate clothing and fancy footwear.

“We are extremely privileged to have Tommy Macom on our faculty,” said Anderson. “He is a true professional in his field and has designed absolutely stunning costumes for our production.” Not only will the production be beautiful to view, but it also promises to provide much humor and wit for audiences.

“I have been having such a blast doing this show,” said Ryan Chittaphong, a senior theater major who plays the jealous Mr. Pinchwife.

Employee wellness program still making strides

by Jennifer Posey

Twenty dollars could drastically change your life—maybe even save it. That’s the cost for one semester in the MTSU Faculty-Staff Health and Wellness Program, under the leadership of Dr. Mark Anshel, and participants say it’s well worth the price of admission.

“I have lost 30 pounds and 30 inches in 118 days!!! I am so thankful for the fitness program and MTU for providing for us. I truly believe that you all have and are saving my life,” exclaims Linda Feagans, a current participant in the second semester of the program.

The program is made up of three 10-week sessions and serves approximately 100 faculty, staff and administrators per semester. Thanks to the Office of the President for underwriting the expense, $20 is all you need to participate. Jaws are dropping over data from the first session of the 10-week program:

• Fitness scores skyrocketed.
• Blood tests reflected a decrease in bad cholesterol and an increase in the good kind.
• Only 12 percent of participants dropped out compared to the average 30 percent in similar programs.
• Post-evaluation results show participants enjoyed the rigorous program.

“There’s a need on campus to help people improve their habits to go from unhealthy to healthy,” says Anshel. “People generally need coaching; they need support; they need structure to create a new lifestyle, to improve their health and their energy. My job was to create that structure.”

The program focuses on four areas. First, organizers gather data such as blood testing for cholesterol, body fat percentage and blood pressure from participants. Data are taken at the beginning, middle and end of the program and reported to each participant.

Second, fitness coaches make individual prescriptions for cardiovascular and strength training, then monitor progress, instruct, motivate and hold participants accountable.

Third, a routine is developed to “make health-related habits a staple part of their day,” Anshel says.

Finally, participants are encouraged to think about their values and how those relate to their health and well-being. Most find that their life is not in line with their values, and their unhealthy habits carry a heavy expense.

With the help of the program, Anshel says, participants agree that they’re getting their lives realigned with their values and are feeling better. “I have never felt better than I do right now. I am even trusting myself more,” Feagans noted in an e-mail to Anshel. In the past 35 years, she says, her weight has fluctuated and her closet has reflected those ups and downs. However, since beginning the program she has gained the confidence to get rid of the larger clothes in her closet.

“You all have given me the strength and power to understand why and how to achieve and keep my goal weight forever,” Feagans says. “I no longer am going to hold onto the baggage of the extra clothes in case I might need them someday, because that day is never going to happen again. The baggage is gone.”

Each participant receives two sessions with a registered dietitian, a complete inventory on mental barriers for maintaining efforts by a licensed psychologist, weekly meetings with a fitness coach and two seminars with Anshel on implementing the skills learned.

“The information stayed with me,” says Karen Nunley, a participant from the first semester. “I have a little more confidence and am able to do things physically that I wasn’t able to do just a few weeks ago. I want everyone to know how thankful I am that the program was put in place, and I hope other companies will follow suit.”

Anshel thanked President Sidney A. McPhee for his support of the program and his willingness to help provide a program to benefit the health and wellness of the university staff.

“The goal here is to create the skills and the self-motivation to do it on their own, so eventually they do this as part of their lifestyle,” Anshel says.

Registration is under way now for the summer semester wellness program, which begins June 4 with orientation and testing and ends Aug. 17. As with the previous semesters, the program is limited to 100 participants and costs $20 per person.

For more information, contact Anshel by e-mail at mansonhel@mtsu.edu or the Campus Recreation Office at 615-898-2104. You can also visit the program’s new Web site, www.mtsu.edu/~wellness.
Safety chief offers tips for handling emergencies

by Jennifer Posey

I f you thought a student was carrying a concealed weapon in class, would you know what you should or should not do to safely handle the situation? During a recent interview, Buddy Peaster, director of public safety at MTSU, responded to this and similar questions on emergencies that could arise. His answers explain what faculty and staff should and should not do in emergency situations.

Q: What should I do if I suspect that someone in class is concealing a weapon of some type?
A: “Do not confront the person. Report the person to Public Safety and let them determine the best way to handle it.”

Q: What should I do if a fight suddenly breaks out inside my classroom?
A: “Call 9-1-1. Don’t strike a student in an attempt to stop the fight.”

Q: What if I hear an argument or violent confrontation in the hall outside my classroom or office?
A: “It depends on the severity of the argument. Do what you would if it was occurring in your neighborhood. If it sounds bad enough to call the police or to be disruptive to the class, call 9-1-1. Stay in the classroom unless you feel there is imminent danger. If the argument is simply too loud or bothersome, you may ask the parties to please quiet down. Don’t intervene physically in a shouting match or physical altercation.”

Q: What if I suspect that someone is talking about violence on social media?
A: “ ‘Don’t try to physically restrain or fight with the student or embarrass him/her in class.’ ”

Buddy Peaster
director, Department of Public Safety

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Q: What if I suspect a student of being under the influence of something?
A: “Deal with the student’s behavior. If he or she is not causing extreme disruptive problems, talk with the student after class, or a later date. If he or she is belligerent, call the police.

Don’t try to physically restrain or fight with the student or embarrass him/her in class.”

Q: What should I do if I smell a strange odor in the classroom and people start complaining of dizziness or nausea?
A: “Inquire about the smell with the students. If no one knows the source of the odor, leave the classroom and possibly the building, depending on the area of the smell. Let others in the general building vicinity know about the situation, evacuate the area and call 9-1-1. Do not try to withstand the odor and continue class.”

Q: How about if class members or I detect an electrical odor in the classroom?
A: “ ‘Ask questions on the smell. Look for its origin. If it can be found and it is a fire risk then the smell continues to get stronger, follow the directions above regarding a strange odor. “Do not completely ignore it without comment.”

Q: What if a student suddenly passes out, has a seizure or a stroke?
A: “Move people and objects away from the victim. Call 9-1-1. Never try to hold the person down or put a spoon, rag or other object in the person’s mouth.”

Q: What should I do if someone falls inside or outside my building and he or she says, ‘Don’t worry, I’m OK.’
A: “ ‘Don’t try to keep the car to pull over.’ ”

Q: What phone number(s) should students, faculty and staff always carry with them?
A: “ ‘The University Police, 615-898-2424, and 9-1-1.’ ”

Scholars Week schedule update

Monday, April 2

Scholars Week Kick-Off, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Library Quad; 11:30 a.m. salsa music, noon comments by Drs. Gebert and Allen. Contact: 615-898-2953.

Featured college: Business
Poster Session, 12:30-2:30 p.m., BAS South Lobby.

Featured speaker: Dr. Lee Martin, “Technocomics,” 2:30-3:30 p.m., BAS State Farm Lecture Hall. Contact: 615-898-2736.

Tuesday, April 3

Featured college: Basic and Applied Sciences
Hands-On Learning Showcase, noon-2 p.m., Library Quad (or Kuala Lumpur and second-floor lobby if rain). Contact: 615-898-5540.

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Grant Writers and Mentors Reception, 2-3:30 p.m., JUB 100. Contact: 615-898-5005.

Wednesday, April 4

Featured college: Liberal Arts
Talks, Panels and Performances, HONR 117, 1-5 p.m. Contact: 615-898-2351.

Thursday, April 5

Featured colleges: Mass Communication, Education and Behavioral Science, and Graduate Studies
Luncheon, “Life’s Major Questions,” 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., JUB Hazlewood Dining Room; Dr. Stuart Berstein, “The Literacy Crisis”; Dr. Bill Compton, “Positive Psychology and Health”; Dr. Chuck Higgins, “Are We Alone in the Universe?”; Dr. Steve Howard, “The Emergence of Thinking Computers”; Dr. Tom May, $5 (subsidized) tickets in advance. Contact: 615-898-2959.

College of Graduate Studies

College of Mass Communication
Conversation Showcase of Scholarly and Creative Work, 4:05-5:45 p.m., COM 103.

McNair Dinner and Lecture, 4:30-6 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room; Dr. Eugenia Kalnay, University of Maryland. Contact: 615-898-5472.

College of Liberal Arts
Windham Lecture: Rory Kennedy, Moxie Firecracker Films Inc., 5-6 p.m., BAS State Farm Lecture Hall. Contact: 615-898-7628.

Friday, April 6

Universitywide Poster and Multimedia Exposition
Faculty mingling and lunch, noon-12:30 p.m.; faculty session, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; undergraduate and graduate student session, 2-4 p.m.; awards at 4 p.m.; JUB Tennessee Room. Contact: 615-898-2071.

For more information and any last-minute changes, visit the Scholars Week Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~research/scholars_week_schedule.html.

Women

• Jennifer Brooks, reporter at The Tennessean.
  • Buddy Peaster, director of the Sesquicentennial Chair of Excellence, will moderate the panel.
  • “This will certainly be a memorable day for our students, faculty and staff,” said Keel, who also is a mass communication professor at MTSU. She is eager to hear what these national journalism leaders in the fields of broadcast, print and Internet have to say. They will provide fascinating insights about their professional experiences and their professional opinions about the state of women in journalism today.”

Sherr will deliver the keynote address, “Women, Politics and the Media,” at 6 p.m. She has traveled the world as a correspondent for “20/20” and reported on presidential elections, NASA shuttle launches and HMO fraud.

Sherr won George Foster Peabody Awards for her coverage of the millennium in Bombay and her report on an alternative treatment for anorexia and bulimia. She has received awards for stories on presidential elections, Ireland’s abortion amendment, tattooed cosmetics, the abortion pill, breast-cancer victims and sexual harassment.

This is the author of several books, including Outside the Box, Tall Blondes and Failure Is Impossible: Susan B. Anthony in Her Own Words.

Sherr joined the Times in 1997 after working at The Washington Post for eight years. She has covered religion and politics, the challenge of increasing religious diversity in communities and schools, clergy sexual abuse, government funding of ‘faith-based’ charities and the conflicts over gay marriage, abortion and stem cell research.

Dampier is a freelance journalist who spent 17 years at People magazine. She spent 10 years as the Chicago bureau chief and was the youngest bureau chief in the magazine’s history. She oversaw the magazine’s coverage in 14 states and part of Canada and worked on stories involving Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jordan, John F. Kennedy Jr. and Renee Zellweger.

Jensen founded Women’s eNews (www.womensnews.org), an award-winning independent daily news service covering issues of concern to women. A former senior writer for The Christian Science Monitor and a New York Times Syndicate columnist, she has more than 20 years of experience in journalism and journalism education. Jensen also is a survivor of domestic violence and a former welfare mother who earned degrees from The Ohio State University and Columbia Graduate School of Journalism.

Williams has anchored, reported and produced series pieces for sweeps at WATP-TV in Nashville. She also is the accomplished author of a series of four children’s books that focus on a fictional inner-city neighborhood. The main characters are “End,” a young, adventurous girl who triumphs by using her leadership skills to improve her troubled community.

Brooks is a reporter for The Tennessean who also has worked as a White House and congressional correspondent for various Washington newspapers, including United Press International and Gannett News Service. Over the course of a 15-year journalism career, she has covered stories ranging from the presidential impeachment and trial to the Olympics and Hurricane Katrina.
Faculty/Staff Update

Conferences

Dr. Mark Anshel (health and human performance) coordinated a symposium on “Effective Strategies for Community Health and Wellness Programs” March 21-24 at the Society of Behavioral Medicine Conference in Washington, D.C. He also presented “Strategies That Promote Adherence to Changes in Exercise and Eating Habits in a Community Wellness Program: An Outcome-Based Action Study.”

Drs. Janice Leone, Mary Evins, Mary Hoffschwelle and Pippa Holloway (history) participated in the Scarratt-Bennett 20th anniversary conference “Struggle, Faith and Vision: Celebrating Women in the United Methodist Tradition—1788 to Today,” March 9-11 at Scarratt-Bennett Center in Nashville. MTSU’s history department co-sponsored the event and presented a symposium, “Intersecting Missions: The Work of Women in Progressive Women’s Organizations in Tennessee—1870-1930.” Evins, who served as symposium chair, presented “‘Dangerous’ Women’s Work: Expanding Acceptable Women’s Roles and Developing Primary Education in Tennessee in the Early 20th Century”; Leone presented “‘Practical Religion’: Settlement Work of the Woman’s Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1890-1920”; Hoffschwelle served as commentator on five papers on church mission and education; and Holloway was commentator on four papers addressing women’s political activism. Hoffschwelle and Holloway also participated in a Cokesbury book signing that featured their recently published works, The Rosenwald Schools of the American South (University of Florida Press, 2006) and Sexuality, Politics, and Social Control in Virginia, 1920-1945 (University of North Carolina Press, 2006), respectively.

Exhibits

Marc Barr (electronic media communication) is one of 58 U.S. artists whose work—a computer-designed tea set—has been accepted into the upcoming Biennial Exhibition of North American (Functional) Clay at the Guilford Art Center in Guilford, Conn. Another of Barr’s tea sets has been selected for inclusion in the 15th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National exhibit at the Market House Craft Center in Lancaster, Penn. It was one of 110 pieces selected from more than 1,000 entries.

Research Copyrights without Going Bananas” March 8 at the John C. Hodges Library at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville as part of the UT Libraries’ “E-Forum: Electronic Issues for the Academy” series. The original presentation, “Monkey Biz-ness (Down in Tennessee),” delivered at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Music Library Association, was recently chosen as SEMLA’s nominee for the Music Library Association’s national Best of Chapter Competition. If selected, Baker will deliver his presentation at the 2008 MLA Annual Meeting in Newport, R.I.

Drs. Joan Raines (academic enrichment) and Dovie Kimmins (mathematical sciences) presented “Shuffle and Roll: Using the Probability Simulator to Teach Probability Theory” and “Picking a View: Subtleties of Graphing Calculator Window Selection” at the Teachers Teaching with Technology International Conference in Chicago March 9-10.