Rutherford County’s “Celebration Under the Stars” will once again be held on the campus of MTSU—and admission to the family-oriented event will be free.

Festivities will kick off at 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 4, on the university’s intramural field, the traditional site for the countywide event. From 5 to 8 p.m., there will be games and activities for the kids, including face painting, patriotic puzzles and arts and crafts projects. There also will be prizes and promotional giveaways.

The Col. Hardy Murfree Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution again will provide free American flags for everyone. The chapter has provided flags for this celebration for the last nine years.

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by Gina E. Fann

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IN BRIEF
BOOKSTORE CLOSED JUNE 27-29 Phillips Bookstore will be closed for inventory June 27-29. The last day to order supplies from the catalog will be Monday, June 25, and the last day for campus deliveries will be Tuesday, June 26. There will be no deliveries until Monday, July 2, when the bookstore reopens at 7:30 a.m. For more information, contact 615-898-2700.

$18,000 stipend

From Staff Reports

MTSU’s College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning has established a new Adult Degree Completion Program, which will enable adults who have left college prior to finishing to earn a degree quickly and affordably.

The ADCP is applicable to any degree offered by the college. Students have the choice of taking courses online, on-campus or in combination. The program is customized so that each student works with the ADCP director and his or her academic adviser to select the most appropriate program.

“Those who are interested in completing a degree while continuing to meet work and family responsibilities. With MTSU entering this arena, it has greatly reduced the cost for most employees and employers compared to the for-profit or private school alternatives. Our goal is to allow students to get a degree as quickly and efficiently as possible.”

Program details can be found on the Web at www.mtsu.edu/adcp, and appointments with the ADCP director may be scheduled by calling 615-898-2177.

CORRECTION
Adult degree plan launches
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Commencement ceremony DVDs will be available

DVDs of MTSU’s May and August 2007 commencement ceremonies will be available for purchase from Phillips Bookstore for $10 each plus $6.95 shipping and sales tax for Tennessee orders.

The DVDs will be shipped in four to six weeks after the ordering deadline for each graduation.

Orders for the May event must be placed by Friday, June 22. The ordering timeframe for the Aug. 11 ceremony is July 2-Sept. 14.

Orders may be placed online at www.phillipsbookstore.com or by calling 615-898-2700. Web site orders are paid through PayPal.

Customers ordering in person may pay by cash, check, MasterCard or Visa. Phone orders can be placed with a MasterCard or Visa.

Phillips Bookstore will have more information onsite when prospective graduates pick up their regalia.

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MT coaches honored for careers of excellence

State Legislature recognizes Insell

from MT Media Relations

S tate Sen. Jim Tracy, R-Shelbyville, introduced Joint Resolution 169 at the State Capitol on May 31 to honor Middle Tennessee women’s basketball coach Rick Insell for his upcoming induction into the National High School Hall of Fame.

On July 4, Insell will become the fourth high school coach from Tennessee inducted into the national Hall of Fame in Palm Desert, Calif. He’s one of 12 individuals who will be inducted into the organization for 2007.

The induction ceremony will be the closing event of the 88th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting. Previous Tennessee inductees include the late Jim Smiddy, the late Buck Van Huss and the late Boyce Smith, all coaches. The late Bill Pack and the most recent inductee, Billy Schrinnier of Jackson, were inducted into the Hall of Fame as officials.

“IT is a great honor to be recognized by your state leaders and to be singled out for the work that you do,” Insell said. “I am very grateful for the time and effort Jim Tracy put into this endeavor.”

Insell built a dynasty at Shelbyville Central High School, guiding the Golden Eaglettes to a record 10 TSSAA state championships with an overall record of 775-148 (1.840 winning percentage) during his 28-year tenure. He was hired at Shelbyville Central (Class AAA) in 1977 and spent all 28 years as head coach at the school.

The Woodrow Wilson native has spent the last two seasons as head coach at Middle Tennessee, compiling a 50-15 record and winning two straight Sun Belt Tournament titles.

The Blue Raiders claimed the regular season Sun Belt title in 2006-07, posting a perfect 21-0 mark versus SBC opponents and earning a school-record 30 victories.

The Middle Tennessee women won 27 consecutive games before falling 73-59 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to Marist College of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Insell was voted Sun Belt Coach of the Year for the seventh year, the first Blue Raider head coach to garner a Coach of the Year accolade since 1988.

Middle Tennessee also appeared in the national rankings for the first time since 1988 and in the Associated Press Top 25 poll for the first time in school history. Insell’s high school coaching records and honors include:

• coaching Shelbyville Central to 110 consecutive wins from 1987-91, a Tennessee state record;
• either winning a state title or finishing runner-up 15 of his 28 seasons as a head coach at Shelbyville;
• being named USA Today National Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1991;
• being named Converse National High School Coach of the Year in 1990 and 1992;
• leading the 1990 squad to recognize the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Team of the Year, the first high-school team so honored;
• guiding the Golden Eaglettes to 23 district championships and 16 regional championships;
• developing six Tennessee Class AAA Miss Basketball Award recipients and 15 high-school All-Americans; 57 of his players have received scholarships to continue their careers at the collegiate level;
• coaching Tiffany Woosley, who was named USA Today National Player of the Year in 1990-91;
• receiving a special invitation to the Oval Office by President George H.W. Bush for academic and athletic achievement as well as honors from both houses of Congress and two Tennessee governors.

Moore named Southeast Region Coach of the Year by golfing group

from MT Media Relations

O utgoing Middle Tennessee men’s golf coach Johnny Moore certainly is leaving his current position in style.

Moore, whose retirement after 18 years at the helm of the program became effective June 15, was named the Southeast Region Coach of the Year by the Golf Coaches Association of America May 31.

The nine regional Coach of the Year recipients are also candidates for the Eaton Golf Pride Dave Williams Award, which is presented to the Division I national coach of the year.

“My first reaction was that I was stunned,” Moore said. “I feel honored to be mentioned (with the coaches on this list). These guys are legends. It’s quite an honor to be named.”

“I really think it’s an honor for the university and for those players, not for me. They are the ones who did it. I drove the bus and stayed out of the way.”

Moore, who was named Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year in April, came within inches of leading the Blue Raiders to their first SBC Championship when they lost on a birdie putt on the first playoff hole at the league tournament in April. Middle Tennessee had stormed back from a 13-shot deficit to grab a share of the lead after 54 holes.

The Blue Raiders enjoyed top finishes in all seven of their spring tournaments and posted 10 top five finishes out of 12 events during the 2006-07 season. Freshman Craig Smith became the first Blue Raider to earn low medalist at the Sun Belt Conference Championships, and sophomore Chad Narramore became the first Middle Tennessee golfer selected into the NCAA Division I Championships as an individual.

As far as depth and overall talent, I believe this was the best team we have had at Middle Tennessee since I’ve been here,” Moore said. “This was a very close team and a group of guys that really cared about one another and how one another played. It was very enjoyable to coach this team, and the best thing is the majority of the players are young, either freshmen or sophomores, so the future is very bright.”

The GCAA is the professional association of men’s golf coaches. Established in 1958, this nonprofit organization is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing its members who participate in men’s golf at all levels. Through its established events and programs, the GCAA maintains a goal of increasing awareness and the status of men’s golf.

Eaton Golf Pride Regional Coaches of the Year include Moore from the Southeast region; New England representative Tom Drennan of the University of Rhode Island; the Mid-Atlantic’s Kevin Fillman of Longwood; Southern representative Allen Terrill of Coastal Carolina; the Midwest’s Mark Crabtree of the University of Louisville; Central rep Bill Brodgen, University of Tulsa; South Central’s Brian White, Lamar; Southeast’s Bruce Brockbank of Brigham Young; and Pacific rep Conrad Ray of Stanford University.

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www.mtsu.edu/alert4u
The tornado drill will last for 20 minutes from the time the e-mail notifications are sent out. Afterward, all personnel should return to normal duties. The purpose of this campuswide drill is to accomplish a number of tasks:

• The drill should help building runners become familiar with receiving warning information via e-mail.

• The drill should also help all employees become familiar with how they may be notified of tornado warnings as well as with places they should go in the event of an actual tornado warning.

• The drill also will give everyone a chance to identify problems, issues and areas that should be addressed.

With this advance notice, we trust that all faculty, staff and students will be able, if necessary, to adjust their classroom schedules and activities. Building runners should review the areas that they need to cover and make sure they include every office and classroom on their routes.

Tornado warnings and drills will be inconvenient for many of us. At the same time, they are critical to ensure a safer campus community.

Please send any feedback (positive and negative), ideas and suggestions concerning tornado preparedness planning to either Tom Tozer, director of News and Public Affairs, at ttozer@mtsu.edu or Buddy Peaster, chief of the Department of Public Safety, at paletter@mtsu.edu. The university’s tornado notification system is meant to be an important alert system that works for students, faculty and staff. Please share your comments with Tozer or Peaster to help improve the system.

Be prepared! Campuswide tornado drill is June 26

by Lisa L. Rollins

A ccording to an African proverb, "When the lion writes history, the hunter disappears." And Dr. Ellen Garrison, associate professor of history, says the same can be said for humankind when it comes to accurate historical records as they relate to human rights.

A member of MTSU’s faculty since 1989, Garrison is the coordinator for “Whose Story Gets Told? Human Rights and the Power of Records,” an open forum and panel discussion that will be presented from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, in the Business and Aerospace Building’s State Farm Lecture Hall.

“Throughout history, the victors in human conflicts have usually enshrined their account of those conflicts in carefully selected official records and standard published narratives, leaving the story of their victims untold,” Garrison said.

“In the 20th century, victims and their advocates began a systematic effort to recover those lost voices through truth commissions, video, film and oral history projects, and opening the complete record of government actions to the public.”

The 90-minute panel discussion will feature internationally known archivist Dr. Trudy Huskamp Peterson, MTSU’s 2007 Visiting Distinguished Public Historian, and moderator Dwight Lewis, a columnist and regional editor for The Tennessean.

James E. Staub Jr., who volunteers with several Nashville-based social justice groups, said it’s crucial to conduct educational discussions about the importance of accurate historical records within the realm of human rights and whose stories get told.

“When we work to change the world, we must make ourselves counted, and we must hold people with power accountable for their decisions,” said Staub, a government information librarian. “Public records—and new records built from the people’s stories when the official record is insufficient or injurious—expose truth and give us raw material to replace injustice with justice.”

In addition to Peterson, panelists set to share their own efforts to preserve such lost voices include the Rev. Edwin King, plaintiff in the Mississippi Sovereignty Commission Records lawsuit; MTSU alumnus John Awan, a Sudan native and naturalized U.S. citizen; and Dr. Clare Bratten, an assistant professor of electronic media communications at MTSU and producer of a documentary on Kurds in Iraq and those who immigrated.

Those who attend the June 19 forum at MTSU will “hear a diverse panel explore contemporary examples of... recent human rights conflicts ranging from South Africa and the Sudan to Iraq and Mississippi,” said Garrison, who noted that each panelist has participated in the struggle to preserve the voices that have yet to be preserved in the official records of these conflicts.

“The late historian Carter G. Woodson, who is regarded as the father of the Open Media Research Institute. She also is the former acting archivist for the United States and author of Final Acts: A Guide to Preserving the Records of Truth Commissions (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005).

“Dr. Trudy Huskamp Peterson’s reputation as an archivist is unparalleled in the United States and abroad,” confirmed Garrison, who also is a certified archivist. “During a 21-year career at the National Archives, she rose through the ranks to become the deputy archivist and acting archivist of the United States ... (before leaving) the National Archives to embark upon an even more challenging career working with international organizations to identify, preserve and maintain control over records essential to prosecuting human rights violations.”

In addition to speaking at “Whose Story Gets Told?” during her MTSU visit, Peterson will teach “Current Issues in Public History Practice: Human Rights and the Power of Records,” a summer session course offered by the Department of History.

“Her prolific scholarship is matched by a distinguished record of public speaking and teaching in the United States and abroad,” Garrison said of Peterson, who has served as an archivist for the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. She has served as an archivist for the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. She has served as an archivist for the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

For more information on the event, which will be followed by a dessert reception, please contact the history department at 615-898-2536.
**TV Schedule**

“Middle Tennessee Record”
Cable Channel 9:
Monday-Sunday—5 p.m.
NewsChannel 5+:
Saturdays—1 p.m.
Visit www.mtsu.edu/~proffice/MTR.html for airtimes on 12 other cable outlets.

**June 18**

June 18-21
**Blue Raider Baseball Day Camp (Session III)**
for boys ages 7 to 12
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

June 18-22
**Blue Raider Youth Tennis Camp II**
for athletes ages five to 18
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2957.

**June 19**

June 19-20
**CUSTOMS Orientation**
Basic & Applied Science, Mass Comm and undeclared majors
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~customs.

**June 21**

June 21-23
**Kermit Davis Men’s Basketball Team Camp II**
for high-school boys’ teams
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-5228.

June 21-July 15
**Youth Culture & Art Center Recording Workshop**
for children ages 12 to 17
2 p.m. Sundays and 6 p.m. Thursdays
For information, e-mail bororecording@gmail.com.

**Thursday, June 21**
**Retirement reception for Career Center Director Martha Turner**
2:30-4 p.m., BAS SunTrust Room
For information, contact: 615-898-5342.

**June 22**

June 22-23
**CUSTOMS Orientation**
Liberal Arts, Education & Behavioral Science, Business and undeclared majors
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~customs.

**Friday, June 22**
**Retirement reception for WMOT's John L. High**
11 a.m.-1 p.m., LRC East Lobby
For information, contact: 615-898-2800.

**June 24**

Sunday, June 24
**“MTSU On the Record: The Price of College Textbooks”**
Guest: Dr. Janet Belsky
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available at www.mtsunews.com or free subscription at iTunes.

**June 25**

June 25-27
**Blue Raider Strength and Conditioning Camp**
for athletes ages 12 to 18
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-904-8196 or 615-898-2428.

**June 26**

June 25-29
**MTSU “Boys Only” Soccer Camp**
for boys ages 10 to 18
For information, visit www.mtsusoccer camps.com or contact: 615-898-5316.

**June 29**

June 29-July 1
**Rick Insell “Elite” Women’s Basketball Camp**
for girls grades 7-12
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-5336.

**July 1**

Sunday, July 1
**“MTSU On the Record: Celebration Under the Stars”**
Guests: Marlane Sewell, Jim Fanguy, Darla Jackson and Deborah Paschall
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available at www.mtsunews.com or free subscription at iTunes.

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**See your event here!**

**Calendar Items Welcomed**
Submit your campus events (at least three weeks in advance if possible, please) to gfann@mtsu.edu.
Parkway is once again donating the “Celebration Under the Stars” birthday cakes. Program emcee State Rep. John Hood, D-Murfreesboro, will extend a formal welcome at 7:30 p.m., followed by remarks from local dignitaries and sponsor representatives. This is Hood’s 10th year as emcee for this event.

At 8 p.m., following the presentation of colors by the Murfreesboro Fire Department’s Color Guard, a tribute to the armed forces and singing of the national anthem, the Tennessee Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra will present a program of traditional patriotic tunes, rousing Sousa marches and inspirational classics. Dr. Raphael Bundage, professor in MTSU’s Robert W. McLean School of Music, will conduct.

The fireworks display will light up the sky at 9 p.m. Guests should enter the campus on Faulknerberry Drive off Middle Tennessee Boulevard and from Greenland Drive. The entrances on the east side of campus along Rutherford Boulevard will be closed, and parking will not be permitted on either side of Rutherford Boulevard. The best parking on campus will be north and west of the celebration site and also in the new large lot on the east side of Rutherford Boulevard.

The lots adjacent to the Recreation Center will be closed. MTSU police and university personnel will be on duty to help people to parking areas. Rutherford Boulevard will be closed temporarily during the fireworks display and reopened as soon as the area has been cleared. At the end of the evening, guests will be asked to wait about 15 minutes before exiting the campus via MTSU Boulevard onto Rutherford Boulevard in order for officials to check for any fireworks that may not have detonated.

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.

Sodexo, food vendor for the event, will sell soft drinks, pizza, hot dogs and traditional holiday snacks and desserts.

Sponsors of the event include MTSU, The Daily News Journal, the City of Murfreesboro, Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation, Rutherford County Government and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce. In addition to MTSU, the DNJ and the City of Murfreesboro, additional community supporters include SunTrust Bank and the Tennessee Arts Commission.

A special “Celebration Under the Stars” publication will be inserted in the Sunday, July 1, edition of the DNJ, providing a schedule of activities and a map of the celebration site.

Event organizers will share the spotlight that evening with WGNR-AM 1450 Radio and Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation, both of which are celebrating their 60th anniversaries. Additionally, WMOT Jazz89, the MTSU station, is marking its 38th year on the air.

For more information about the celebration, call Marlane Sewell, steering committee chair, at 615-893-2141, Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation, at 615-890-5333 or MTSU News and Public Affairs at 615-898-2919.
Mass Comm honors late Brian Williams of SunTrust Bank
from Staff Reports

The College of Mass Communication is acknowledging the contributions and cooperation of the late Brian Williams, known as Music Row’s respected ‘banker to the stars,’ by renaming its popular lecture series in his honor.

Mr. Williams, 45, was a charter member of the College’s Board of Visitors and a senior vice president and director of SunTrust Bank Inc.’s Entertainment Banking, a group comprising various units specializing in music and motorsports private banking. In that position, he directed the Nashville, Atlanta and Miami private banking units dedicated to the music industry and the Daytona Beach and Charlotte Motorsports units and used those efforts to create Music Row fundraisers.

He died July 8, 2006, from injuries sustained while swimming with family and friends at Center Hill Lake in Smithville.

The annual lecture series, which draws professionals from all venues of and connections to the communications industry, will now be known as the “Brian Williams Entertainment Studies Lecture Series, presented by SunTrust Bank.”

“Brian was a significant supporter of high-quality education at MTSU,” said Dean Anantha Babbili, in announcing the decision. “He was always devoutly student-centered and used his position on Music Row to bring resources to enhance the quality of our recording industry program.

“It’s only natural and right that we honor his spirit and his devotion to education by renaming our lecture series in his memory.”

The dean described Williams as a pioneer who forged effective partnerships between MTSU’s mass communication program, music industry and banking. He was particularly known for launching the practice of lending clients money against future royalty incomes and treating songs as collateral, a once-unheard-of practice on Music Row that has since become standard.

“Brian was known as the ‘banker to the stars.’ We are grateful that part of his legacy will allow us to bring industry ‘stars’ to campus to share their experience knowledge and wisdom with our students,” said Steven Barnes, development director for the College of Mass Communication.

HONORING THE BEST—University leaders join SunTrust Bank officials and Marion Williams, center, during an April ceremony recognizing the contributions of the late Brian Williams, director of SunTrust Bank’s Entertainment Banking, to the College of Mass Communication. From left are MTSU Executive Vice President and Provost Kaylene Gebert, Mass Communication Dean Anantha Babbili, Mrs. Williams, SunTrust Senior Vice President (and Board of Visitors member) Karen Clark and Mike Weber, Murfreesboro city president, SunTrust Bank.

photo by Jack Ross

The Blue Raiders open Sun Belt Conference play at home against Florida Atlantic and Florida International, and they also have home conference games against UALR, Arkansas State, Denver and North Texas.

“We play a schedule like this one because we feel it represents the type of competition we will see during conference play,” Rhoden said. “This schedule also gives us an opportunity to measure ourselves against other top teams in conferences across the country, plus face different styles and systems of play that, should we get into the NCAA Tournament, there will be no surprises for us there, either.”

Middle Tennessee begins the 2007 season at home in an exhibition contest against UAB on Saturday, Aug. 25. All home games are played at the Blue Raider Soccer Field. Games in bold type in the schedule below are home games.

2007 Middle Tennessee Soccer Schedule

Aug. 25 vs. UAB, 7 p.m. (exhibition game)
Aug. 31 at East Tennessee, 4 p.m.
Sept. 2 at Belmont, 1 p.m.
Sept. 7 vs. Tulsa, 7 p.m. (Middle Tennessee Classic)
Sept. 9 vs. Mississippi State, 3:30 p.m. (Middle Tennessee Classic)
Sept. 14 at Alabama, 7 p.m.
Sept. 16 at Alabama A&M, 1 p.m.
Sept. 21 vs. Long Beach State, 4:30 p.m. (Oklahoma Classic, Norman, Okla.)
Sept. 23 vs. Oklahoma, 1 p.m. (Oklahoma Classic, Norman, Okla.)
Sept. 28 vs. Florida Atlantic,* 7 p.m.
Sept. 30 vs. Florida International,* 1 p.m.
Oct. 5 at South Alabama,* 7 p.m.
Oct. 7 at Troy,* 1 p.m.
Oct. 12 vs. UALR,* 7 p.m.
Oct. 14 vs. Arkansas State,* 1 p.m.
Oct. 19 at Louisiana-Lafayette,* 7 p.m.
Oct. 21 at Louisiana-Monroe,* 1 p.m.
Oct. 26 vs. Denver,* 7 p.m.
Oct. 28 vs. North Texas,* 1 p.m.
Nov. 2 at Western Kentucky,* 7 p.m.
Nov. 7-10 Sun Belt Conference Championships, Mobile, Ala.

* - Sun Belt Conference Game
from MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee golfer Taryn Durham has reached great heights during her extraordinary collegiate career; however, the junior linkster will play on the grandest stage of all when she participates in the U.S. Women’s Open.

Durham shot rounds of 73 and 75 in sectional qualifying at the par-72 Village Links of Glen Ellyn in Glen Ellyn, Ill., June 11. That made her one of only 21 players to earn a spot in the 136-player field for the U.S. Women’s Open, which will be played June 28-July 1 at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club in Southern Pines, N.C.

“I really don’t think it has sunk in yet,” Durham said from her Glasgow, Ky., home the day after her qualifying rounds. “Everybody in my phone book has called me. It is still hard to put into words, but I played well and it’s a great accomplishment. The course was very difficult and the pin placement was tough so I felt like I played well. I’ve never concentrated that hard on each shot.”

Middle Tennessee women’s golf coach Rachael Short said Durham, the first Blue Raider linkster to qualify for the Open, is deserving of the honor.

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Durham shot rounds of 73 and 75 in sectional qualifying at the par-72 Village Links of Glen Ellyn in Glen Ellyn, Ill., June 11. That made her one of only 21 players to earn a spot in the 136-player field for the U.S. Women’s Open, which will be played June 28-July 1 at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club in Southern Pines, N.C.

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The driven competitor thought the opportunity of a lifetime had slipped away when she three-putted the 18th hole of her final round; however, there would be more golf to be played—a lot more as it turned out.

“I three-putt my last green and I was not a happy camper heading to the clubhouse,” Durham said. “I figured the scores were going to be a little high because the course was so tough, so I thought a two-putt would be safe, but not a three-putt. I had to wait 30 or 40 minutes for all the scores to come in to find out if I was either advancing or in a playoff, or out.”

By that time, the sun was setting over the course and daylight had long since given way to dusk as seven remaining hopefuls went back on the links for a playoff to determine four spots.

On the first playoff hole, one golfer birdied to advance, five, including Durham, parred, and one bogeyed to be eliminated, leaving five players for three spots as they headed to the second playoff hole.

All five players parred the second playoff hole to set up a third.

At this point, the golf official asked if we wanted to finish or come back (the next day), because it was literally dark at this point,” Durham said. “None of us wanted to come back, so we all agreed to play the third hole. It was so dark you could hardly see, but we wanted to finish.

Durham’s tee shot went 20 feet above the pin on the par-3, and she ended up sinking a 20-foot birdie to secure the coveted spot in the Open.

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Counting down to the Centennial

LIVING HISTORY—The June edition of MTSU’s video magazine, “Middle Tennessee Record,” continues the anticipation of the university’s 100th anniversary in 2011 with the “Centennial Countdown” segment. This month’s feature provides the history of MTSU’s name, from its founding as Middle Tennessee Normal School (see logo, inset) through a name change to Middle Tennessee State Teachers College to the university moniker it wears today. The photo above of the monument at East Main Street shows the name from 1943 to 1965. Learn more on “MT Record” at 5 p.m. weekdays on Cable Channel 9 and 1:30 p.m. Saturdays on NewsChannel5+; see page 4 for more airdates and times.

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Center for Student Involvement and Leadership offers one-stop services

MTSU’s Division of Student Affairs has created the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership to help equip students with the skills and confidence needed to become leaders in their chosen fields.

The center, also known as CeSIL, will be under the direction of Dr. Colette Taylor, associate dean of students. It will comprise the offices of Greek Affairs (formerly Greek Life), Intercultural and Diversity Affairs (formerly Multicultural Affairs), Off-Campus Student Services (including Adult Student Services), Leadership and Service (formerly the offices of Leadership Development and Student Organizations and Community Service) and the June Anderson Women’s Center.

“Our primary objectives are to increase student learning, provide more opportunities for students to become engaged in the university community and to empower students to take ownership of their experience at MTSU,” Taylor said. “Studies show that the more students are engaged in their educational experience, both inside and outside the classroom, the more they learn from that experience.”

“The creation of the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership is a tremendous step forward in making MTSU a truly student-centered campus,” added Dr. Bob Glenn, vice president for student affairs and vice provost for enrollment and academic services.

“By aligning these offices under the same umbrella, we are creating synergy among a diverse group of offices and campus services, creating increased effectiveness, eliminating duplication in programming and creating a seamless leadership development program. Yet each of these offices will maintain its individuality in terms of the student populations it serves.”

The center’s theme—“Do you know CeSIL?”—will introduce students to the center’s programs and learning opportunities. The center will provide a broader array of opportunities and a more inclusive environment for all students. The campaign will feature the center’s mascot, CeSIL, who will appear at a variety of events.

“The benefit of this reorganization is the opportunity it gives us to collaborate and to develop programming that will be of benefit to a broader array of students,” said General Manager, director of Greek Affairs. “Before, we operated more or less independently. While there was oversight, there was never really a coordinated effort to develop a seamless program across all of these offices. It will allow us to be more efficient and more effective as an office.”

For more information, contact Taylor at 615-898-5812.

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Seniors bring home NCAA doubles championship

Pair beats Illinois, gifts outgoing coach with 1st NCAA win

MTSU seniors Marco Born and Andreas Siljestrom made history May 28, winning the NCAA Doubles Championships, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), in Athens, Ga., over defending national champs Kevin Anderson and Ryan Rowe of Illinois.

In the final match of head coach Dale Short’s storied career, Born and Siljestrom claimed the program’s fourth national title in tennis and its first NCAA Championship.

The Blue Raiders were broken late in the first set and then again at 4-all in the second set and looked to be done in the first NCAA championship match. But Born and Siljestrom broke back in the next game and forced a tiebreaker in the second set, evening the match.

In the third set, the Blue Raiders nearly broke the Illini in the first game and Siljestrom overcame a pair of double faults in the 12th game to decide a tiebreaker. In the tiebreaker, Middle Tennessee started fast, dropping the first point before rattling off three straight and five of six for a 5-2 advantage. The Illini held their two serves before Born finished off the victory with his two serves, setting off the celebration between the two seniors and their head coach.

“I am a little bit at a loss for words,” said head coach Short, who announced his retirement in April after 20 years at the helm of the program. “I have to give credit to the guys. They kept their composure, didn’t think too far ahead and stepped up when it mattered. It was a great match and a huge win, not only for the guys but also for the university. I hope this is a sign of things to come for Marco and Andreas and also for our tennis program at Middle Tennessee.”

GOING FOR THE WIN—MTSU seniors Andreas Siljestrom, left, and Marco Born await serve during a match in the NCAA Doubles Tennis Championships May 28 in Athens, Ga. The pair gave MTSU its fourth national title in tennis and its first NCAA championship.

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People Around Campus

Faculty/Staff Update

Dr. William Canak (sociology and anthropology), chair of the Chapter Advisory Committee of the Labor and Employment Relations Association, participated in its seventh biannual National Policy Forum June 14-15 in Washington, D.C.

Conferees

Dr. Warren Anderson (agribusiness and agriscience) made a PowerPoint presentation on “Composting and Mulches” May 24 at the Rutherford County Agricultural Extension Services’ regular monthly “brown bag lunch” at the Lane Agri-Park Extension Center on John R. Rice Boulevard. The free educational meeting is held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month (except November).

Dr. Stuart E. Bernstein presented “Brain Research: Studies of Fluent Readers and Individuals with Dyslexia”; and Janet Camp presented “Where is the Gift? Finding Answers to Reading and Spelling Difficulties through Spelling Analysis.”

Dr. Pam Taylor (nursing) presented “Improving Healthcare through Informatics” and Amy Turner presented “Management of Low Back Pain” at the Annual Alumni Continuing Education Conference May 11 in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building. Their colleagues in the School of Nursing also made the following poster presentations at the conference:

• Dr. Jenny Sauls and Sheila Marquart, “Student Habits of BSN Students in a Baccalaureate Program”;
• Dr. Judy Campbell, “Influences of Attitudes and Health Literacy on Completion of Advanced Directives Among Community Dwelling Older Adults”;
• Janice Harris and Dr. Suzanne Prevost, “The Backyard Medicine Cabinet”;
• Sandy MIXER, “Nursing Faculty Career Expressions, Patterns and Practices Related to Teaching Culture Care”;
• Dr. Lynn Parsons, “Acute and Chronic Pain Management”; and
• Dr. Carolyn Hix, “Introducing Nurses to Practice-Based Learning and Improvement: Evaluation of the Student Integrated Quality Improvement Project.”

Publications


Scholarships

Dr. Richard Detmer (computer science) has established the Richard Detmer Computer Science Academic Scholarship to be awarded on the basis of academic excellence to a sophomore or junior computer science major who has completed at least 10 hours of computer science courses at MTSU. It was partially funded by royalties from sales of his books through the years, recognizing that students’ purchases were the source of those royalties.

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