NEW TRANSFER CHIEF NAMED

Michelle Blackwell, new director of transfer student services, comes to MTSU from the March of Dimes in Huntsville, Ala. She'll now be working with deans, chairs, faculty and staff to improve the transfer process, build positive relationships with community colleges, provide orientation and advising to transfer students and coordinate UNIV 2020 for transfers. She can be reached at 615-898-5728 or emblackw@mtsu.edu.

HELP SOLVE EQUIPMENT THEFT

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward up to $1,000 for information about the June 15-18 theft of copper wire, garage doors and shop lights from the Family Student Housing maintenance warehouse. Call 615-893-STOP 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

A projected 940 degree candidates will graduate during the 96th annual summer commencement ceremony, MTSU officials announced.

The single-ceremony event will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 11, in Murphy Center on the MTSU campus, with Dr. Tony Johnston, associate professor of agriscience and agribusiness and the current MTSU representative on the Tennessee Board of Regents’ Faculty Subcouncil, delivering the commencement address.

Some 703 of this summer’s degree candidates will be undergraduates, said Dr. Sherian Huddleston, director of records and assistant vice provost of enrollment services, with 237 students slated to graduate from the College of Graduate Studies. This total includes one graduate certificate recipient, 207 master’s degrees, 24 specialist in education degrees and five doctoral-level degrees.

“Graduation marks the first day of the rest of a student’s education,” Johnston said of his planned message to degree candidates. “Just when we think we’re ‘finished’ with education, we realize it’s just begun.”

Prior to joining the MTSU faculty in 1995, Johnston served as a full-time food quality and food assurance manager for national corporations, including Pilgrim’s Pride, Tyson Foods and Ozark Salad Company, as well as a winemaker and consultant for land and business owners interested in establishing vineyards and wineries in Tennessee, Virginia, Arkansas, Alabama and Georgia.

Born in Louisville, Ky., and reared in Texas, Johnston earned a bachelor’s degree in geophysics and a Master of Science degree in food science before garnering a doctorate in food science/ enology from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He also holds professional memberships in the Institute of Food Technologists, the American Society for Enology and Viticulture and the Tennessee Viticultural and Oenological Society.

He has devoted professional service to a number of food science-related organizations, including serving as secretary for the Grape Research

BRAA’s $2.54M beats record in fundraising

from MT Media Relations

It’s well-documented that Middle Tennessee enjoyed a banner year in athletics, as evidenced by winning its fourth Sun Belt Conference All-Sports trophy in seven years.

The payoff is also being realized from an economic standpoint: the Blue Raider Athletic Association just turned in record fundraising numbers, the current football season ticket drive is ahead of last year’s pace and the football and women’s basketball programs are coming off record-setting attendance seasons.

“We are coming off one of our best years athletically and academically, and our fans and supporters are responding to this success,” Middle Tennessee Director
Burg named new director of operations

Middle Tennessee head basketball coach Kermit Davis has announced the addition of Brian Burg as director of basketball operations.

Burg begins his first season on Davis’ staff after serving as an assistant coach at Western Texas College in 2001 and 2003, compiling a 37-1 mark in 2003 and finishing the year ranked 10th in the USA Today Super 25 Girls rankings.

A native of Houston, Texas, Burg primarily will be responsible for academics, video editing and the Blue Raiders’ extensive community service programs, as well as the various tasks included in the day-to-day operation of the Middle Tennessee basketball program.

Dye was named the best defensive player at Shelbyville her final two years and served as team captain as a senior. The Fayetteville, Tenn., native played in the 2003 Tennessee East-West All-Star game before earning a basketball scholarship to the University of Florida.

“Kim played for me at Shelbyville and was a team player there and went on to be a big team player for four years at Florida,” Insell said. “When she and Coach Peck inquired about coming to Middle Tennessee, I was ecstatic. She has a lot she can share and add to our program.”

During her playing career at Florida, the Gators made three consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament in 2004-06, making the second round of the 64-team field in 2004.

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During her playing career at Florida, the Gators defeated fifth-ranked Tennessee in winning the program’s first-ever game over the Lady Vols and becoming the first unranked team to ever win at Thompson-Boling Arena.
Students investigate ecology of the Keys

by Randy Weiler

Ten MTSU students gained a glimpse of the current status of the Florida Keys’ ecological system when they traveled there with Dr. Padgett Kelly in June. Kelly said the weeklong biome analysis class activities included:

• kayaking through the Key Largo mangrove runs;
• snorkeling in Key Largo, Key West and the Dry Tortugas 75 miles west of Key West;
• feeding tarpon at Robby’s Marina in Islamoroda;
• seeing other interesting sites and history of the Keys.

“They learned about the role of the mangroves, turtle grasses and ecology of the Keys,” Kelly, professor of biology and co-director for the Center for Environmental Education, said. “They snorkeled on patch (Key Largo) and barrier (Key Largo, Key West and the Dry Tortugas) reefs. It was an enthusiastic group. They learned quite a bit in a short amount of time.”

All 10 students will become educators when they graduate, Kelly said. “This was the first time I had ever snorkled. I saw sharks and stingrays that I had only seen on television. It was my kind of trip,” said Crystal Hughes, a senior interdisciplinary studies major from Franklin University and mother of two children.

“Taking a trip like that shows you how small the world is, what we have in common and broadens your perspective,” said Hughes, who added that she “will be enthusiastic” about carrying her knowledge—and lots of pictures—to the classroom.

For Lance Crowell, senior interdisciplinary studies major from Hohenwald, the trip “was a lifetime experience for me. I probably would’ve never been able to see that part of Florida had it not been for this class.”

“I never thought I would learn as much science in a week,” he added. “There’s something I learned every day that can be a science lesson as well as a history lesson (when I begin to teach). It was beautiful: the coral reefs, fish, the mangroves, the sunset cruises—all of it. What I enjoyed most was the snorkeling. The snorkeling at the Dry Tortugas at Fort Jefferson was fantastic.”

Molly Hamm, a junior special-education major from Lebanon, said the Keys experience will enable her to “make it come to life” when she becomes a teacher one day.

“When I teach, I’ll have a visual aid and hands-on experience,” said Hamm, who is teaching this summer at Northfield Elementary School in Murfreesboro.

“It’s amazing all that Dr. Kelly knows. We would pass by something and he’d point out five or six things we couldn’t see.”

Kelly said he was “very appreciative of the administration for helping us out and making this trip possible.”

He will take another group to the Keys in June 2008.

Guiding young math, science whizzes can earn course credit

from Staff Reports

There is a new service-learning class available through the Experiential Learning department for fall 2007. MTSU students can earn one hour pass/fail credit by serving as group leaders with middle-school girls with the Expanding Your Horizons, or EYH, conference in the EXL 2010 or 3010 Group Leaders class.

EYH conferences are designed to nurture middle-school girls’ interest in science and math courses and to encourage them to consider science- and math-based career options such as biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, computer science and physical science.

MTSU students are needed to serve as group leaders to supervise, escort and encourage girls in the various math and science workshops. This service-learning class is for MTSU students in basic and applied science fields but also for those in the helping fields like education, as well as those interested in math and science careers.

Students can go to www.mtsu.edu/~lclippar to download an EYH volunteer application or get more information.

Admission to EXL 2010 or 3010 is only by permission of the instructor. It typically takes one to three days for the student background check.

Please email lclippar@mtsu.edu if you have additional questions.
July 30-Aug. 12

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

**Through Sept. 14**
Order August 2007 Commencement DVDs
For information, visit www.phillipsbookstore.com or contact: 615-898-2700.

**July 30**
July 30-31
CUSTOMS Orientation
All colleges and majors
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~customs or contact: 615-898-5533.

**July 31**
Tuesday, July 31
Eighth Annual McNair Scholars Research Symposium
9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tom H. Jackson Building
For information, contact: 615-904-8462.

**Aug. 2**
Thursday, Aug. 2
Blue Raider Blast: Smyrna
5:30-7:30 p.m., 135 Sugar Creek Lane in Smyrna
Free and open to the public; barbecue, $5 per plate
For information, contact: 615-898-2210.

**Aug. 4**
Saturday, Aug. 4
Back to School Kick-Off Celebration
for K-12 students and families
2-6 p.m., Murphy Center
Free and open to the public
For information, visit www.newschoolyear.com or contact: 615-907-9664.

**Aug. 9**
Thursday, Aug. 9
Final Exams: Summer Sessions III & IV
Classes meeting M-Th
Retired Faculty/Staff Coffee
9:30 a.m., Foundation House
For information, contact: 615-898-3756.

Blue Raider Blast: Woodbury
5:30-7:30 p.m., Public Square
Free and open to the public; barbecue, $5 per plate
For information, contact: 615-898-2210.

**Aug. 10**
Friday, Aug. 10
Final Exams: Summer Sessions III & IV
Classes meeting M-F
Summer 2007 AROTC Commissioning Ceremony
10 a.m., KUC Theater
For information, contact: 615-898-2470.

Commencement Reception for the August graduating class
4-6 p.m., Alumni House
For information, visit www.mtalumni.com or contact: 1-800-533-6878.

**Aug. 11**
Saturday, Aug. 11
Summer 2007 Commencement
10 a.m., Murphy Center
For information, contact: 615-898-2919.

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**A little fatherly advice**

CUSTOM CARE—Murfreesboro homebuilder Sam Anderson, left, takes a break with his son, Zeke, a Siegel High graduate and incoming MTSU freshman who plans to major in business administration, on the steps of the James Union Building as they continue on the CUSTOMS path for new undergraduate students. The final two-day CUSTOMS session for summer 2007, open to majors from all colleges, is set for Monday and Tuesday, July 30 and 31, campuswide. For more information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~customs.

photo by News and Public Affairs
of Athletics Chris Massaro said. “We are building the foundation for future success and we plan to exceed last year’s results in 2007-08.”

One of the biggest areas of success last year was in the area of fundrais- ing, where the BRAA raised $2.5 million in 2005-06. It set a record in 2006-07 with $835,383 raised in unrestricted monies compared to $658,281 the previous year. Also during the year, a total of 500 new donors joined the BRAA. This is critical because the BRAA is the primary provider of scholarship funding for student-athletes, officials said.

“It was a great year for us in terms of raising additional money and bringing in several new members,” Associate Athletic Director Alan Farley said. “I commend the efforts of our staff and committees for their hard work in helping make all of this possible. Our fans realize this is an important time in the growth of our program, and their giving helps fund scholarships as well as enable us to improve our facilities.”

Success on the field is also carrying over into season-ticket sales for the upcoming 2007 football campaign. Middle Tennessee is feeling the effects of a conference championship and bowl appearance as football season-ticket sales are up nine percent over this time a year ago.

That’s a good sign, too, Massaro said, based on previous selling trends, Middle Tennessee’s new season-ticket drive generally gains momentum in early August.

“If your retirement portfolio gains nine percent annually, you would probably be pleased, or if a business turns a nine percent increase, that would probably be considered a successful year,” Massaro added. “We are encouraged by this current increase because trends would indicate the num-
ber should pick up as we get into early August and closer to football sea-
son.”

Success within various programs also has driven record numbers at the ticket office. For instance, the Blue Raider football team drew a school-record 22,037 fans for home games in 2006 and set a single-game home attendance-
mark when 32,797 watched the Blue Raiders face nationally ranked Louisville in Nashville. The average attendance in 2006 was up almost 7,000 from 2005, when 110,185 fans went through the turnstiles for the Blue Raiders’ five home contests.

“We were pleased and impressed with the support of Middle Tennessee fans last season,” said head Football Coach Rick Stockstill. “Fan support is so crucial when you are trying to build a program and our fans were a big reason for the team’s success in 2006.”

A similar correlation can be found in women’s bas-
ketball, where the best season in program history trans-
lated into the nation’s sixth-best-attendance increase in that sport. The Blue Raiders averaged 4,157 fans per game and set a single-game mark when 10,010 saw Middle Tennessee take on top-ranked Maryland.

Attendance also has been on the rise in men’s basketball and baseball. The Blue Raider men’s basketball team has averaged more than 4,000 in con-
secutive seasons for the first time in 15 years, while the baseball program saw the third-highest single-season attendance average in school history during 2007.

For football season tickets, please call the Middle Tennessee Ticket Office at 1-888-YES-MTSU or order online at www.goblueraiders.com.

“New alumni can celebrate at commencement reception

T he MTSU National Alumni Association will host its second com-
 mencement reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, honoring the August 2007 graduating class.

Graduating seniors and their families are invited to the MTSU Alumni House at 2259 Middle Tennessee Blvd. to be welcomed as new members of the alumni association. Students also will have the opportunity to introduce their families to their favorite professors, advisers and staff members before the next day’s commencement ceremony.

No RSVP is required to attend the commencement reception, which will also include refreshments. All faculty and staff are invited to attend and congratulate the newest graduates.

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 1-800-533-6878 or visit the office online at www.mtsu alumni.com.
Health programs await final funding OK from Congress

from Staff Reports

he U.S. House of Representatives has approved funding that will allow MTSU to address two pressing national health care needs by boosting nursing education and developing new programs to reduce childhood obesity, according to U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon.

“MTSU is working to eliminate two critical health care problems in Tennessee—our nursing shortage and child obesity,” said Gordon, an MTSU alumnus.

“We are facing a critical nursing shortage in this country. With this funding, MTSU will be able to graduate additional well-trained nurses to end that shortage and meet the health-care needs of our growing population.”

The Department of Health and Human Services predicts the nation will face a shortage of more than 1 million nurses by 2020.

On July 19, the House approved $200,000 for MTSU’s School of Nursing in a funding bill for the Department of Health and Human Services. The Senate now must consider the measure and both houses of Congress sign off on it before the federal fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

The funds will be used for equipment to enhance the education of nursing students.

“We will be able to use this funding to purchase equipment for labs that are needed to provide students with the hands-on experience they will need in their profession,” said Joe Bales, vice president for development and university relations at MTSU.

The bill also included $300,000 to enable MTSU to establish a Center for Physical Activity and Health in Youth, which will develop programs to address childhood obesity in Middle Tennessee.

“Childhood obesity is a problem that has been gaining attention in recent years as it becomes more prevalent,” said Gordon. “Children who are overweight are more likely to develop health problems, such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure and Type 2 diabetes.”

According to Bales, the multidisciplinary center aims to help schools and community agencies enhance their understanding of childhood obesity, increase physical activity among youth and encourage young people to lead a healthy lifestyle.

The center will operate through the Department of Health and Human Performance within MTSU’s College of Education and Behavioral Science.

“Childhood obesity is a national problem, and this center will help MTSU address an important health issue,” said Bales. “We want to develop strong partnerships between the university and communities to target the problem from a multidisciplinary perspective.”

New exhibit traces history of Macon festival

by Lisa L. Rollins

ith a focus on paying tribute to the beloved old-time music festival known as Uncle Dave Macon Days, the staff of The Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County recently unveiled an exhibit, “Uncle Dave Macon Days: Celebrating Old-Time Music in Rutherford County.”

Melissa A. Zimmerman, programing specialist for MTSU’s Center for Historic Preservation, said the two-panel display offers viewers a bit of history, photographs and quotes from the earliest years of the festival to the present day.

Zimmerman said Dr. Stacey Graham, research professor for the CHP, was the project’s curator. In this role, Graham researched and located the images used in the Macon exhibit and developed the accompanying text.

On display now through the end of August, the “Uncle Dave Macon Days: Celebrating Old Time Music in Rutherford County” exhibit was created to honor Macon’s music legacy and Murfreesboro’s historic past, including the now 30-year-old music festival.

“In the words of Uncle Dave, ‘A man who can’t enjoy music has no heart and very little soul,’” Zimmerman said.

Exhibit creator Graham, a native of Murfreesboro, said, “This exhibit provides some information about Uncle Dave Macon Days that will hopefully be new to many people. More importantly, it honors the old-time musical tradition of Rutherford County and the festival’s role in the preservation of that tradition.”

In addition to the timely Uncle Dave Macon exhibit and “Entering the Modern Era: Murfreesboro’s Jazz Age,” the Heritage Center currently features two other exhibits, “The Occupied City From the Nation’s Capital to Neighborhood Classrooms: Rutherford County Women, Past and Present” and “Community Building Blocks: Downtown Murfreesboro’s Historic Architecture.”

Located at 225 W. College St., the center is open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is always free.

Staff members also offer guided walking tours of Murfreesboro’s Public Square on the hour, with group tours available Monday through Saturday by advance reservation.

For more information on these exhibits, as well as visitors’ information on area sites and cultural events, programming or tours, please contact The Heritage Center directly at 615-217-8013.

PLENTY OF SOUL—Uncle Dave Macon is shown in this undated publicity photo.

photo courtesy of Shacklett’s Photography
Labor-Management Conference celebrates 20 years

Labor and management is celebrating “20 years of listening, learning and leading in collaboration” this year at the Tennessee Labor-Management Conference, Wednesday through Friday, Aug. 15-17.

The conference will take place at the Sheraton Music City Hotel, 777 McGavock Pike in Nashville, and is expected to draw more than 500 attendees.

Professionals in labor relations, human resources and organized labor, as well as attorneys, mediators and arbitrators, along with those in academia, may register online at www.tnlabormgmt.org or call 615-895-4166. A special conference rate for interested college students is also available.

The conference will kick off with the traditional prayer brunch led by the Rev. Becca Stephens. Program highlights will include a discussion of trends in National Labor Relations Board decisions, moderated by Harold J. Datz, senior attorney, and a peek into the future with futurist Ed Barlow.

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“Labor-management participants at the August conference will have the opportunity to discuss possible solutions to problems in the health-care, retirement and other workplace areas,” said Dr. Barbara Haskev, director of the MTSU-headquartered Tennessee Center for Labor-Management Relations and professor of economics at MTSU.

“The focus on joint problem-solving and working together makes this labor-management conference unique and generates excitement about the outcomes that such collaborations can produce.”

Concurrent workshops from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. will address advanced negotiations, developing talent pools, how to prevent violence in the workplace and the legal matrix of the injured workers.

After a short break, workshops from 3:55 to 5:10 p.m. will include safety in the workplace (mediated by the Tennessee Construction Safety and Health Association), apprenticeship programs and innovation at work.

During the TLMC banquet, which starts at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, winners of the $2,000 Tennessee Labor-Management Scholarships will be announced, followed by a scholarship auction at 8:30 p.m. The scholarships encourage college students who are legal residents of Tennessee to remain in the state following their graduation and to continue pursuing a career in labor relations.

On Thursday, Aug. 16, at 1:30 p.m., following a morning golf outing, futurist Barlow will present a dynamic approach to anticipating and preparing for what’s ahead. The popular arbitrators panel at 3:15 p.m. will be moderated by Haskev and will address new directions in arbitration.

The 2007 conference officers will be installed Friday morning.

Early-bird registration for individuals will be available at considerable savings until Friday, Aug. 10. Early registration for parties of five people or more will be accepted up to Wednesday, Aug. 1. For hotel and registration information, visit the conference Web site.

Heritage groups create acclaimed publication

Collection’s focus is freedmen’s contracts in Williamson County

by Lisa L. Rollins

Members of MTSU’s Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area recently partnered with Rick Warwick of the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County to produce what has become an award-winning historical book.

Freedom and Work in the Reconstruction Era: The Freedmen’s Bureau Labor Contracts of Williamson County, Tennessee is the title of the newly completed book that “is an invaluable collection of the very first labor contracts signed by former slaves as they made the transition to becoming free workers after the Civil War,” said Dr. Antoinette G. van Zelm, an interpretative specialist with the Center for Historic Preservation.

The publication contains 476 labor contracts, two interpretive essays, photographs, a map, annotations, suggested readings and a comprehensive proper name index, noted van Zelm, who worked for more than a year with Warwick and CHP preservation specialist Michael Gavin to complete the book.

“The contracts bring to life the experiences of African Americans in the decades following a war of unimag- nable bloodshed and unparalleled social upheaval,” van Zelm said of the 233-page title. “The contracts contain rich information about agricul- tural culture, family life, mater- ial culture, race relations and new opportunities for education.”

Designed by the Office of Publications and Graphics at MTSU, Freedom and Work in the Reconstruction Era is one of several local cooperative efforts to collect and interpret Williamson County’s black history and also fulfills the local heritage organization’s mission to tell the whole story of the Civil War and Reconstruction, explained van Zelm, who was the project’s coordinator and one of its co-editors.

Copies of Freedom and Work in the Reconstruction Era: The Freedmen’s Bureau Labor Contracts of Williamson County, Tennessee are now available at a cost of $20 each from the Heritage Foundation at Five Points Post Office, 510 Columbia Ave., in Franklin.

Representatives from the Tennessee-based heritage organizations recently learned that their historic book will be honored with an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History’s Leadership in History Awards program during its September ceremony.

A nonprofit professional organization headquartered in Nashville, the association has administered the Leadership in History Awards for 62 years and its awards are consid- ered the most presti- gious recognition for achievement in the preservation of state and local history, van Zelm said. Additionally, event organizers have announced that winners of the 2007 awards represent 72 organiza- tions and individuals from throughout the United States.

“The labor-contract book was a great partnership opportunity for the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area and the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County,” MTSU’s Laura Holder, manager of the TCWNAH, said. “This project enabled us to bring to light powerful stories about the Freedmen’s Bureau in Tennessee, and the way society was transformed after the war. The book’s publication allows us to advance our mission of telling the whole story of the Civil War, including the impact of emancipation and Reconstruction across the state. We’re very proud that the AASLH recognized this project with an Award of Merit.”

The TCWNAH is a partnership unit of the National Park Service and is administered by the CHP at MTSU. The Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County is a grassroots preservation organization committed to protecting the architectural, geo- graphical and cultural heritage of Franklin and Williamson County.

For more information about the publication, please contact Holder at 615-896-2947 or via e-mail at holder@ mtuu.edu.

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Fire-alarm inspections scheduled over next 3 weeks

From Staff Reports

Don’t be alarmed, just be aware! MTSU’s fire-alarm inspection schedule is getting under way over the next three weeks to ensure that all safety systems are working properly before students return to classes Aug. 27.

The brief inspections won’t require employees or students to leave their work areas as they would in a fire drill, organizers say; they’ll just have to bear with a little noise for a moment.

“We want people to be confident in how they should respond to alarms and alerts on campus,” said Chief Buddy Peaster of MTSU’s Department of Public Safety. “Part of that confidence is being able to predict what they’ll do when a fire alarm sounds.”

The alarm inspections offer a good opportunity to take a few moments to mentally “do the drill” by reminding occupants to make sure they know at least two safety exits out of their buildings and what personal items they’d want to grab for a real emergency.

When it’s an actual emergency or a true fire drill, however, staff and students will be alerted and guided to safety by their appointed building runners.

The fire-alarm inspection schedule is as follows:

- Monday, July 30: Parking Services, Wood-Stegall Center, Fairview Building, Alumni House and Office;
- Tuesday, July 31: Greek Row;
- Wednesday, Aug. 1: Lyon, Mary, McHenry, Rutledge, Cummins and Corlew Halls;
- Friday, Aug. 3: Ezell, Abernathy, Nicks, Deere and Peck Halls and McFarland Health Services;
- Monday, Aug. 6: James E. Walker Library and Felder, Wood, Clement and Gore Halls;
- Tuesday, Aug. 7: Gracy, Beasley, Smith, Sims and Judd Halls;
- Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 8-10: Monohan, Schrader and Reynolds Halls;
- Monday, Aug. 13: Co-generation Plant, Floyd Stadium;
- Tuesday, Aug. 14: Foundation House, Miller Coliseum, Horse Science;
- Wednesday, Aug. 15: Sports Hall of Fame, Student Recreation Center; and
- Thursday, Aug. 16: Extra day, if needed.

For more information about fire-alarm safety and preparedness, visit www.mtsu.edu/alert4u and click on the “fire” link, or go to www.mtsunews.com and click on the bright orange and red “Do the Drill” button. You also may call 615-898-2424 with questions.

At MTSU, we take fire alarms seriously. Respond as though your life depended on it.

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Awards

Dr. Robert B. Blair (business communication and entrepreneur) received the 2007 National Business Education Association Collegiate Teacher of the Year Award at the organization’s annual convention in New York City. Blair is secretary of the Tennessee Association of Parliamentarians—Delta Unit in Nashville.

Certifications

Shelly Thomas (educational leadership) recently earned her Certified Professional Secretary designation.

Meetings

Several MTSU faculty and students participated in the American Democracy Project annual meeting in Philadelphia in June. Dr. Andrei Korobkov (political science) facilitated a discussion on international service learning and delivered a paper with co-author Derek Frisby (history) on “Mobilizing Memory: Civic Engagement and the Construction of a Campus Veterans’ Memorial.” Dr. John Vile (political science) appeared in character as James Madison at a plenary luncheon. Dr. Jim Williams (history) delivered the paper “Intergenerational Learning and Civic Engagement in American History Courses: Connecting Students and Veterans in Middle Tennessee,” and Dr. Ron Kates (English) and undergraduate students Brittany Bauman and Marsha Riggs teamed up to present “How Students and Faculty from Three ADP-South Institutions Collaborated on an Inter-Campus Service-Learning Initiative.” Korobkov and Williams co-directed the American Democracy Project at MTSU.

Presentations

Computer science faculty made their mark at the 2007 World Congress in Computer Science, Computer Engineering and Applied Computing Conference, held June 25-28 in Las Vegas. Professor Ralph Butler and Dr. Chrisila Pettey co-authored and presented “A Bilingual Theorem Prover for Evaluating HP System” at the conference. Joining Dr. Al Cripps’ presentation of “Fuzzy Lattice Reasoning with Delta Measure” and Drs. Sung and Junghoo Yoo’s presentation of “Student Performance Monitoring in Classroom Teaching.”

Publications

Tammie Allen (Development and University Relations) published an article in GX Magazine, “A Mother’s Patriotism,” as a response to her daughter Heather’s service in the Tennessee National Guard. Go to www.gxonline.com, click on the “Past Issues” link and read the “feature” article of issue GX 4.6, “Why We Are Patriots.” Allen’s commentary is featured on page 41.

Dr. Tom Brinheit and Monica Wallace (psychology) and their colleague at Pittsburg State University, Richard Lipka, authored a chapter, “Aligning Student Self and Identity Concerns with Middle School Practices,” in the 2007 volume The Young Adolescent and the Middle School (Information Age Publishing, pp. 201-218).

See yourself in The Record!

E-mail your faculty/staff accomplishments to gfan@mtsu.edu or fax 615-898-5714. Attention: The Record, Faculty/Staff Update.

NOTE: If you submitted an item for the Faculty/Staff Update between June 12 and 27 and haven’t seen it published yet, please resubmit it. It may have been lost in a software update snafu. Thanks for your help!