Curriculum redesign draws national interest

by Bonnie Bailey

The Starlink Training Network, a Dallas, Texas-based professional development network for higher education, recently visited MTSU to do interviews with faculty and students for its upcoming program on curriculum redesign.

The program, which will be broadcast on Starlink’s Web site through Feb. 18, will include MTSU’s redesign of its Department of Developmental Studies, which was put into place in fall 2006 after about a year of intense planning.

“This was a major restructuring,” said Dr. Marva Lucas, interim director of academic enrichment and associate professor of mathematical sciences. “The department’s courses have been transferred, new courses have been developed and all the others have been eliminated.”

An important aspect, Lucas said, is the fact that students taking the prescribed developmental education courses, renamed “K courses,” now earn elective credit or satisfy general education requirements instead of just receiving institutional credit.

“We’ve eliminated one semester under the new structure and students are then being able to complete their general education mathematics requirement earlier,” Lucas said.

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Getting GRITty

by Randy Weiler

Students waiting Up ’til Dawn Feb. 1-2

from her role as a graduate assistant and three previ- ous years’ experience with Up ’til Dawn, Megan Flippin has a veteran’s perspective for the 2008 event.

Flippin can offer lots of advice to this year’s committee hierarchy—Executive Director Crystal Griffee and Associate Directors Josh McKenzie and Jameel Braddock.

“They’ve been working really, really hard,” Flippin said of the committee. It’s spent hours preparing for the event, which will be held from 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, to 7 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, in the Campus Recreation Center to raise money for St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

“They started with a committee retreat last June,” she added. “They began brainstorming and preparing. They promoted Up ’til Dawn at CUSTOMS (summer orientation for freshmen and transfer students).”

A key event in October was Up ’til Dawn On the Lawn Awareness Week.

“It was an opportunity for teams to begin signing up,” Flippin said. “This year’s theme will have a carnival- and circus-like atmosphere, she said.

“It has been really easy,” she said. “Generally, carnivals and circuses are a fun concept. It’s easy when you’re getting entertainment for the finale.”

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IN BRIEF

HELP BRING HISTORY ALIVE

You can contribute to the living legacy of MTSU by allowing officials at the James E. Walker Library to make digital images of your university memorabilia. The MTSU Memory Project is looking for photographs and documents from both the campus community and the community at large. These images eventually will be posted on a user-friendly, searchable Web site suitable for both research and reminiscing.

If it's in your attic, in a piano bench or on a living-room bookshelf, the Memory Project wants to make a digital image of it and preserve it for all time as part of the institution’s history. For more information, contact Ken Middleton at 615-898-8524 or Mayo Taylor at 615-898-3605.

Student survey leads to MTSU’s ‘best’ pick by Princeton Review

from Staff Reports

The Princeton Review has designated MTSU as one among 146 “Best South- eastern Colleges” as the result of a survey of MTSU students by the publication.

According to survey findings, students said that MTSU is the “best bang for your buck in academia, sports, parties and overall experience.”

The Princeton Review conducts surveys with millions of college undergraduates in hopes of identifying the top schools in each region of the country.

“We include schools that we have a high opinion of their aca- demics and overall college experi- ence,” said Jen Adams, Princeton Review student survey manager.

“We survey many, many students and guidance counselors before we make our selections. MTSU should be pleased with being part of this group.”

In 2007, the Review surveyed a random population of MTSU undergraduate students and praised their professors as “extremely knowledgeable and very willing to meet with students outside of class.” One MTSU junior offered that “if I’ve ever had a problem, the administration and professor were there to help me.”

The comments mirror MTSU’s efforts to be the best comprehen- sive university in the state and come as no great surprise, said President Sidney A. McPhee.

“We are very pleased to get this feedback from The Princeton Review that MTSU is one of their best-rated universities in the South,” McPhee said. “More importantly, we are pleased that our students feel MTSU is work- ing hard to make sure they get the support they need from both the faculty and administration.”

To read MTSU’s entry in the ranking, visit www.princetonreview.com, register free and search for “Middle Tennessee State.”

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MTSU collaborating with World Health, CDC in West Africa

by Dr. Andrew Owusu

Over the past five years, MTSU has significantly increased the size and scope of its international activities involving students and faculty. This expansion has been consistent with the university’s academic master plan, which encourages external collaboration and experiential learning for faculty and students respectively.

In response, in 2006 the university’s Department of Health and Human Performance entered into partnership with the World Health Organization, or WHO, as well as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ministry of Education, Science and Sports, also known as MEOSS, in Ghana, West Africa.

The overall goal of the partnership is to improve the health and well-being of school-age adolescents in Ghana. The specific aims of the partnership are first to monitor trends in the prevalence of health-risk behaviors among Ghanaian children and understand the factors that influence those behaviors among adolescents ages 13 to 15 years.

The second aim is to help Ghana develop priorities, establish programs and advocate for resources for school and youth health programs and policies. The third aim is to grow Ghana and international agencies to compare health risks across countries.

The fourth and final aim is to provide MTSU students and faculty collaborators with additional opportunities to engage in academic activities and research in global health issues.

In September of 2007, the partnership completed its first phase of activities. The activities were partly funded through a Faculty Research and Creativity Activity Committee grant. “A Surveillance Study of Health Risk Behaviors Among School Youth in Ghana,” involved the initiation of capacity-building activities and data collection on health-risk behaviors among approximately 6,000 students.

With this achievement, MTSU is the first U.S. institution to successfully lead the implementation of a comprehensive nationwide surveillance system dedicated to the health of school children in an African country. Analysis of the data, generation of fact sheets, country reports and preparation of research manuscripts will take place this spring semester.

In November 2007, WHO and CDC agreed to expand their collaboration with MTSU to include older adolescents. Thus, with the leadership of Dr. Owusu, Ghana will be the first country in Africa to have a comprehensive surveillance system dedicated to monitoring health-risk behaviors among school children ages 13 to 19.

From the initial involvement of one MTSU area, the Department of Health and Human Performance, the Borodin Trio and the late Glenn Gould and Aaron Copland as well as with the Penderecki, Amadeus and Colorado String Quartets. Since 1989, Campbell also has served as professor of music at the prestigious Indiana University School of Music School of Indiana University.

In addition to his teaching duties at MTSU, Spanish pianist Eric is an accomplished teacher, soloist and chamber musician who has performed extensively in Europe, America and Asia. He is the winner of prestigious national prizes and in 2000 was awarded the prize for the best collaborative pianist in the Jacinto Guerrero International Young Competition. He has recorded several CDs and is the founder and director of the Festival Internacional de Música Clásica de Ribadeo in Spain.

For more information, call 615-898-2493.
Library posters inspiring youths to read
by Gina K. Logue

Four recent MTSU graduates now grace the halls of the James E. Walker Library and the walls of Tennessee high schools on posters encouraging students to read.

The latest READ posters are available for viewing in the periodicals section of the library on the main floor. They feature young people from dramatically different walks of life who found reading to be essential to their academic, spiritual and professional lives.

“All of them have in common that reading is an important part of their success,” says Bill Black, library professor in charge of administrative services.

Black says the project started a couple of years ago when the American Library Association made the software for its own READ poster program available to libraries across the country. While the national project displays celebrities, the MTSU counterpart touts the university’s superstar students.

“It really took the shape of identifying students on campus who could serve as examples to younger students, and younger students would be able to look at these individuals and get some inspiration for what they might be able to do,” Black says.

With a grant from the university and production assistance from the Offices of Marketing and Communications, News and Public Affairs, Publications and Graphics, and Photo Services, library officials are working gradually to distribute the posters to schools throughout Tennessee.

“They’ll take a fair amount of money to distribute it across the schools with this iteration,” Black says. “But if we do a subset of that and then next year we do another four, eventually there’ll be a set of four in each high school across the state.”

In each poster, a student holds a book that exemplifies that individual’s interests or attitudes. The featured students on this year’s posters are:

• John Awan, a native of southern Sudan and a refugee camp survivor who now is enrolled in seminary at The University of the South in Sewanee. An MTSU graduate with a major in public administration, Awan has volunteered in the United Nation’s Child-to-Child program and worked on a collection of books for shipment to Sudan. He is focused on putting his knowledge and his faith to use for the betterment of his war-torn nation. “I know very well that my years at Middle Tennessee State University have prepared me for these future challenges,” Awan says. “This is an honor I see as an encouragement to do some more work, and I will carry it with me for the rest of the time ahead of me.” He holds the Walker Library’s re-edition of the Gutenberg Bible.

• Matthew Bullington of Murfreesboro, the recipient of a Presidential Scholarship, which paid for all four years of his MTSU education. Now holding an economics degree, Bullington was active on campus in the Student Government Association, University Honors Council, Raider Representatives and the university orchestra. He began with two honor societies, Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key International.

Bullington’s volunteer work included musical performances at residential-care centers and debate coaching for a home-school debate team. He holds the book 1776 by David McCullough.

• Kimberly “Kimmie” Jones, who graduated from Brentwood, who graduated with honors, majoring in advertising with minors in art and English. A volunteer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, who uses a scooter to overcome her physical limitations, Jones was visual arts editor of the MTSU arts journal College and has interned at McNeely, Pigott and Fox, a Nashville public relations firm. “I am so proud to be a part of something as recognizable as the READ posters,” Jones says. “I love to read, so when I was asked, I thought it was one of the coolest opportunities I have had.” She holds the book Make a Difference: America’s Guide to Volunteering and Community Service by Arthur I. Blastem.

• Petar Skobic of Pleasant View, a native of Zagreb, Croatia, whose struggle to continue to pay for his education was the focus of a special fundraising effort by volunteers on campus. An exchange student who learned English by reading Stephen King and J.R.R. Tolkien novels, Skobic was president of MTSU’s Financial Management Association and graduated with an MBA with an emphasis on finance. Skobic now is a district manager for the Aldi supermarket chain. He holds the book Absolute Honesty: Building a Corporate Culture That Values Straight Talk by Larry Johnson and Bob Phillips.

Career and Employment Center introduces Lightning JobSource from Staff Reports

The MTSU Career and Employment Center recently introduced Lightning JobSource, the new name for its online job referral site, center Director Bill Fletcher said.

The name is loosely based on Lightning, the MTSU athletic mascot, and was chosen to better identify with the university instead of relying on the name given by the software program vendor, Fletcher said.

The site formerly was known as JobRecruiting.

Lightning JobSource features a streamlined initialization process that allows new registrants to sign up for an account online and receive login information the next business day. When accessing the Lightning JobSource link from the Career and Employment Center Web site (www.mtsu.edu/career), registrants may read a use statement and submit the account initialization form through the site, without having to visit the career center or satellite offices.

The site also offers the career fair module, a new feature allowing users to review a list of career fairs and submit the account initialization form through the site, without having to visit the career center or satellite offices.

Students and alumni already registered with the system will continue using Lightning JobSource to search for jobs and upload their resumes. They also are encouraged to upload a resume or more of the resume books provided on the site. A resume book is a tailored collection of resumes, specific to a particular degree and/or job function. Only resumes published in resume books are referred to potential employers.

“As we look to cement relationships with the Middle Tennessee business community, we will rely on Lightning JobSource to act as a resource for employers, just as much as for our students and alumni,” Fletcher said. “Employers will see evidence of the viable employee candidates that MTSU has to offer.”

For more information, call 615-984-2500, e-mail career@ mtsu.edu, or visit the center’s Web site.

Need FAFSA help at MT? Join College Goal Sunday from Staff Reports

MTSU Office of Financial Aid representatives will be available to assist high school seniors during the annual College Goal Sunday, which will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, in the north lobby of the Business and Aerospace Building.

“It’s designed for high school seniors, but we’ll be happy for any- one to join us,” said Bonnie McCarty, assistant director of scholarships.

College Goal Sunday helps prospective college students get free on-site assistance filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form and enables them to talk to financial aid professionals about resources and how to apply for scholarships and student loans.

Students and their parents or guardians should bring a 2007 federal tax return or other income documentation, Social Security number, driver’s license, 2007 W-2 forms or year-end pay stubs and bank statements and other “what to bring” information found at www.collegegoalsonline.org.

Attendees should apply for their FAFSA personal identification number in advance by visiting www.pin.ed.gov.
**TV Schedule**

“Middle Tennessee Record”  
Monday—Sunday—5 p.m.  
News Channel 5;  
Sundays—1:30 p.m.  
Visit www.mtsunews.com for other cable outlet airtimes.

**Every Wednesday**

**Gender Circles**  
Weekly conversations on diversity with emphasis on gender issues  
1-3 p.m., JUB 206  
For information, contact: 615-898-2193.

**Through Jan. 31**

**EARLY VOTING for the Feb. 5 presidential primary**  
Visit www.rutherfordcountytn.gov/election/ for locations and times; visit www.state.tn.us/sos/election/absentee.htm for absentee voting information.

**Jan. 29**

**Tuesday, Jan. 29**  
Murfreesboro Youth Orchestra  
7 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

**Jan. 31**

**Jan. 31-Feb. 1**  
**Wind Band Conference**  
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

**Jan. 31-Feb. 2**  
MTSU Theatre’s Student-Directed Studio Series: “Underwear” by Heidi Ervin and Brandon Gwinn  
7:30 p.m., BDA Studio Theatre  
For information, contact: 615-898-2450.

**Thursday, Jan. 31**  
**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m., KUC 322 and 318  
For information, contact: 615-898-2210.

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
**MT Baseball Annual Groundhog Day Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m., Murphy Center arena  
Tickets: $20 per person (order deadline is Jan. 25)  
For information, contact: 615-898-2103 or 615-898-2210.

**MTSU Wind Ensemble**  
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**  
**MT Baseball “Show Me” Camp**  
on open to children ages six to 12  
1-5 p.m., Murphy Center  
Cost: $75 until Feb. 1; $85 day of  
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

**Honors Visiting Artist’s Public Lecture: Washington Post illustrator Patterson Clark**  
4:30 p.m., HONR 106  
For more information, contact: 615-898-2287.

**Feb. 3**

**Sunday, Feb. 3**  
**“MTSU On the Record—Update on Russia”**  
Co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs and Services Office  
2-4 p.m., JUB 100  
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~aahm.

**Jan. 28**

**Monday, Jan. 28**  
**Black History Month: Sierra Leone’s Refugee All Stars Concert**  
7 p.m., Tennessee Room, JUB  
Sponsored by the Department of Student Programming  
No admission charge  
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~aahm or contact: 615-898-2987.

**Photographer Lauren Shaw: Lecture, Documentary Screening and Book-Signing**  
7 p.m., LRC 221  
For information, contact: 615-898-2085.

**Faculty Oboe Recital: George T. Riordan**  
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

**Feb. 4**

**Feb. 4-5**  
**Black History Month: Black Inventions Exhibit**  
Sponsored by the Student Government Association  
10 a.m.-6 p.m., KUC Lounge  
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~aahm or contact: 615-898-2987.

**Monday, Feb. 4**  
**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Sponsored by School of Nursing  
10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building  
For information, contact: 615-898-2990.

**Stones River Chamber Players**  
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

**Feb. 6**

**Wednesday, Feb. 6**  
**Black History Month: Annual Unity Luncheon “Unsung Heroes” Honors**  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, James Union Building  
Admission: $18 adult;  
$8 student with MTSU ID  
To purchase tickets by Jan. 31, call 615-898-2797 or e-mail bwunder@mtsu.edu;  
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~aahm or contact: 615-898-2987.

**Feb. 9**

**Saturday, Feb. 9**  
**Women’s Invitational Choral Festival**  
Wright Music Building  
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

**Feb. 10**

**Sunday, Feb. 10**  
"MTSU On the Record—Post-Mortem of Tsunami Tuesday”  
Guest: Dr. Robb McDaniel  
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM  

**College Goal Sunday at MTSU**  
2 p.m., north lobby of Business and Aerospace Building  
For more information, visit www.collegegoalsundaytn.org or call 615-904-8414.

**Calendar Items Welcomed**  
Submit your campus event calendar items (at least three weeks in advance of the event, please) to gfann@mtsu.edu.
The English Department has dealt with the changes by implementing the Stretch Program—a program building on Arizona State University’s Stretch model. “Students who have low placement test scores in English are capable of writing college level papers, but need more time for revision, peer review, and conferences with their instructors,” Dr. Sheila Otto, coordinator of the Stretch English Program, said. “The Stretch Program is designed to provide the additional support of extra time, more instruction and a writing community to those students.”

The English Department has been pleased with success rates, Otto said. In spring 2007, students enrolled in English 1010K had a pass rate of 84 percent. “This is an exciting change,” said Dr. Bill Badley, assistant vice provost for academic affairs and director of general education. “We’re saving students’ time; we’re saving them money, and we’re getting the same outcomes as the regular college courses.”

After the one-year pilot, the results have been compared and there have been no significant differences found in pass rates between students that took the K courses, students that took the former developmental courses, and students that took the regular general education college-credit courses, Lucas said.

“We’re just very proud,” Badley said. “We literally said we expected students to do more, and they did. They succeeded.”

To view the program, visit www.startlinktraining.org and click on the “Webcast” box on the right.

### Official ‘Day One’ headcount nearly 22,000 for spring

The first day of spring 2008 class-enrollment totals were submitted Sunday, Jan. 27, more than the 20,797 students who attended the first day of classes Jan. 16, 2007, Huddleston said, adding that it was a 1.4 percent increase.

For more information, call 615-904-8270 or visit www.mtsu.edu/aprillaunch.

### Unity Luncheon to recognize 4 ‘unsung heroes’

The special luncheon speaker will be Smyrna Judge Keta Barnes, who was the first African-American official elected in Smyrna and the first African-American female judge elected in Rutherford County.

Tickets will be $18 per person and $8 for students. Reservations can be made by sending a check payable to MTSU, Box 904, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37132. To purchase tickets, contact Brenda Wunder at 615-896-2797 or hwunder@mtsu.edu. The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, Jan. 31.

The theme for the 2008 Black History Month is “Carter G. Woodson and The Origins of Multiculturalism.” More than 40 events are in the Campus Calendar on page 4; an article with events will follow in the Feb. 11 Record.

### Jan. 29, March 25 webcasts to feature astronaut training

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6 students bring ‘broad range’ of ideas to Posters at Capitol

by Randy Weiler

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other talented group of
MSU students will be mak-
ing presentations of their
research and five productions at state leg-
islators Wednesday, Feb. 6, during the three
annual Posters at the State
Capitol in Nashville.

MTSU serves as host of the 10
a.m. to 3 p.m. event, which also
includes up to six presenters from fel-
low Tennessee Board of Regents
members East Tennessee State
University, Tennessee Tech, Austin
Peay, Tennessee State and the
University of Memphis. The MTSU
College of Basic and Applied Sciences
helps sponsor the event.

MTSU’s six representatives, all
seniors, will include:

• Stephanie Mills, a music major
from Murfreesboro, whose mentor is
Dr. Michael Linton, professor of
music. Mills’ presentation is “A
Creative Project Based on the Life and
Work of Manuel de Falla”;

• Jeremy Minton, psychology
major from Trenton, whose mentor is
Dr. Gloria Hamilton, professor of psy-
chology. Minton’s presentation is
“Family Expressiveness and
Alexithymia in College Students”;

• Richard Anderson, a geo-
sciences major from Murfreesboro,
whose mentor is Dr. Warner Cribb,
professor of geosciences. Anderson’s
presentation is “Investigation of
Petro-Tectonic Settings of Felsic
Igneous Rocks”;

• Taylor Barnes, a physics major
from Murfreesboro, whose mentor is
Dr. Daniel Erenso, assistant professor
in physics and astronomy. Barnes’
presentation is “Measuring
Mechanical Deformations in Human
Erythrocytes Without Using Force
Probes in Both PBS and Cell Serum
Samples”;

• Eugene Siebert, an engineering
technology and industrial studies
major from Memphis, whose mentor
is Dr. Walter Boles, ETIS chairman.
Siebert’s presentation is “Investiga-
tion of Granular Segregation in a
Horizontal Rotating Tube from an
Energy Perspective”;

• Andrea VanHoozer, a psycholo-
y major from Memphis, whose men-
or is Aimee Holt, a psychology
instructor. VanHoozer’s presentation
is “Learning Strategies of College
Students With and Without Learning
Disabilities.”

Erenso also serves as mentor to
alternates Daniel Solus of Brentwood
and Jeremy Curtis of Ooltewah.

Solus’s presentation is “Investigation
of Alternative Green Energy Sources
from Landing Aircraft.” Curtis’s pres-
etation is “Formation of Synthetic
Structures with Micron-Size Silica
Beads Using Optical Tweezers.”

Dr. Diane Miller, interim vice
provost for academic affairs, serves as
director of the McNair Scholars
Program and undergraduate research,
and is involved with the selection of
the presenters.

“The six students were selected
through a competitive process on
campus,” Miller said. “Congratu-
lations to all six presenters and the
alternates. They represent a broad
range of disciplines on campus and
will have a very exciting day visiting
with the state legislators.”

Theatre works net nominations

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ever theatre major Jayme M.
Smith’s award-winning play,
“An Intervention from God,”
will have a very exciting day visiting
the festival.

MTSU students nominated for
individual awards at the regional
festival include the following Irene
Ryan Award acting nominees:
Matthew Frazier-Smith and Georgia
Hemrick for “Kid Icarus,” Justin
Bourdel and Paige Hall for
“Ramona Quimby,” Estelle Hatcher
and Valerie Meek for “The Country
Wife,” Leah Finch and Vance
McCarty for “Mother Courage and
Her Children,” Dustin Napier and
Alli Scott for “Romeo and Juliet”
and David Bennett for “An
Intervention from God.”

Dale E. McGilliard also was nomi-
nated for a faculty directing award
for her work with “Romeo and Juliet,”
Katrina Stanifer was nominated for
a stage management award for her
work with “Romeo and Juliet,”
Hunter Raymond was nominated for
an Alcone Makeup Award for
her work with “Kid Icarus,” and
Hunt Bamberger was nominated for
a Barbizon Lighting Design
Award for his work with “The
Country Wife.”

Speech and Theatre Professor
Dale E. McGilliard also was nomi-
nated for a faculty directing award
for his work on “Romeo and Juliet.”
Faculty working with the
Region IV festival include speech
and theatre professors Deborah
Anderson (playwriting chair), M.
Crosby Hunt (regional director of
the National Critics Institute) and
Jeff Gibson (Region IV chair).

They were selected as regional Short Play
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IRB sets spring ’08 schedule

From Staff Reports

MTSU’s Institutional Review Board has set its spring 2008 meeting schedule.

All meetings will take place the last Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. Meetings are set for Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 25, April 29, May 13, with the May meeting date will be announced later.

Protocol applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. two weeks before the review meeting date. All meetings, with the exception of the Feb. 26 session, will take place in the Library Conference Room, Room 475. The Feb. 26 meeting will be conducted in the Ingram Building’s first-floor conference room.

The MTSU Institutional Review Board reviews all research involving human subjects at MTSU. The Office of Compliance is located in the Sam Ingram Building in Office 011B. Please visit the IRB website at www.mtsu.edu/~irb or contact the Office of Compliance (615-494-8918 or irb@mtsu.edu) with questions.

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input sought for accreditation of nursing school

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education will be conducting an accreditation site visit for the baccalaureate degree in nursing program on the MTSU campus from April 14 to 16.

Written and signed third-party comments will be accepted by CCNE until 30 days before the site visit, or March 15.

Please direct comments to Ms. Linda Shepherd, Regional Assistant, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, Suite 530, Washington, D.C., 20036-1120.

Dr. Andrew Owusu, assistant professor of health and human performance at MTSU, is the primary investigator/country coordinator for the Ghana School-Based Student Health Survey partnership project.

From Staff Reports

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n July, 2007, the Office of News and Public Affairs began posting video stories on YouTube, and since that date, the videos have been viewed more than 22,000 times. The most popular of the videos has been a seven-minute clip from Dr. Chuck Frost’s documentary on street children in the Philippines, which originally aired in February 2007.

The social work professor’s documentary has not only been popular; it resulted in a surprise reunion for his wife, Melly, and an old friend. According to Frost, his wife discovered an old college friend’s e-mail address on the Internet.

He recounted, “She e-mailed her and updated her, letting her know that she was now married to Dr. Charles Frost, and mentioned that you could find a video about street children that I had produced on YouTube.

“The Philippine friend, who now lives in Germany, e-mailed back that she had already viewed the YouTube documentary BEFORE my wife had contacted her and was planning on contacting me to ask permission to use the video in her efforts to raise funds to help the street children.”

Among the other popular MTSU videos on YouTube are stories about “Wilson’s Allen,” the famous horse now buried near the Miller Coliseum; Dr. Bill Robertson’s students exceeding the speed of light; evaluation of MTSU’s tornado drill; Dr. Anthony Newsome’s research on staph infections; and Dr. Hugh Berryman’s forensic anthropology students.

The videos are taken from MTSU’s video news magazine, “Middle Tennessee Record,” which has been on the air since February 2004.

To view any of the 60-plus videos, go to YouTube and search for “mtsunews.”
Freshman survives shark-bite shock to walk into nursing

by Gina K. Logue

When MTSU student Craig Hutto lost a leg, he gained a new appreciation of the medical profession—one so intense that it prompted him to change his major.

A week before his 17th birthday in June 2005, the Lebanon youth was on vacation with his family at Cape San Blas, about 50 miles southeast of Panama City. As Craig was fishing with his brother Brian, a bull shark, estimated to be 6 to 8 feet long, attacked Craig’s right leg. Brian grabbed his brother and tried desperately to pull him to shore as Craig tried to pry the creature’s jaws open, only to witness his hands being ripped to shreds.

“Right when it bit me, I went straight into shock,” Craig says. “So I don’t know the exact spot where it bit me, but I know it bit me from mid-thigh all the way down in different spots.”

Unbeknownst to Craig at the time, the shark’s teeth had pierced his right femoral artery, which carries blood from the heart to the lower extremities. It was bleeding from this artery that cost Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor his life when he was shot in November 2007. Medical professionals say controlling hemorrhaging in the immediate aftermath of an injury to this artery is critical.

“To my advantage, there were three nurses, an EMT (emergency medical technician) and a doctor on the shore, just on vacation,” Craig says, “and right when I got on the shore, they immediately did what they were trained to do, which was elevate my right leg and then hold pressure on ... my right femoral artery. I mean, they did everything they were supposed to do, and I believe that’s why I’m still alive today.”

While the ambulance arrived on the scene within 10 minutes, Craig had to wait inside the ambulance for 45 minutes for the LifeFlight helicopter to transport him to a Panama City hospital. He stayed there two-and-a-half weeks, enduring six operations. He walks today with a titanium prosthesis. However, when he concentrates on his walking, there is no evidence of a device because the shark did not rip his quadriceps muscles.

Craig lost 3,500 cubic centimeters of blood in the accident. He was given two body transfusions and 16 extra pints of blood in the hospital. He now has a blood drive to donate blood.

“I know the exact spot where it bit me, but I know it bit me from mid-thigh all the way down in different spots,” Craig says. “I still walk around like, why was I doing this?”

With the training of a coach who taught Craig how to adjust his swimming technique to accommodate the loss of his leg, the former lifeguard completed the 1.2-mile swim in 35 minutes.

“It’s just finding the balance on top of the water and then rotating your hips, not just your legs,” Craig says.

He altered more than just his swimming style. He changed his mind about the direction of his life. Craig says he was thinking about a career in computer science prior to the accident, but he says his tragic experience made him realize how important doctors and nurses really are. Now Craig is planning to become a nurse anesthetist.

“Every time I walk, I’m supposed to fire the quad where I can just be sturdy and I won’t limp, but I always get lazy and just forget to do it,” Craig says. “I still walk around with a little limp all the time.”

Returning to athletics with an artificial leg was an issue for Craig, who excelled at baseball and basketball prior to the attack. He did not want to be the focus of undue attention for the recipient of pity from his competitors. Even so, in 2006, he flew to California and competed in a triathlon, forming a three-man team with both of his brothers. Brian ran; Zach biked; Craig swam. It was the first time he had entered ocean water since the accident. “I wasn’t too worried about it, honestly, until I got in the water,” Craig says, “and I knew what keeps me sane,” Craig says. “I’m glad they treat me like everybody else.”

Once I was in the water, I wasn’t freaking out, but I was questioning myself—like, why was I doing this?”

We Produce,” at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching in Greensboro, N.C., in February.

During fall 2007 the Instructional Technology Support Center went through a reorganization process that resulted in the promotions of seven staff members. Gail Fedak is now director of Instructional Media Resources; Regina Forsythe is now coordinator for media library services in IMR; Pat Jackson is the new director of television for Audio/Visual Services; Jenny Marsh is now technical clerk for AVS; Jeffery Nokes is now director of engineering/chief engineer for AVS; Jean Reese is the new coordinator for collection development in IMR; and Anthony Tate is now manager of the ITSC computer facilities.

The Event Coordination Office has completed an office reorganiza-

Dr. Maria Clayton (English) has accepted an invitation to present her research on active learning and technology, “Collaboration Design: Working Together and Sharing What