‘Makes me feel good about the future’

**Women’s History Month events show diversity, scope of feminism**

by Gina K. Logue

Visual depictions of feminists, words of wisdom from women in science and visits from dynamic activists are part of the observance of National Women’s History Month, which kicks into high gear in the month of March with the theme of “Feminist Now.”

“Watching the progression of the first response to being called a feminist to the reaction now makes me feel good about the future,” says Terri Johnson, co-chair of the MTSU National Women’s History Month Committee and director of the June Anderson Women’s Center.

The keynote speaker will be author Rebecca Walker, who will deliver an address, “Third Wave Rising: The Role of Feminism in a Rapidly Changing World” at 4 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, in the Keathley University Center Theater. Her speech and most other Women’s History Month events are free and open to the public.

Walker is co-founder of the Third Wave Foundation, a nonprofit organization that “works nationally to support young women and transgender youth ages 15 to 30,” according to www.thirdwavefoundation.org. The daughter of Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Alice Walker, Rebecca Walker is the author of To Be Real: Telling the Truth and Changing the Face of Feminism; Black, White, and Jewish: Autobiography of a Shifting Self; and What Makes a Man: 22 Writers Imagine the Future. Her new memoir, Baby Love: Choosing Motherhood After a Lifetime of Ambivalence, is a chronicle of her pregnancy and impressions of life after giving birth to her son, Tenzin.

Activist and philosopher Angela Davis is featured on this year’s Women’s History Month buttons, which are distributed by the Women’s Center.

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**Outstanding Teacher Award nominations due**

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**Take action now to keep info secure: president**

by Dr. Sidney A. McPhee

Recently MTSU had an information security incident that occurred on a desktop computer and resulted in the possible exposure of sensitive information. This serious situation resulted in extensive media coverage that could have an adverse impact on the MTSU community.

It is imperative that each member of the university community does his/her part to limit the risk of accidental release of such information. While in the past, the use of personally identifiable information, especially Social Security numbers, was a part of normal university business.

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**Are you smarter than a fourth-, fifth- or sixth-grader?**

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FOURTH-, FIFTH- OR SIXTH-GRADER?—The Campus School team of Tatum Watson, 9, second from left; Katherine Minatra, 10; Nina Kelly, 10; and Mary Lane Minatra, 10, listen to advice from Kelly’s mother, Rhonda Kelly, before the judging of their game, “You Are a Math Genius,” at the 2008 Invention Convention in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Sponsored by State Farm and the Department of Elementary and Special Education, the 16th annual event drew hundreds of local young inventors and a special Invention Convention alumnus, entertainer Chris Young. See story, page 5.

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**Find a place in the world**

Rabbi Rami Shapiro (religious studies) will lead a faculty brown-bag conversation Tuesday, March 18, on the potential impact of the new cosmology on what it is to be human, based on the book A View from the Center of the Universe. The event is set for 11:20 a.m. in Room 475 of Walker Library. For more information, contact Bill Black at wblack@mtsu.edu.

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION DAY

MTSU’s Student Government Association and the Office of Leadership and Service are coordinating the annual Campus Beautification Day during Make a Difference Week. The tentative date for the project is Saturday, April 19. Please send your suggestions for improvements to harrring@mtsu.edu.

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Information security is everyone’s job at MTSU
by Greg Schaffer

Theft of laptops from the Davidson County Election Commission, the loss of a jump drive at Tennessee Technological University, the hack of a professor’s machine at MTSU... what these all have in common is that sensitive information, specifically names with Social Security numbers, were potentially exposed.

An action, or lack thereof, today may expose hundreds or thousands to potential identity theft, even though that same action would have been not only acceptable but also proper and common business practices only a few years ago. Go back to the 1990s and stroll the halls of Peck Hall, where grades were often posted on professors’ doors using class rosters that contained names and associated Social Security numbers.

“Irrespective of the past, the use of personally identifiable information, especially Social Security numbers, was a part of normal university business procedures, the threat of identity theft has now become a major societal problem,” said MTSU President Dr. Sidney McPhee in a recent e-mail to all faculty and staff. To ensure that all clearly understand the seriousness and immediacy of the problem and that it is not just related to electronically stored data, McPhee said that “the use and storage of personally identifiable information (also known as PII), including Social Security numbers, should cease immediately if not required and approved by immediate supervisor.”

It is extremely doubtful that a single data breach would shut down MTSU permanently, yet any possible breach, at the very least, is bad public relations for the university. State law mandates notification if there is reasonable suspicion that a transfer of personally identifiable information may have occurred. MTSU’s reputation could suffer if it is perceived that the university is not doing enough to protect sensitive information.

It’s not just about adding technology, but instituting core changes in how jobs are performed. Old ways need to change and new initiatives must be introduced; such is the primary reason for the formation of the Information Security Task Force. Representing all MTSU faculty and staff, the task force first met in January 2008.

One early recommendation of the task force is to tighten policies to restrict access to desktop machines from off-campus. The common office computer is often a popular target for hackers, so the task force believes this action will significantly reduce the risk of intrusions.

The Information Technology Division has, when requested, conducted security reviews for departments. This has proven to be an effective way to reduce risks while educating faculty and staff. In addition, to help facilitate the increasing demand for security reviews as well as to aid with other duties that will help in providing better computer security for MTSU, ITD recently created and filled an information technology security specialist position.

Recent focus by the media has centered mainly on names and Social Security numbers, but such pairings constitute only a part of PII. Names paired with credit card or driver’s license numbers also constitute PII under Tennessee state law. Furthermore, information does not have to be PII to be sensitive and therefore need protection. Grades, for example, paired with a student’s name, while not PII, certainly are sensitive information and are covered under the Family Educational and Privacy Act.

As McPhee emphasized in his e-mail, “Information security is a part of everyone’s job. It is not about technology, or record retention, or specific personnel, but requires a conscious effort on the part of everyone as they perform the business of the university. It is not a task that we will ever say is finished; rather, it is an ongoing responsibility that all must embrace.”

Greg Schaffer is director of network services in MTSU’s Information Technology Division.
California artist’s exhibit is larger than life

by Lisa L. Rollins

T he Todd Gallery at MTSU will present “Domenic Cretara: The Large Drawings,” a 19-piece exhibit by the California-based artist, March 10-28 in Todd Hall.

The show, which is free and open to the public, will feature works by the contemporary realist that were created in some of his preferred media—charcoal, pastels (chalk and pencil) and chalk.

“Two smaller works (featured in the upcoming show) are dynamic figure studies that present the human torso as powerful and energetic, full of tension that is palpable,” Lon Nuell, gallery curator, said of Cretara’s exhibit pieces. “The third such work, a still-life, depicts two carved figures of children playing, and a donor mask that generates an interesting and unusual tension for the viewer to sort out.”

Cretara’s “Self Portrait,” which depicts the artist “on the back of a powerful horse riding forward out of the picture plane, is a biographical statement that tells of the artist’s intensity and drive and his sensitivity,” Nuell explained. “The latter is seen in his hand that reaches gently to the horse’s neck in a reassuring way, demonstrating a quiet control of a powerful force—perhaps a visual metaphor for his life and his work.”

Cretara currently serves as a professor of art at the University of Southern California in Long Beach, where he teaches drawing and painting. The works that comprise the Large Drawings exhibit—all of which range in size from 60” by 96” to 24” by 21”—are the result of a grant made to him through USC-Long Beach, which provided the artist with an uninterrupted time to create the exhibit pieces.

Nuell, who also serves as an art professor at MTSU, has called Cretara’s campus-based show an “extraordinary body of work.”

“His choice of subject matter reflects his deep roots in the figurative tradition of the East Coast, that of those whom he has studied and the influence of such great artists as Pontormo, Caravaggio, Coya, Balthus and Antonio Lopez Garcia.”

Cretara’s exhibition record includes one-man shows at the Schomburg Gallery, Santa Monica; the Frye Art Museum, Seattle; the Las Vegas Art Museum; the Alon Gallery, Boston; the Segal Gallery, Victor McNeil Gallery and Brenda Taylor Gallery, New York; and the Koplin Gallery in Los Angeles. His group exhibitions include shows in San Francisco, San Diego, Chicago, Dallas and Rome, Italy.

Located on the first floor of MTSU’s Todd Building, the Todd Gallery is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays. Admission is always free, and exhibits are open to the public.

For more information, please contact Nuell at 615-898-2505 or via e-mail at lrnuell@mtsu.edu.
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  - Sundays—1:30 p.m.
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New PJs needed for children in hospitals and homeless shelters
For information, e-mail jazsjammies@yahoo.com or contact: 615-898-5812.

**March 10**

**Monday, March 10**
Honors Lecture Series:
Dr. Shelley Thomas and Will Langston, “Acquisition and Expression of Language: A Brain-Based Approach”
3-3:50 p.m., HONR 106
For information, contact: 615-898-2152.

Faculty Senate Meeting
4:30 p.m., JUB 100
For information, contact: 615-898-2982.

**March 11**

**Tuesday, March 11**
Black History Month:
Author Rebecca Walker
co-sponsored by National Women’s History Month Committee, June Anderson
Women’s Center and the Distinguished Lecture Fund
4 p.m., KUC Theater
For information, visit [www.mtsu.edu/~ahwm](http://www.mtsu.edu/~ahwm) or contact: 615-898-2987.

**March 12**

**Wednesday, March 12**
Tornado Siren Test Date
11:15 a.m., campuswide
For information, contact: 615-898-2424.

**Int’l. Women’s Day Luncheon**
Speaker: Beverly L. Watts, Tennessee Human Rights Commission
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., JUB
Hazlewood Dining Room
Reservations due by noon
March 10; e-mail ktodd@mtsu.edu

**March 13**

March 13-15
Tennessee Guitar Festival
8 p.m. concert each night, Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Friday, March 13
Friday Star Party
Dr. Eric Klumpe, “Central Engines for Galaxies”
6:30-8:30 p.m., WPS Room 102
For information, contact: 615-898-2483.

Faculty Recital: Dr. Deanna Little, flute, and Jerry Reed, piano
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Habitat for Humanity
MTSU chapter meeting
6 p.m., BAS S316
For information, contact: [MTSUHabitat@gmail.com](mailto:MTSUHabitat@gmail.com).

**March 14**

Monday, March 14
Honors Lecture Series:
Dr. Amy Jetton, “Sex and the Brain: Neurobiology of Mating”
3-3:50 p.m., HONR 106
For information, contact: 615-898-2152.

**March 15**

March 15-16
MT Softball vs. La.-Lafayette
March 15: 1 and 3 p.m.;
March 16: noon
Blue Raider Field
For information, visit [www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com) or contact: 615-898-2103.

March 16

Saturday, March 15
Women’s Tennis vs. Florida International
10 a.m., Bouldin Tennis Center
For information, visit [www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com) or contact: 615-898-2103.

March 17

Monday, March 17
Honors Lecture Series:
Dr. Jerry Reed, piano
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2152.

Tuesday, March 18
Dr. Said Ennahid of Al Akhawayn University, “The State of Historic Preservation in Morocco”
sponsored by the MTSU Middle East Center
3:30 p.m., HONR 106
For information, contact: 615-494-7906.

**March 18**

Tuesday, March 18
Dr. Craig E. Colten, “Extreme New Orleans: Growing Beyond the City’s Limits”
7 p.m., BAS State Farm Room
For information, contact: 615-494-7628.

Strickland Lecture Series:
Dr. Marcie Hinton, "Postcards From the War: A Rhetorical Analysis of Authorship and Audience in Martha Gellhorn's War-Torn Travel Writing”
3 p.m., JUB 100
For information, contact: 615-898-5282.

**March 19**

Wednesday, March 19
Women’s Studies Research Series:
Dr. Marcie Hinton, "Postcards From the War: A Rhetorical Analysis of Authorship and Audience in Martha Gellhorn’s War-Torn Travel Writing”
3 p.m., JUB 100
For information, contact: 615-898-5282.

Jazz Combos
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

**March 20**

Thursday, March 20
MT Softball vs. Tennessee State
2 and 4 p.m., Blue Raider Field
For information, visit [www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com) or contact: 615-898-2103.

Dr. Said Ennahid, “The Archeology of Space in Arabic Poetry”
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3:30 p.m., HONR 106
For information, contact: 615-494-7906.

Strickland Lecture Series:
Dr. Craig E. Colten, “Extreme New Orleans: Growing Beyond the City’s Limits”
7 p.m., BAS State Farm Room
For information, contact: 615-494-7628.

**March 23**

Sunday, March 23
"MTSU On the Record—Getting a Job”
Guest: Bill Fletcher, director of MTSU’s Career and Employment Center
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available at [www.mtsunews.com](http://www.mtsunews.com).

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Invention Convention draws 350 participants

Young competitors choose to ‘Make Life Easier’ or play ‘A New Game’ at annual event

by Bonnie Bailey

About 350 young inventors assembled at the James Union Building, Thursday, Feb. 28, to demonstrate their ingenuity and imagination at the annual Invention Convention, an event designed to foster creativity and showcase the inventive talents of area grade-schoolers.

“The Invention Convention helps the students take thought to a place it’s never been before,” said Tonia Nadeau, parent of young inventor and competitor Allie Nadeau. “It’s always great to think outside the box. It lets them know that things are possible, maybe outside of their normal realm of thinking.”

The inventors were first divided by grades—fourth, fifth or sixth—and then had the option to enter one of two categories depending on their invention: “Makes Life Easier” or “A New Game.”

First-time competitors Allie Nadeau and Kendyl Matthews, both fifth-graders, entered their invention, Tech Attack, a flash drive holder, in the “Makes Life Easier” category. It sported the slogan, “You’ll never forget your memory again.”

“It’s been a lot of fun, but a lot of work, too,” Nadeau said.

“I would recommend competing in the invention convention to other kids; we will probably compete again next year if we can.”

Dr. Tracey Ring, elementary and special education professor at MTSU, created the invention convention 16 years ago along with her friend and colleague, Dr. Charles Babb. The event is modeled after the “invention convention” Ring’s mother conducted when she taught elementary school.

“The Invention Convention is competitive,” said Leslie Ethery, invention convention judge and representative of the convention’s sponsor, State Farm Insurance. “It forces students to think outside the box; it forces them to be creative.”

The featured guest speaker, singer/songwriter Chris Young, a Murfreesboro native and winner of the 2006 National Nashville Star competition, told the students that “one of the biggest things you have in life is believing in yourself.”

“Being creative and believing in yourself is the key to life,” Young, a past Invention Convention competitor, said. “It’s also important to know that you can do something on your own, Young said, especially when you can imagine a creation, put all the pieces together and follow through on it.

“The beginning of all this is fostering creativity.” Young said, “but the end result is then being able to set goals. I think it’s a learning experience to be able follow through on something and have something that they made, that they came up with, and that’s their own; something to be proud of.”
E laine Rice Bachmann, curator for the Maryland Commission on Artistic Property, will be the featured guest speaker Tuesday, March 11, for the 2008 Lecture Series presented by the MTSU student chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers/International Interior Design Association.

“Designing Camelot: The Kennedy White House Restoration” is the title of Bachmann’s free 6:30-8 p.m. talk, which will be held in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building. Prior to the public lecture, a 4-6 p.m. reception and book signing with the author will take place in Maney Hall of Oakland’s Historic House Museum, 500 N. Maney Ave., in Murfreesboro.

Bachmann’s upcoming visit “is going to be a wonderful event and very timely due to the 45th anniversary of John F. Kennedy’s assassination,” observed Deborah Belcher, registered interior designer and faculty adviser for the student chapter.

Among her many noteworthy accomplishments, Bachmann oversaw the creation of a legacy desk, made of wood from the Wye Oak, for Maryland’s governor in 2004. The tree, which is considered an icon of Maryland’s history, also served as the inspiration for the designer’s most recent book, While a Tree Grew: The Story of Maryland’s Wye Oak (Cornell Maritime Press, 2007), which was designed especially for preschool through second-grade readers.

According to the publisher of the 30-page book, While a Tree Grew was created to take children on a journey of the life of Maryland’s great Wye Oak by tracing its development from the time it was a seedling to the old tree’s fall in a 2002 storm. Bachmann also has penned other titles, including serving as co-author of While a Tree Grew: The Story of Maryland’s Wye Oak (Cornell Maritime Press, 2007), which was also served as the inspiration for the designer’s most recent book, While a Tree Grew: The Story of Maryland’s Wye Oak (Cornell Maritime Press, 2007), which was designed especially for preschool through second-grade readers.

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A new system of red-light cameras scheduled to be installed in Murfreesboro by July 1 should help reduce injuries and property damage from traffic crashes at seven of the city's major intersections, city officials said.

In 2007, Murfreesboro City Council approved a contract with Trafficpax Inc. to install and operate a red-light camera system that photographs vehicles that run red lights at seven intersections showing the highest number of traffic crashes.

The system is similar to those that have improved safety in other Tennessee cities like Knoxville, Red Bank, Johnson City and Germantown, city officials said.

The cameras initially will be installed for intersections that include Northwest Broad and South Church streets, Memorial and Northfield boulevards, Northwest Broad Street at Northfield Boulevard, Old Fort Parkway at Thompson Lane, Rutherford and Mercury boulevards, South Church Street at Middle Tennessee Boulevard and Middle Tennessee at New Salem Highway.

Construction is under way, officials said, but the project shouldn't greatly interfere with the normal flow of traffic at the targeted intersections.

Three intersections—Memorial and Northfield boulevards, Rutherford and Mercury boulevards and South Church Street at Middle Tennessee Boulevard—should be in place by April 1, officials said. The remaining four—Northwest Broad at South Church, Northwest Broad at Northfield, Old Fort Parkway at Thompson Lane and Middle Tennessee at New Salem Highway—should be in place by July 1.

When the first three are fully operational, warning tickets will be issued for 30 days only. After that, payable citations will be mailed to the tag holder and no further grace periods will be recognized.

The civil citations will not affect either driving records or vehicle insurance rates, officials said. Tickets will only be issued to vehicle registration tags that clearly violate the stop bar at the beginning of each intersection after the signal turns red. An officer will have reviewed the infractions to ensure the citation is warranted.

Once the citation has been issued and received in the mail by the tag holder, officials said, he or she can either pay the fine outright or view the traffic violations at special kiosks in city facilities and contest its validity before the city judge.

No general fund revenues will be used to fund the system. Trafficpax will install and operate the system and will deduct a fee from the revenues it produces.

An extensive public awareness campaign is being organized that will include extensive coverage on Cable Channel 3 and the city's Web site at www.murfreesborotn.gov, along with other media outlets in addition to sending press releases to area newspapers.

Four-year Student Competition in Orlando, Fla. The team earned third place out of 34 teams at the recent National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Student Competition in Orlando, Fla.

TSU's Construction Management Technology team placed third out of 34 teams at the recent National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Student Competition in Orlando, Fla. The team earned first place in the 2007 event.

Team members this year include Andrew Creighton, team leader, Pensacola, Fla.; Christy Burns, Franklin; Robert Busted, Murfreesboro; Kristopher Gingrow, Valdosta, Ga., and Timothy Stevens, Pleasant View.

The Land Development/Residential Building Construction Management Team from the Department of Engineering and Industrial Studies developed a proposal for Windermere Berkshire Park Community located in Orlando, Florida. Berkshire Park has 192 single-family homes on 62 acres, and the homes range from 1,708 to 3,608 square feet.

The project manual included market analysis, demographics, scheduling, estimating, infrastructure, plans for 192 single-family homes, cash flow and a management approach for the project. The students presented it to a panel of industry judges representing Centex Homes, Opus West Corporation, Pulte Homes and TruBuilt Homes.

The international show was attended by 100,000-plus builders and associates from around the world.

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The team has been competing for 10 years. In seven of those 10 years, the team has placed within the top 10 schools.

MTSU's construction management program is affiliated with the Rutherford County Home Builders Association, Home Builders Association of Tennessee and the National Home Builders Association.

Two warm-hearted groups continue to collect items for children

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Science prodigy Barnes reaps USA Today honor

by Randy Weiler

MTSU science prodigy Taylor Barnes recently received honorable mention on the USA Today 19th annual All-USA College Academic Team, making him the only student from a Tennessee college or university among the top 76 undergraduates in the nation.

“When I applied, I felt it was an opportunity to see how I compare with the best students in the United States,” said Barnes, 17, who has a double major in chemistry and physics. “It was a chance to see not only how well I do at MTSU, but to see how well I compare at all universities in America.”

Barnes added that after seeing the list of 76 students, he felt there were “some very impressive accomplishments there. It certainly is an honor to be ranked among them.”

A Murfreesboro native now from Jackson, Miss., Barnes carries a 3.93 GPA, he said. He is a senior University Honors College student who looks to graduate in May 2009. He is involved in many MTSU Chemistry Club activities.

“I submitted a letter in support of Taylor for the All-USA College Academic Team and considered him eminently qualified, regardless of his age,” said Dr. Gary Wulfsberg, a chemistry professor. “The abilities he has demonstrated in class and in his research would do honor to an advanced graduate student, but are extraordinary in a 16 years old.”

Barnes received a Goldwater Scholarship in 2007, then a Meritorious Scholarship through Honors College interim Dean Phil Mathis’ efforts.

“While many students are enthusiastic about applying the tools of technology to scientific problems that interest them, Taylor is keenly interested in refining the tools themselves,” Dr. Preston MacDougall, an associate professor of chemistry and one of Barnes’ mentors, said.

“So it was very fitting that he was MTSU’s first Goldwater Scholar, and his latest recognitions are also well-deserved.”

“When I first met him, I could tell that he had the intellectual curiosity as well as the work ethic and single-mindedness that is essential to succeed in science. In the last two years, those traits have strengthened, and success has started to come his way, but I expect that many more (successes) lie ahead.”

Barnes was among six MTSU students who presented Feb. 6 during Posters at the Capitol in Nashville. He is scheduled to present a research project in late April at Posters on the Hill in Washington, D.C.

Barnes’ mother, Mary Lee Barnes (A.A. ’77, B.S. and M.S.T. ’83), and uncle, David Morris Arnold (A.A. ’77, B.S. ’92), are MTSU alumni. His grandfather, David Arnold, is professor emeritus in the Department of Speech and Theatre.

MIXING IT UP—Science guy Taylor Barnes, at left, demonstrates electron losses and gains—and the resultant color changes—in potassium permanganate solutions with acids and bases as fellow chemistry major Laura Whitson looks on during the MTSU Chemistry Club’s 2006 DemoMania! event.

file photo by J. Intintoli

Coldwater Scholar, and his latest recognitions are also well-deserved.

Passages

Dr. Jack Carlton (vice president for academic affairs) passed away Feb. 28 at age 87 years. Carlton, who also was a professor of English and served as English department chair, served in the academic affairs post from 1975 to 1982 under presidents Mel Scarlett and Sam Ingram.

Dr. Randall Coleman Wood (aerospace) passed away Feb. 21. Dr. Wood retired in May 1984 as the chairman of the Aerospace Department after teaching at MTSU for 16 years.

Presentations

Dr. Hugh Berryman (sociology and anthropology) and master’s candidate Alicja Kutyla (biology) presented a poster and a paper at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in Washington, D.C., Feb. 18-23, winning The Ellis R. Kerley Award for “Gunshot Residue (GSR) on Bone as a Potential Indicator of Gunshot Trauma in the Absence of a Bullet Wound Defect—A Noteworthy Observation.” The honor included a $1,000 prize.

Dr. Mark Anshei (health and human performance) has published his study, co-authored with Dr. Gangyan Si from the Hong Kong Sports Institute, on “Coping Styles Following Acute Stress in Sport: Among Elite Chinese Athletes: A Test of the Trait and Transactional Coping Theories,” in the Journal of Sport Behavior, 2008, vol. 31, pp. 3-21.

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