Forensic scientist to lecture on human rights

by Casey Brown

One of the world’s preeminent forensic scientists will visit MTSU when renowned anthropologist Dr. Clyde Snow delivers a lecture on human rights on Wednesday, March 26.

The free public lecture, sponsored by the Forensic Institute for Research and Education, or FIRE, will be held in the State Farm Room of the Forensic Institute for Research and Education, or FIRE, will be held in the State Farm Room of the Business and Aerospace Building at 6:30 p.m.

Snow will speak about his experiences working with the Kurdish people of northern Iraq and his testimony in the trial of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. Snow’s field work has taken him around the world to work on mass gravesite excavations in nations such as Argentina, Ethiopia, Croatia, the Philippines, Guatemala and Yugoslavia.

“Dr. Snow is one the highest-profile forensic anthropologists in the world,” said Dr. Hugh Berryman, anthropology professor and director of FIRE.

The lecture is the third in an ongoing series, “Legends of Forensic Science,” facilitated by FIRE.

The organization, which was founded in March 2007, previously brought two other luminaries to campus as part of the lectureship. Last March, Dr. William “Bill” Bass, founder of the famous “Body Farm” at the University of Tennessee, lectured on “Interesting Forensic Cases from the Past.” And last October, Dr. Douglas Owsley, head of physical anthropology at the Smithsonian Institution, spoke on forensic cases involving the Chesapeake region of the 17th century.

The latest addition to the lecture series, Snow has an impressive resume of his own. He was responsible for the skeletal confirmations of the remains of John F. Kennedy, Gen. George Custer and King Tutankhamen, among others. Along with the lectureship, Berryman and FIRE play an instrumental role in furthering forensic science at MTSU. The organization provides practical education and training for students and faculty in several scientific specialties and fosters research collaboration among faculty. Not to be forgotten, of course, are the students.

“I try to incorporate students whenever I can,” Berryman said.

Once such vehicle of student involvement is the relatively new Forensic Anthropology Search and Rescue Team, or FASR. As a volunteer group, FASR students assist law enforcement with recovery and documentation of remains from crime scenes. Only 10 students in each year are selected to be a part of the group via an application process.

Berryman said he hopes that groups such as FIRE and FASR will continue to attract more attention. One way to gain notoriety on campus and in the community, he said, is to host speakers as notable and influential as Snow.

“Internationally, he is as well-known and well-respected as anyone,” Berryman said. For more information, contact berryman@mtsu.edu.

The New York Times

Gore, Wikipedia founder joining Internet event from Staff report

Nobel Peace Prize Winner Al Gore will be joined by speakers such as Wikipedia’s founder and Jimmy Wales, author Cass Sunstein, First Amendment advocate John Seigenthaler and The New York Times’ Jonathan Landman at a Thursday, March 27, event at MTSU that explores the First Amendment and the Internet.

A “Accuracy, Privacy and the World Wide Web: The First Amendment and the Internet” is free and open to the public.

The event, sponsored by MTSU’s John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence at MTSU’s John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence at MTSU’s John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies, will be held in the Keathley University Center Theater.

“Ts I am thrilled that Al Gore will be able to join us in this very important discourse on the Internet,” said Dr. Robert Petersen, professor of English and member of the Scholars Week planning committee. “But a lot of what our colleagues and students do in these areas is invisible to the rest of us.

In addition to both faculty and graduate and undergraduate student presenters, other members of the campus community can participate by attending both the April 4 poster session and the various college-sponsored events.

A link to poster abstracts can be found at www.mtsu.edu/~research/approvalabstracts.pdf.

Additional information, especially about how faculty can incorporate Scholars Week into course activities, can be found on the Web site for the Undergraduate Research Center.

The schedule of events for Scholars Week 2008 is available on the Web at www.mtsu.edu/~research/scholarsweek.html and is as follows:

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Dr. Phil Mathis’s title was incorrect in “Science prodigy Barnes reaps USA Today honor” on page 8 of the March 10 issue of The Record. Mathis is dean of the University Honors College.
Acts of kindness from an MTSU stranger

by Kimberly Davis Harper

I f you remember, March 7 was the night that Murfreesboro received the most snow it had seen in five years. The evening began with everyone rushing to get to the grocery store, video store or their homes before the snow and snow started to fall.

It was around 5:15 in the evening, and I had just picked up my son from preschool. I started to turn onto Northfield Boulevard (right by the Hollywood Video store) when my SUV spun around and slammed into the median of the road. Thankfully, my son and I were okay. However, one of the tires on the truck hit the median so hard that it knocked the tire off the rim, and I was stranded. I was able to drive the vehicle a few feet into the parking lot of the video store so that I would be safely out of harm’s way.

I still needed to pick up my other son from his elementary school, and it was obvious I wasn’t going to make it. It was raining and freezing cold outside. It was the worst possible conditions to have to change a flat tire.

I immediately called my parents, who live in Murfreesboro, and my dad went to pick up my son and then came over to where I was stranded. My father is in his 60s and was not going to be able to change the tire for me. In the meantime, I called my husband, and he left work and was going to swing by the house to change clothes and then head over to help.

While my dad and I sat there with our two kids, waiting on my husband to show up, an MTSU student came over to ask if he could help us. We told him that my husband was on the way. He said, “Well, there is no use in you just sitting here,” and he insisted on helping. I asked him, “Don’t you have something to do tonight?” and he politely said, “Not really.” This student stayed and helped get the tire changed, even after my husband showed up. I don’t have to remind you how cold it feels when it’s raining and the temperature is in the 30s and dropping. Quite honestly, I didn’t want to be out in the weather, and it was my truck and my problem.

While we were standing out in the cold, I noticed that this kind stranger had someone waiting in the truck for him. I mentioned this, but he still insisted that it was okay and that he was happy to help.

When the tire was changed and we were ready to be on our way, I offered the young man some money for his time and assistance. After all, why else would he have taken time out of his life to help? He was a college student, and he could use some extra cash, right? Well, I was wrong. This college student was simply doing a kind deed.

In a time where we are hearing about numerous murders in Rutherford County, when we are suspicious of everyone we encounter, isn’t it refreshing to know that there are still kind people out there that truly want to help out a neighbor in need?

My family and I would like to thank the MTSU student who came to our aid. We appreciate you taking time out of your busy life to help us change our tire on a cold and rainy night. You set a great example for my children, and I hope they grow up to be as selfless as you have.

Good luck in your future endeavors, and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

An MTSU alumna and mother of two

Kimberly Davis Harper is a 1993 alumna of MTSU who resides in Murfreesboro with her husband, Rusty, and their two boys.

Blue Raiders announce 2008 football schedule

from MT Media Relations

T he first-time prime-national broadcast by ESPN from Floyd Stadium highlights the 2008 Middle Tennessee football schedule as announced March 10 by Director of Athletics Chris Massaro.

The Blue Raiders will host defending conference champion Florida Atlantic on ESPN2 on Tuesday, Sept. 30, in what will be promoted as “Black-Out” night. Fans will be encouraged to purchase official “Black-Out” T-shirts, which are scheduled to be available in late spring when the final national broadcast for the Blue Raiders under Rick Stockstill and the first by ESPN or ESPN2 from Floyd Stadium.

“We have had several games on national television, but there is something different about playing that type of game at home,” Massaro said. “This provides an opportunity for Middle Tennessee to show off our fans, facilities, football program and the Sun Belt Conference to the potential (student and student-athlete) prospects who may be watching.”

An impressive home schedule will see the Blue Raiders take on conference foe Troy on Thursday night to begin the 2008 slate, followed by back-to-back contests against bowl teams Maryland and Florida Atlantic. The Blue Raiders will be in the sixth overall between the Blue Raiders and Bulldogs and the first since 2001.

Middle Tennessee will conclude its nonconference schedule and tour through neighboring Kentucky when it takes on rival Western Kentucky Nov. 15. The game will mark the Blue Raiders’ first trip to Bowling Green since the 1991 season.

Along with conference road dates against Arkansas State Sept. 20 and Florida International Oct. 11, the Blue Raiders will complete the regular season Dec. 3 at Louisiana-Lafayette. That Wednesday-night special will air on ESPN Regional.

“The most interesting part about our schedule is that we play our first two games at home, and that has not happened here since 1972,” head Coach Rick Stockstill said. “I also think it is great for our fans that we play 10 of our 12 games within an easy driving distance, so we will be able to get a lot of support on the road.

The Blue Raiders’ 2008 football schedule is ready to roll! Clip and save this handy listing; home games are in BOLD and Sun Belt Conference games are starred.

2008 MT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 28 TROY (ESPN Regional)
Sept. 6 MARYLAND
Sept. 13 at Kentucky
Sept. 20 at Arkansas State*
Sept. 30 FLORIDA ATLANTIC*
(ESPN2; “Black-Out” night)
Oct. 4 Open Date
Oct. 11 at Florida International*
Oct. 18 at Louisville
Oct. 25 at Mississippi State
Nov. 1 Open Date
Nov. 8 LOUISIANA-MONROE*
Nov. 15 at Western Kentucky
Nov. 22 NORTH TEXAS*
Dec. 3 at Louisiana-Lafayette*
(ESPN Regional)
Dec. 19 New Orleans Bowl (ESPN2)

For ticket information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.
Spring ’08 brings special speakers to campus

Windham series guest will focus on Mercer music
by Danielle Harrell

Distinguished author Dr. Phillip Furia, chair of the Department of Creative Writing at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, will be the guest speaker on Thursday, April 10, at 5 p.m. in the T. Earl Hinton Hall in MTSU’s Wright Music Building for the 2008 Windham Lecture Series, “Sky: The Life and Times of Johnny Mercer” is the title of Furia’s book and the topic of the lectures. According to Furia, it will be “more of a mini-show than a lecture.”

Becky Windham, daughter of Dr. William and the late Westy Windham, for whom the lecture series is named, will sing selected songs of Mercer accompanied on the piano by Dr. Geoffrey Haydon of Georgia State University.

“One of the things I want to talk about is that Johnny Mercer was the only songwriter of that era to come from the South,” said Furia, noting the influence of other popular songwriters of the mid-1930s to the mid-‘50s, George Gershwin and Oscar Hammerstein.

“As a Southerner, he (Mercer) brought a difference to the lyrics he wrote,” Furia continued. “He was more influenced by the nature and the landscape. Mercer loved to sit outside the black churches and listen to the choirs sing.”

The renowned songwriter, who recorded self-penned hits as well as singing others’ tunes, also listened to Louis Armstrong and Ma Rainey.

“Mercer was more influenced as a kid growing up in Savannah,” Furia said, adding that Gershwin and Hammerstein were more affected by the city life that surrounded them.

Furia explained that Mercer was primarily a lyricist and couldn’t even read music. The music was usually written first for Mercer, Furia said, adding that the process of writing lyrics for music is like working a crossword puzzle. “The music is there. You just have to fit a syllable to a note.”

Furia, who went on to co-found Capitol Records, was the co-writer of classics like “Come Rain or Come Shine,” “Flowers for Hollywood,” “Jeepers Creepers,” “Blues in the Night,” “Moon River,” “Glowworm” and “Skyline.”


Currently in its 17th year, the Windham Lecture Series in Liberal Arts was established in 1990 through the MTSU Foundation. Dr. William Windham was a member of the MTSU history department’s faculty from 1955 to 1989 and served as chairman of the Department of History the last 11 years. Westy Windham (1927-1991) earned a master’s degree in sociology at MTSU and was the founder of the Great American Singalong.

The Windham Lecture Series is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts. For more information, contact 615-494-7628.

‘New Yorker’ editor to analyze reaction to Clinton candidacy

In the book she edited, Morrison asked 30 female literary writers to examine their emotional reactions to Clinton, setting aside policy issues.

“I think that, here in 2008, we all tend to consider ourselves so evolved and sophisticated that we assume we are gender-blind (and race-blind),” she said. “But many of the visceral reactions that people, and the media, have to Clinton suggest that her gender plays a big, perhaps unacknowledged, role.

“We expect different qualities from a woman leader than we do from a male leader? Do we expect her to be softer, tougher, not as tough? By extension, I think it’s fascinating to watch how the media reacts to her, and to (Sen. Barack) Obama, the first black contender with a real chance.

“If you watch the coverage of the campaign closely, all kinds of gender glitches surface: for example, when Clinton’s opponents were extremely combative with her in a debate, some commentators claimed that they ‘ganged up on her’ in an ungentlemanly way, and others have pointed to some of Obama’s debate behavior as ‘unchivalrous.’ It’s clear that there is much more than policy and experience at work in the way we react to the candidates.”

Morrison will sign copies of her book at the conclusion of her talk. For more information, contact 615-898-5130 or bkeel@mtsu.edu.

Learning techniques of digital evidence
by Brittany Witt

In a world where a citizen’s right to privacy and the government’s demand for information often clash head-on, law-enforcement officials need to know just how far they can go and should go without infringing on a person’s freedoms.

According to Sbenaty, after completing the course, participants should be able to demonstrate and describe a fundamental understanding of computer forensics, the types of cases in which digital evidence can be used, recognition of computer hardware digital media, knowledge of computer seizures and documentation, and how to properly package, label and protect computer-related evidence.

Stan Mitchell, who is the forensics lab manager at LogicForce Consulting LLC, a legal technology consulting firm in Nashville, conducted the session. Mitchell served more than 20 years in law enforcement, working as parole officer, detective and instructor. In addition, he started and operated the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department’s Computer Forensic Lab. Mitchell is a certified expert in computer forensics and has conducted more than 200 forensic analyses ranging from intellectual property theft to homicide investigations.

The course was not mandatory for law-enforcement officials, but organizers said it was beneficial for the 24 who attended. Cribbs, a detective for the East Ridge, Tenn., Police Department, attended the conference to gain more knowledge about seizing and securing digital evidence.

“Computer files are more retrievable than most think, but criminals can cover, clear or clean the files,” Cribbs said.
**TV Schedule**

“Middle Tennessee Record”
Cable Channel 9: Monday-Sunday—7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
NewsChannel 5+: Sundays—1:30 p.m.
Visit www.mtsunews.com for other cable outlet airtimes.

**Through April 11**

Jaz’s Jammies Pajama Drive
New PJs needed for children in hospitals and homeless shelters
For information, e-mail jassjammies@yahoo.com or contact: 615-898-5812.

**March 24**

Monday, March 24
Honors Lecture Series:
Dr. Ed Beemon, “The Mind of the Renaissance Individual”
3-3:50 p.m., HONR 106
For information, contact: 615-898-2815.

Our Friends, Our Selves Bookclub
featured book: Black, White and Jewish by Rebecca Walker
Appointment required
7-9 p.m., JUB 206
Free Legal Clinic
for appointments required
615-898-2493.

Black History Month:
Capt. Vernice G. Armour
first African-American woman combat pilot in U.S. history
6 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room
For information, contact: 615-898-2987.

MTSU Flute Studio Recital
6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Guest Bassoon Recital:
Christin Schillinger
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

**March 25**

Tuesday, March 25
Tri-Beta Sponsored Seminar:
Lee Dugatkin, “Mate choice: the interface between genetic and cultural evolution”
4:30 p.m., DSB 100
For information, contact: 615-898-2085.

MTU Baseball vs. Tennessee Tech
6 p.m., Reese Smith Field
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

**March 26**

Wednesday, March 26
Red Cross Blood Drive
10 a.m.-4 p.m., KUC 322
For information, contact: 615-898-2590.

MT Softball vs. Austin Peay
4 and 6 p.m., Blue Raider Field
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

Legends in Forensic Science Lectureships: Dr. Clyde Snow,
“Human Rights”
6 p.m., BAS State Farm Room
For information, contact: 615-494-7966.

World Percussion Ensemble
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

**March 27**

Thursday, March 27
MTSU Bassoon Studio recital
6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Free Legal Clinic
7-9 p.m., JUB 206
appointments required
For information, contact: 615-898-2193.

**March 28**

March 28-29 and April 2-5
MTSU Theater and Dance:
“Rhythm in You”
by MTSU junior Ian Hunt
7:30 p.m., Tucker Theatre
For information, contact: 615-898-2640.

MT Baseball vs. Arkansas-Little Rock
March 28: 6 p.m.; March 29: 4 p.m.; March 30: 1 p.m.
Reese Smith Field
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

**March 29**

March 29-30
MT Softball vs. Louisiana-Monroe
March 29: 1 and 3 p.m.; March 30: noon, Blue Raider Field
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

Saturday, March 29
Spring Preview Day
For information, contact: 615-898-5670.

MTU Women’s Tennis vs. UT Martin
Noon, Bouldin Tennis Center
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

**March 30**

Sunday, March 30
“MTSU On the Record—Issues in K-12 Education”
Guest: Dr. Mark Byrnes
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM

Women’s Tennis vs. Louisiana
TBA, Bouldin Tennis Center
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

**March 31**

Monday, March 31
Honors Lecture Series:
Dr. Ben Austin, “Social Conformity, Group Think and Violence: Social Activism in the 1960s”
3-3:50 p.m., HONR 106
For information, contact: 615-898-2152.

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

**April 1**

Tuesday, April 1
JWU Career/Professional Development Brown Bag Series: Gilda Mayes,
“Speaking with Confidence” noon, Hazlewood Dining Room
For information, contact: 615-898-2193.

Studio Smith April Fools Vocal Concert
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

**April 2**

Wednesday, April 2
National Women’s History Month: Health and Safety Fair
11 a.m.-2 p.m., KUC Knoll
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

MTU Baseball vs. Vanderbilt
6 p.m., Reese Smith Field
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

**April 3**

Thursday, April 3
Faculty Piano Recital: Leopoldo Erice
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

**April 4**

April 4-5
“Farther Along”: A Conference on the Southern Gospel Convention-Singing Tradition
Tom H. Jackson Building
For information, visit http://popmusic.mtsu.edu/gospel.html or contact: 615-898-5829.

**April 6**

MTU Baseball vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
April 6: 6 p.m.; April 5: 4 p.m.; April 6: 1 p.m.
Smith Field
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

Friday, April 4
Student Chamber Music Recital
3 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.
Learn about kids’ Internet usage

I t’s 8 p.m. Do you know what Web site your child is reading? On Thursday, March 27, MTSU will present “The Internet and Your Child: What Parents Need to Know,” an evening panel discussion designed to provide parents with the facts they need to raise children in the Internet age.

The free public event will be held in Room 121 of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building. It’s part of the symposium “Accuracy, Privacy and the Internet,” which is sponsored by MTSU’s John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies.

At 6 p.m., the “Frontline” documentary “Growing Up Online” will be shown. The film will be followed by the panel discussion on “The Internet and Your Child.” Dr. Becky Alexander, MTSU assistant professor of education, will moderate the panel, which will include Anna Benson of Metro Nashville Public Schools as well as a representative from Nashville’s Harpeth Hall and several high-school students. Alexander will be joined by her son, Eldridge, a senior at Riverdale High School, who can provide a first-person report about teens and the Internet. He owns his own business, EZap Technology (www.ezaptechnology.com), and is regularly called for consulting on equipment purchases and multimedia presentations.

For more information, contact Beverly Keel at 615-898-5150 or bkeel@mtsu.edu.

Adjust your schedule to attend new space policy workshops

A new policy for scheduling space on campus will be explained and demonstrated in a workshop that will be presented twice in the Keathley University Theater: Wednesday, April 16, at 1:30 p.m., and Tuesday, April 29, at 10 a.m.

“This workshop will be for anyone and everyone,” said Quintina Burton, manager of event coordination, “but certainly for all those people who have scheduled events in the past.”

Burton added that anyone who attends will benefit from learning about the policy changes.

For more information about the workshops, please contact Burton at 615-898-5143.

Scholars

Monday, March 31

Scholars Week Kickoff: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Library Quadrangle.

• 11:30 a.m.: Salsa music

• Noon: Comments by Drs. Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost, and Michael Allen, vice provost for research. Refreshments will be served. For information, contact Allison McGoffin at 615-898-2953.

Featured College: Business

• Poster Session: 2-3 p.m., south lobby of Business and Aerospace Building. For information, contact Dr. Jeff Hamm at 615-904-8305.

Featured College: Mass Communication

• “Thirty Ways of Looking at Hillary Clinton,” Susan Morrison, 12:40-1:40 p.m., Keathley University Center Theater. For information, contact Beverly Keel at 615-898-5150.

Tuesday, April 1

Featured College: Basic and Applied Sciences

• Hands-On Learning Showcase: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., KUC Knoll (rain location: KUC first- and second-floor lobbies). For information, contact Dr. Saeed Foroudastan at 615-494-8786.

Wednesday, April 2

Featured College: Liberal Arts

• Talks, Panels and Performances. For information, contact Dr. Mark Byrnes at 615-898-2351.

Thursday, April 3

Featured College: Education and Behavioral Science

• Life’s Major Questions Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hazelwood Dining Room; $5 advance tickets. For information, contact Dr. Will Langston at 615-898-5489.

SPICY MUSIC—The MTSU Salsa Band plays on the Library Quad during the 2007 Scholars Week kick-off. Performing are, from left, Tony Hartman on piano, David Walker on timbales, Josh Yohe on saxophone, Lisa Atcher on trumpet, Leonard Walker on saxophone and Courtney Mosley on trombone. The band’s latest lineup is set to showcase its talent at the 2008 Scholars Week kick-off Monday, March 31 at 11:30 a.m.

file photo by J. Intintoli

Friday, April 4

• Universitywide Poster and Multimedia Exposition: 12:40-2:45 p.m., Murphy Center Track Area; 3-5 p.m., presentation awards ceremony with Gebert presiding. Refreshments will be served. For information, contact Dr. Wassimuddin Qureshi at 615-898-5005.

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Health and Safety Fair set April 2
by Casey Brown

For the second year in a row, MTSU will host the Women’s Health and Safety Fair on the knoll in front of the Keathley University Center Wednesday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Health and Safety Fair provides resources and information on mental health, geriatrics and religion. 

One of our main goals is to make it very student-friendly.’

Terri Johnson
director, June Anderson Women’s Center, on the upcoming Health and Safety Fair

Offer more incentives to attend the fair, but Johnson stressed that the main objective of the event is to raise awareness and promote education of the issues. The Health and Safety Fair is co-sponsored by the JAWC, MTSU’s Department of Public Safety and the President’s Commission on the Status of Women.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held Thursday, April 3. For more information, contact Johnson at 615-898-2193 or trjohnso@mtsu.edu.

Caregivers can nurture spirits at 2-day event
by Tom Tozer

The theme of this year’s 14th Annual “Dynamics of Elderly Caregiving Conference” is “Spirituality and Caregiving,” and is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday, April 4, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Clair Street Senior Center in Murfreesboro.

The conference will provide information on spiritual aspects in health and well-being for caregivers in the medicial and mental health fields, as well as for nonprofessional caregivers.

The featured speakers will be Dr. Harold Koenig and Dr. Verna Benner Carson, authors of Spiritual Caregiving: Healthcare as a Ministry. Koenig, who serves on the faculty at Duke University, is board-certified in general psychiatry, geriatric psychiatry and geriatric medicine. He co-directs the Center for Spirituality, Theology, and Health at Duke University Medical Center and has published extensively in the fields of mental health, geriatrics and religion.

Koenig and Carson will focus on holistic methodologies that support spiritual, physical, cognitive and psychosocial needs of patients (particularly the elderly), their families and caregivers. Discussion will include the ways to nurture the spirit and reduce spiritual distress. A question-and-answer period with the keynote speakers will follow, and special breakout sessions will provide participants with the opportunity to focus on their specific interests.

Physicians, nurses, certified nurse technicians, nursing home administrators, social workers, psychologists, dieticians, long-term care professionals, educators, clergy, lay caregivers and advocates for caregiving services will benefit from this special event. Continuing education credit has been approved for from the Tennessee Nurses Association.

The $50 registration fee includes a professional lunch, four continuing education credits available, a certificate of attendance, and refreshments.

For more information, contact the Community Heritage Lecture Series, please call 615-217-8013 or e-mail heritage_center@bellsouth.net.

‘Rich’ heritage gives boost to Civil War series
by Lisa L. Rollins

Representatives from the Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County and the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area will kick off a series of public programs at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, beginning with a free guided tour of the new exhibit, “The Time That Changed Everything, Murfreesboro’s Civil War.”

During the upcoming event opening, Dr. Antoinette van Zeln, Heritage Area historian, will share highlights from the exhibit with a special focus on the themes of emancipation and Reconstruction.

“This exhibit was a tremendous team effort, and we were all thrilled to discover how rich the local story of the Civil War era really is,” said van Zeln, who was one of several historians from the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area who worked with MTSU graduate students to create the new exhibit.

“The Battle of Stones River, of course, was the key event for the area, but there was plenty of other drama as well,” added van Zeln, who has authored a number of Civil War history-related articles and served as editor of Freedom and Work in the Reconstruction Era: The Freedmen’s Bureau Labor Contracts of Williamson County, Tennessee (2006).

“One of the most compelling stories of the Civil War period is the story of the transition from slavery to freedom,” van Zeln continued, “and our new exhibit looks at how this process took place locally.”

“The Time that Changed Everything” gallery tour will be the first of four in a Community Heritage Lecture Series that will be held at the Heritage Center and sponsored by the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, which is a partnership unit of the National Park Service and is administered by the Center for Historic Preservation at MTSU.

Michael T. Gavin, the Heritage Area’s preservation specialist, will present a lecture on the log buildings of Rutherford County at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 29, at the Heritage Center at 225 W. College St., the Heritage Center. The lecture will be free and open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Monday through Friday. Group tours and tours of the town square may be arranged by calling 615-217-8013. Admission is free.

For more information on the Community Heritage Lecture Series, please call 615-217-8013 or e-mail heritage_center@bellsouth.net.
The library is sponsoring monthly brown-bag lunches to provide what Scott calls “a nonintimidating informal atmosphere for people interested in scientific and spiritual issues to talk.” Last month, Dr. Eric Klumpe talked about “dark matter” and the origin of the universe. On March 18, Shapiro presented “Who Are We: A View from the Center of the Universe” in the library’s fourth-floor conference room.

In addition to the public lecture on March 27, Primack and Abrams will speak to astronomy classes taught by Klimpe and Dr. Ronald Henderson and religion classes taught by Shapiro. The authors also are slated to attend the Friday, March 28, “Star Party” at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102 of the Wiser-Fatten Science Building.

Primack and Abrams’ visit to MTSU is co-sponsored by the James E. Walker Library, the Colleges of Basic and Applied Sciences, Liberal Arts, and University Honors, the Department of Physics and Astronomy and the Office of Executive Vice President and Provost.

For more information, contact Scott or Black at the Walker Library at 615-898-2772.

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Psychology major’s project turns into unique art exhibit

by Casey Brown

Riki-Lynne Spence is proud of her womanhood and wants to make sure other females feel the same.

What started out as a class project for the senior psychology major came to full fruition on March 18 when “They Have a Story: Feminist Views of the Self” opened in Dining Room C of the James Union Building on the MTSU campus. “They Have a Story” is a unique exhibit designed to celebrate the female gender. The display consists of 88 football helmets, each designed and decorated by a different female ranging in age from eight to 82 years old. Spence is proud of the exhibit, but said she’s still surprised that it evolved as it did.

“It started out as a creative project for my Honors Interdisciplinary Seminar with Dr. (Ron) Kates,” Spence said. “I had done other things in the past, but he told me it was time to try something a bit bigger.”

Spence described the display, a culmination of more than a year’s work, as a collaborative effort between her and two classmates, Allison Cummings and Michelle Francescon.

Each football helmet in the exhibit features words or drawings that “display what’s great about being female.” The irony of highlighting femininity on a traditional symbol of masculinity is not lost on Spence; rather, it’s part of the project’s appeal.

“By juxtaposing feminine images on football helmets, I think it makes a statement,” Spence said. “It’s really about the power of being a woman and embracing being female.”

Obtaining the helmets was initially difficult, with a mixture of donations from local high schools and purchases on eBay yielding about 40 pieces of headgear. The three young women eventually tracked down several more, however, and the wheels were soon set in motion.

“Eschewing many of the typical connotations of feminism, Spence insists that the idea is one rooted in positivity. “It is about (a woman) feeling blessed about her femininity and not feeling depressed, cheated, less of a person or bitter about it, and encouraging others to embrace themselves as well,” Spence said.

The eye-catching exhibit will be on display in the JUB’s third-floor Dining Room C through March 31 as part of MTSU’s celebration of Women’s History Month.

“It’s a really cool display, and a true celebration of the female,” Spence said.

Starting line-up—Helmets decorated by volunteers await final placement in the “They Have a Story: Feminist Views of the Self” exhibit, organized by senior psychology major Riki-Lynne Spence, at the James Union Building. The exhibit continues through March to celebrate National Women’s History Month.

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Awards

Maria L. Edlin (Center for Economic Education) received the Community Health Charities Champions in Health 2008 Volunteer of the Year for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Feb. 26.

Conferences


Dr. Dovie Kimmings (mathematical sciences; associate director of the Tennessee Mathematics, Science and Technology Education Center) and Jack Rhoton (ETSU Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Center) represented Tennessee at the invitation-only U.S. Department of Education/National Science Foundation Math/Science Partnership STEM Summit in December 2007 in Washington, D.C.

Presentations

Drs. Jennifer Dooley (mathematical sciences), Vivian Alley and Lawanna Fisher (academic enrichment) presented “Integrating Developmental Concepts into College Level Mathematics Courses” at the 22nd Annual Conference of the National Association for Developmental Education in Boston in February.

Dr. Loren Mulraine (recording industry; interim associate dean, mass communication), along with Dr. Jack Thomas (Western Illinois University) and Dr. Ronald Williams (Tennessee Higher Education Commission) presented “Academic Leadership: An African American Male Perspective,” at the annual Southern Conference on African American Studies in Atlanta Feb. 7-9.

Events Around Campus

Milestones

Mary E. “Beth” Palmer Howard (accounting) graduated Dec. 14 from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a doctoral degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting.

Passages

Dr. Leon R. “Lon” Nuell (art) passed away March 12 in Murfreesboro. Funeral services were conducted March 16. Dr. Nuell, 68, joined MTSU’s Department of Art in 1971, served as director of the Tom Gallaty and was a longtime member and former chair of the Murfreesboro City School Board. His family, which includes fellow MTSU art professor Dr. Elizabeth “Christie” Nuell, a brother and three sons, has asked that memorials be made to the MTSU Art Department Scholarship Fund.

Dr. David E. Walker (speech and theatre) passed away in Franklin March 13. Funeral services were conducted March 17. Dr. Walker, 69, joined MTSU’s Department of Speech and Theatre in 1965 and was a former Faculty Senate president. Also a min- ister for more than 53 years, he is survived by his wife, two sisters, a son, three daughters and their families.

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