MTSU managing budget reductions for 2008-09

by Gina E. Fann

MTSU has implemented budget cuts for the 2008-09 fiscal year that will allow the university to manage the challenge of state funding reductions and still protect its core mission of educating students, President Sidney A. McPhee said.

“Obviously this was a very difficult process for all of us, coming on the heels of the significant cuts that were made in 2003,” the president said. “We are a growing university that manages its resources very well, but you can’t make these kinds of cuts without having a significant impact on operations.”

Declining tax revenues led legislators this spring to cut higher-education dollars statewide for the new fiscal year. On July 1, MTSU lost 6.4 percent, or $6.156 million, in state appropriations.

The university prepared for the losses early by asking each college, department and division for budget-trimming recommendations to help cushion the blow.

“I have been so very impressed with how our vice presidents, deans, chairs and program directors have responded to this challenge,” McPhee said. “While it’s been painful, they clearly understood the importance of the economic situation we’re all in. People really stood up to the challenge and kept in mind our core mission of academics and instruction.”

As a result of the cuts, 44 positions have been eliminated campuswide, including 16 teaching positions, but no MTSU employees lost their jobs. The affected positions either had been unfilled or vacated by retirement, or the employees were given the opportunity to transfer to another lateral position on campus, McPhee said.

The university first trimmed central campus administration budgets and pool accounts, saving $2.25 million, and then handed the other budget divisions for the balance of the reductions.

The Division of Academic Affairs, which comprises 68.5 percent of MTSU’s total discretionary

Grant will bring pieces of history to local educators

by Gina K. Logue

A grant of $300,000 to MTSU’s Center for Historic Preservation will give Tennessee educators a chance to access some of the most important historical documents of the American experience—and use them to enrich student learning experiences.

The money comes from the Library of Congress through its Teaching with Primary Sources program. Primary sources are original records from individuals or groups who were involved in or on-the-scene observers of actual events.

Some of the primary sources available through the Library of Congress include the complete papers of Abraham Lincoln, the complete papers of Thomas Jefferson and the Continental Congress Broadside Collection, which contains material pertaining to the work of Congress from 1774 to 1798.

“The Teaching with Primary Sources project is an outstanding opportunity to work with one of the world’s greatest resources, the Library of Congress,” said Dr. Carroll Van West, director of MTSU’s Center for Historic Preservation. “We plan to engage a wide array of partners from local to state to federal agencies, and keep this activity going in the years to come.”

The program’s weekly book discussions, which began in the selected prisons in late March, were conducted at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution, the Lois M. DeBerry Special Needs Facility and the Tennessee Prison for Women, with the5 to join Hall of Fame, page 2

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IN BRIEF

A SOUND DECISION

Students from the recording fraternity Omega Delta Psi contributed to the new CD "Back When I Knew It All" by the country duo Montgomery Gentry. Chris Haselue, chair of the Department of Recording Industry, and Nathan Adam, associate chair and assistant professor, made the arrangements with producer Blake Chancey, an MTSU graduate. The students provided group vocals and claps on the song "One in Every Crowd" and marching on "The Big Revival." The students’ recording was conducted in MTSU’s Studio A. To listen to a portion of each song featuring the students, visit the duo’s Web site at www.montgomerygentry.com and click on the "music" tab.

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Join the Band's—The 2008 session of the Southern Girls Rock & Roll Camp culminates in a high-energy showcase Saturday, July 19, in Tucker Theatre, where campers’ hands will perform. For more information about the showcase, which is open to the public, call 615-849-8140 or visit www.sgrrc.org. For more information about the July 14-19 camp itinerary, see page 6.

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**TBR Chancellor Manning announces retirement plans**

Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning announced June 26 that he will retire as chancellor at the end of fiscal year 2008-09, with his resignation becoming effective on Sept. 30, 2008.

In a prepared statement he read to the board at its quarterly meeting, Manning said, “I recently heard Governor Bredesen make a point in a speech I very much appreciated: he said he is seeking at the end of his term to leave Tennessee with higher expectations of itself and what it can accomplish. Based on everything we have accomplished, I believe I am leaving you with a Board of Regents’ system that has a far higher expectation of what it can do collectively for the people of Tennessee.

“I plan to spend this next year actively and enthusiastically serving the Board of Regents as your chancellor. I have loved the opportunity to lend my leadership to the board at its quarterly meeting, and that process will certainly involve our board members at appropriate points under way that will further improve our operations. Dr. Manning has done an excellent job. I will be in touch with Governor Bredesen about designing a search process for a new chancellor, and that process will certainly involve our board members at appropriate points who want to improve and are eager to take on the challenge.”

After Manning’s statement, TBR Vice-Chair Bob Thomas said, “I have been vice-chair for a year and a board member for three years, and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Dr. Manning. I value the relationship we have developed working together. Under his leadership, all parts of the system from the board to the staff are operating well. And we have some excellent projects under way that will further improve our operations. Dr. Manning has done an excellent job. I will be in touch with Governor Bredesen about designing a search process for a new chancellor, and that process will certainly involve our board members at appropriate points.”

Manning joined the Board of Regents as chancellor in April 2000 after serving for 10 years as chancellor of the university system of West Virginia. A range of accomplishments, including improved innovation, efficiency and responsiveness to the needs of students, has marked his eight years as TBR’s chancellor. Underlying those accomplishments is an emphasis on collaboration among TBR’s institutions. Further detail on Manning’s accomplishments during his tenure at TBR may be found at www.tbr.edu/where we have developed working together. Under his leadership, all parts of the system from the board to the staff are operating well. And we have some excellent projects under way that will further improve our operations. Dr. Manning has done an excellent job. I will be in touch with Governor Bredesen about designing a search process for a new chancellor, and that process will certainly involve our board members at appropriate points.”

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Manning earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from McDaniel College and his doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Maryland. He has done postdoctoral work in chemistry at the Institute for Anorganische und Kombinatorische Chemie, Johannes Gutenberg Universität. He is married to Sharon F. “Sherry” Manning, and he has a son, two daughters and two grandsons.

The Tennessee Board of Regents is the nation’s sixth largest higher education system, governing 45 post-secondary educational institutions. The TBR system includes MTSU and six other universities, as well as 13 two-year colleges and 26 technology centers, providing programs in 90 of Tennessee’s 95 counties to more than 190,000 students.

Blue Raider Hall of Fame to induct largest class

*5 sports greats to be honored during Sept. 6 ceremonies*

from MT Media Relations

Five former MTSU greats in their respective sports will become part of the largest Hall of Fame class in school history when they are inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame on Saturday, Sept. 6.

Jerry Beck (basketball), Joe DoDoo (track and field), Paul Goebel (tennis) and Kelly Holcomb (football) will be enshrined in the Blue Raider Hall of Fame induction ceremonies prior to Middle Tennessee’s football game against Maryland. The induction will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the Kenyon Sports Hall of Fame, and the public is invited to attend.

Previous Hall of Fame classes have been limited to three inductees, but this year’s class is expanded to five due to the number of nominees and votes received by the Hall of Fame committee.

“With this outstanding class this year, but that is always the case,” said Jim Simpson, director of the Blue Raider Varsity Club. “We have so many former greats out there that still deserve recognition, and we believed this allows us to start moving forward on recognizing some of the deserving bystanders.”

Inductee Beck, who completed his playing days in 1982, was an outstanding power forward for the Blue Raiders. The 6-foot-7 forward was a rebounding wizard and a scoring machine. He led the program’s all-time leaders in scoring, rebounding and free-throw shooting.

The multi-talented and versatile Beck had many great moments and great seasons for the Blue Raiders; however, he also was part of what many Middle Tennessee fans still believe is the greatest in school history, regardless of sport: the riveting upset of national power Kentucky in the 1982 NCAA National Tournament.

Beck, who generally played every position on the floor because of his versatility, was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year in 1981 and 1982, and he led the Blue Raiders to the OVC Tournament Championship in 1982. After leaving Middle Tennessee, Beck was drafted in the NBA but opted to pursue a professional career in the Netherlands, where he played professionally until the age of 42.

Campbell, who earned his degree from Middle Tennessee in 1992, was a highly regarded football player at Stratford High School in Nashville and also was highly sought-after during the recruiting process.

The star running back was named OVC Player of the Year in 1989 and All-OVC in 1989, ’90 and ’91. Campbell, who was five-time All-American, left Middle Tennessee as the career leader in touchdowns and scoring, and he remains the Blue Raiders’ all-time leading rusher with 3,823 yards.

One of Campbell’s greatest moments came against No. 1-ranked Florida State, when Middle Tennessee was ranked No. 1 in the I-AA poll (October 1991). Campbell accounted for more than 100 yards rushing and receiving and averaged more than 6.5 yards per carry to go along with a touchdown.

DoDoo, who graduated in 1979 and hails from Ghana in Africa, became one of the great Middle Tennessee track athletes in the late 1970s. His hard work and superb talent was not only a reflection on him but also on several Ghanaians who followed DoDoo to Murfreesboro.

Track and Field Coach Dean Hayes discovered DoDoo after he was crowned the Ghanaian National long and triple jump champion in 1974. After coming to Middle Tennessee, DoDoo became a part of the “Grasshopper Gang,” a group of Blue Raider jumpers who were nationally known for their exploits in the long and triple jump. DoDoo’s record leap of 54.5 feet in the OVC outdoor triple jump still stands, and he won the OVC indoor triple jump in 1978 and ’79 and the outdoor triple jump in 1977, 78 and ’79. He also was named OVC Track Athlete of the Year in 1977.

After graduating from MTSU with undergrad-uate master’s degrees, DoDoo became a U.S. citizen in 1986 and joined the U.S. Army shortly thereafter. He served in a combat mission in Somalia and Kosovo, and after 20 years of service, DoDoo retired from the Army in 2006.

Goebel, who graduated in 1995, was one of the great Blue Raider tennis players, excelling not only on the court but off the court as well. He had many great seasons for Middle Tennessee, but perhaps the most memorable was the 1993-94 season, when he teamed with Fred Niemeyer as a dominant doubles tandem. They were ranked as high as No. 5 nationally before finishing 15th that season.

One of the highlights of the season was beating the No. 1 doubles team in the nation at the O’Charley’s Tournament in Knoxville. Goebel was the first Blue Raider to play in the NCAA Tournament. Upon completing his play- ing career, Goebel became an assistant coach for the Blue Raiders and now is the head coach at the University of Memphis. He still is heavily involved with tennis in Murfreesboro and assists with the Pro-Am Tournament each year.

Holcomb, who graduated in 1996, is arguably the greatest quarterback ever to don the blue and white. While Holcomb, who spent 14 years in the NFL, proved his ability on the field, he was not heavily recruit-ed a quarterback out of Lincoln County High School.

Holcomb led the Blue Raiders to the OVC Championship in 1992 and gained All-OVC honors in 1992 and ’94. He also had an exceptional game in the Blue-Gray game in Mobile, Ala., where he was named Most Valuable Player.

Holcomb left Middle Tennessee as the career leader in passing yards, passing attempts and total offense. He passed for more than 200 yards 12 times and threw for more than 300 yards three times, doing all of this in a run-oriented offense. Holcomb completed 38 percent of his passes dur-ing his career, which still ranks fifth in Blue Raider history. He also enjoyed a long and pro ductive career in the NFL.
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MTSU’s Financial Aid Office has implemented a federal program, the Teacher Education Assistance for College or, TEACH, grant, effective July 1. The program was created by the U.S. Congress to assist future teachers.

According to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administration Web site, www.nasfaa.org, the program awards undergraduate or graduate students with $4,000 a year, or $2,000 per semester.

The grant is available to students who want to teach science, math, technology, reading, language arts or foreign language. According to NASFAA, students eligible for the grant may be identified through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA.

Students who want to earn and keep the TEACH grant must have and maintain a 3.2 GPA, participate in a standardized admissions test such as the ACT, SAT or GRE. Students who are not U.S. citizens may be eligible for the TEACH grant if they meet the requirements.

Sherron Huddleston, associate vice provost and associate vice president for enrollment services at MTSU, said the program is a great opportunity for aspiring teachers. She said the staff at the Financial Aid Office at MTSU will work with the grant to create this opportunity for students.

“We are burdened here (in financial aid), but we felt like we could do this for our students,” said Huddleston, noting that the Financial Aid Office is solely responsible for keeping track of each student’s grades and grant payments.

The TEACH grant is for serious students interested in teaching as a profession. If a student changes his or her major or teaches in another field after graduation, the TEACH grant will be converted to an Unsubsidized Stafford Loan that accrues interest from the day the student receives the grant, officials said.

After a student receiving the TEACH grant graduates, he or she is required to work in public schools that are Title I schools for a specific number of years.

David Hutton, director of the financial aid office, said with the new grant comes required counseling for students. The counseling will be done electronically and will include important TEACH grant information and its consequences if a student chooses not to teach.

Huddleston said that there are more than 500 current MTSU students who are eligible for the TEACH grant.
Please note:
Event dates, times and locations may be subject to change after press time. Please verify event specifics when making attendance plans.

TV Schedule

Cable Channel 9:
Monday-Sunday—7 a.m., 5 p.m.
NewsChannel 5+:
Sundays—1:30 p.m.

July 14

July 14-16
Blue Raider Softball Camp
For girls ages 12 and under
9 a.m.-noon, offensive/defensive skills;
1-3 p.m., pitching/catching mechanics
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-5018.

July 14-17
Blue Raider Baseball High-School Team Camp
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2450.

July 14-18
Tennessee Career and Technical Education Conference
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/~cte/ctec08.htm
or contact: 615-898-2031.

July 14-19
Southern Girls Rock & Roll Camp
For information, visit
www.gsrcrc.org or contact:
615-849-8140.

July 15

July 15-17
Blue Raider Volleyball Team Camp I
For girls’ varsity, junior-varsity and junior-high teams
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2230.

July 16

Wednesday, July 16
Tennessee Business Tax Seminar
sponsored by MTSU College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning and the Tennessee Department of Revenue
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/~learn.

July 17

July 17-18
CUSTOMS Orientation
Liberal arts, education and behavioral science, business and undeclared majors
7:30 a.m., campuswide
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/~customs
or contact: 615-898-5533.

Time to ‘Saddle Up for Project Help’

Dust off the boots and hitch up the wagons, because it’s time once again to “Saddle Up for Project Help”!

The 2008 fundraiser, set for Thursday, July 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Tower Club of Floyd Stadium, will feature a barbecue dinner provided by Kirkenburt’s, a silent auction and live entertainment by the band Absolution. Tickets are $50 per person and include the meal and two drink tickets; a cash bar also will be available.

July 17-18
Tennessee Holstein Show
Tennessee Livestock Center
For information, contact:
423-562-0168.

Thursday, July 17
“Saddle Up for Project Help”
6:30 p.m., Tower Club of Floyd Stadium
Tickets: $50 each (includes dinner and two drink tickets)
For information, contact:
615-898-2458.

July 19

July 19-20
Murfreesboro Obedience Training Club Obedience Trial
Tennessee Livestock Center
For information, e-mail
motc@webtv.net.

July 20

July 20-21
Blue Raider Volleyball General Hitters/Setters Camp
for seventh- to 12th-grade girls
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2230.

July 20-21
Blue Raider Volleyball Elite Hitters/Setters Camp
for ninth- to 12th-grade girls
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
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Sunday, July 20
“MTSU On the Record—Bob Goes Back to ‘Bama”
Guest: Dr. Bob Glenn
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available at

July 21

July 21-23
Blue Raider Softball Camp
for girls ages 13 to rising high-school senior
9 a.m.-noon, offensive/defensive skills;
1-3 p.m., pitching/catching mechanics
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
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July 22

July 22-23
CUSTOMS Orientation
Basic and applied sciences, mass comm and undeclared majors
7:30 a.m., campuswide
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/~customs
or contact: 615-898-5533.

July 22-24
Blue Raider Volleyball Team Camp II
for girls’ varsity, junior-varsity and junior-high teams
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2230.

July 25

July 25-26
CUSTOMS Orientation
Liberal arts, education and behavioral science, business and undeclared majors
7:30 a.m., campuswide
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/~customs
or contact: 615-898-5533.

July 26

July 26-27
Volunteer Ranch Horse Show
Tennessee Livestock Center
For information, contact:
615-312-2328.

July 26-Aug. 2
 WHOA International Grand Championship Pleasure and Cott Show
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
For information, visit

July 27

Sunday, July 27
“MTSU On the Record—History Goes Digital”
Guest: Dr. Lorne McWatters
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available at
MTSU departments to leading edu-
cational and heritage institutions 
ters across Tennessee.”

The Age of Jackson, the Civil War and Reconstruction period, the Depression Decade and World War II, and the Civil Rights Movement will be the first four eras on which the center will focus, said Dr. Stacey Graham, research professor at the center and project coordinator.

“Those are points in Tennessee history that are also important in American history,” Graham said.

Graham said folk life, art, music and architecture will be pursued as areas of study later, after receiving feedback on the project’s initial efforts.

Higher education as well as kindergarten through 12th grade stu-
dents will benefit from the project, she noted.

“We’ll be helping teachers use

these sources to enrich student learn-
ing experiences,” Graham said, noting 
that the use of primary sources aids students in developing higher-order thinking skills.

According to the library’s Web site, www.loc.gov, the primary sources found at the Library of Congress include published and unpublished documents, rec-

ords like books, correspondence, newspapers, advertisements, maps, laws, pamphlets, memoirs, narra-
tives, speeches, public records and music, as well as visual arts items like photographs, paintings, car-
toons and films. About 10.5 mil-

lion of those items are digitized and accessible by computer, the site notes.

“Our strategy is straightfor-
ward: to work with our partners and with the experts at the Library of Congress to foster pro-
grams that will lead educators, from K-12 to higher education, to engage their students in the sense of discovery and inquiry that hap-

pens when you encounter the real stuff of the past—in anthro-

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ture,” said U.S. Senators Lamar Alexan-
Bart Gordon hailed the issuance of the grant in a joint press release

issued through Alexander’s office.

“Those are points in Tennessee

history that is the best thing we can do to ensure that younger generations understand what it is to be American,” said Alexander, who is the ranking mem-

ber of the Senate Appropriations Subcommitte.

That panel has juris-
diction over Library of Congress funding.

“I appreciate the Library of Congress for committing these valu-
able resources to Tennessee to enhance the teaching of history in our schools,” Corker said. “I will 
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versity’s Center for Historic Preservation has proving to be adept at interpreting our state’s history and providing the public with rewarding experiences at historic sites throughout Tennessee.”

For more information about the MTSU Center for Historic Preserva-
tion’s participation in the program, contact the center at 615-889-2547 or call Graham at 615-494-8783.

Further information about the Teaching with Primary Sources project, go to

www.loc.gov/teachers/tps

HISTORIC CELEBRATION—Members of Tennessee’s congressional delegation join MTSU and Library of Congress officials to announce the Library’s $300,000 grant to the university’s Center for Historic Preservation. From left are U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander, Librarian of Congress Dr. James H. Billington, MTSU President Dr. Sidney A. McPhee, U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon, CPD Director Dr. Carroll Van West, and U.S. Sen. Bob Corker.

photo courtesy of the Office of U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander

Budget

Tuition for 2008-09

The 6 percent tuition increase for students, approved June 26 by the Tennessee Board of Regents, won’t be used to replace the lost state funds, McPhee said, because the university must first pay the increased costs directly tied to tuition, fee and fixed-cost increases. That increased cost includes increased required graduate and fee waivers, athletic scholarships, state employee tuition discount programs, employee fee waivers and dependent discounts, as well as fixed-cost expenses such as library acquisitions, faculty promotions, utility increases, software maintenance increases, benefits costs for previous-year salary increases and some scholarship increases.

The remaining tuition-increase funds will be used for some limited new dollars for each division, McPhee said, with academic affairs receiving the largest portion. Some money also has been set aside in case of additional state-
funding reductions or impositions.

Funding for capital projects

Since the state Legislature did not fund higher-education capital outlay projects for 2008-09, MTSU will not receive the anticipated $115 million for its new science building. McPhee said, however, that state officials, including the governor’s office, have vowed that the building will be at the top of the priority list when higher-ed capital outlay dollars once again become available.

“Funding for renovations at the Homer Pittard Campus School was appro-
priated, the president added, but no other capital maintenance funding was 
approved. As a result, he said, some capital maintenance projects at MTSU facilities won’t be done in 2008-09 unless the dollars have already been made available.

“We want our university community and the surrounding community to know what impact this economic situation is having on our university and how we are managing it,” McPhee said.

“We want everyone who’s paying increased tuition to understand where their dollars are going. And we want to thank our administrators who’ve worked so hard to protect our academic projects and remain true to our mis-

sion of educating our students. It’s taking a lot out of everyone to manage this cross, but we will come through this.”
Sugarfoot.

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ping. “Also, I think this project provides an excellent example of demon-

strate cooperation between MTSU, the NPS, and economic developers for the preservation of historically significant information without conflict and for the common good.”

Both Nolan and colleague Law, who will supervise the archaeology side of the study, said the survey, which will include artifact identification by local relic hunters recruited by the NPS, will not interfere with planned construction activities.

From an archaeological standpoint, Law said, “If it hasn’t yet been torn up by the plow, I think we can find remnants of the brick kiln, and I am hoping to find the house’s foundation or some archaeological representation of that.

“This (study) will help us anchor down locations on the modern locations and tie them to historic events, actual places. We want to be able to show not that we think this is where something was, but rather we want to know this is the place—right here.”

Nolan said all of the survey’s participants, including the developer, have pledged to work together and volunteer their time and expertise to achieve a common goal.

“We can’t save every place, but we can save information digitally,” Law confirmed. “The best history is in our own backyards, and even if this land is on or near the national park’s 570-acre boundary.

“Many students in MTSU’s public history program, Dr. Hugh Berryman of MTSU’s Forensic Institute for Research and Education; and members of the Middle Tennessee Metal Detectors to enact the survey before the land’s preservation.

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photo submitted

RAUCOUS ROCKER—Atlanta native Michelle Malone, shown in this publicity photo, will bring her bluesy roots to the 2008 Southern Girls Rock & Roll Camp for a July 15 per-

formance for the campers. Other 2008 SGRRC guest artists include Anne McCue, Kelly Shay Hicks and Caitlin Rose.

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Girls Rock & Roll Camp is a flagship program of Youth Empowerment through Arts & Humanities, a nonprofit organiza-
tion dedicated to providing quality arts programs and serving as an arts resource for the Middle Tennessee community. Last year, the camp expanded to provide Memphis with its own five-
day musicfest for girls. This year’s Memphis camp is slated for Aug. 4-9 at Henderson School.

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program in the prisons began in January, when Dr. Daniel Born of the Chicago-based Great Books Foundation visited the Riverbend and DeBerry facilities. There, Sharmila Patel, head of the education department for the Tennessee Department of Correction, took him on a tour of the prisons and described the need for programs such as Great Books.

“The reading and discussion of great books expands our educational opportunities for incarcerated men and women. It enlarges minds, and it also creates a sense of community,” Patel said.

Before beginning the weekly prison-based book discussions, Phillips said that Born, GBF vice president for postsecondary programs, provided training for English faculty in the Shared Inquiry method. Developed by the Great Books Foundation, Shared Inquiry is a discussion method in which the leader starts with an open-ended question about the meaning of the book selection and follows up with questions to help participants develop their ideas. Shared Inquiry differs from the Socratic method because the leader doesn’t already know the answer to the basic discussion question.

“Educational opportunities that include critical examination of texts and thoughtful discussion of great ideas abound at Middle Tennessee State University, and such opportunities enrich our students’ minds and lives, preparing them to reflect critically upon the choices they make and the values that they embrace,” said Phillips, who was named coordinator for the Great Books in Middle Tennessee Prisons project.

“There are many in our society, however, who have had few, if any, meaningful educational opportunities to cultivate their minds in this way or even to see the value of the ‘examined’ life. Some of those citizens have made bad choices in life, some of those citizens have made bad choices in life, and it also creates a sense of community,” Phillips said.

While it may be the desire of many simply to ‘lock prisoners up and throw away the key,’” he continued, “the reality is that 97 percent of all inmates in state and federal prisons will eventually leave prison and rejoin the larger community as our neighbors.

In addition to Phillips, MTSU English faculty—working in two-person teaching teams in the three prisons—included volunteers Warren Tormey and Drs. Becky King, Laura Dubek, Rhonda McDaniel and Tricia Gaitely.

Although King can’t pinpoint precisely why she volunteered for the program, “I like to try new things, and teaching in a prison sounded like a real challenge, especially since I did not know much about what it would entail, so part of the reasons were selfish,” she said. “I also think that we should all do things to foster the well-being of others, and I think this project appealed to me as something I felt I could possibly contribute to that end.”

Also, Phillips added, “It seems to me that we have a moral obligation to our community and to our fellow human beings to do all that we can to rehabilitate those who are incarcerated, and one of those ways is through education, specifically, teaching critical thinking through reading and discussing Great Books.”

Working with the prison-based discussions groups, Phillips said he and his colleagues used a textbook from the Great Books Foundation, “Great Conversations I,” that included readings from authors such as Michel de Montaigne, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman, Alexis de Tocqueville, Frederick Douglass, Henrik Ibsen, Tillie Olson, Alice Munro and Joseph Conrad, among others.

Referring to the preparation needed to co-teach the course with Phillips at the Riverbend Maximum Security Institute, King said they “presented one class per week, for an hour, (which) involved preparing for the discussions of the readings and then guiding the questions and discussions.”

“In general, our class sizes ranged from 10 to 15 students,” Phillips observed, “and those who remained in the classes were active and enthusiastic participants; they asked questions, raised interesting points and listened respectfully to others with whom they may or may not have agreed.

“A precondition to participation was having read all of the assigned reading for that day’s class. My colleagues and I were very much impressed with the dedication and interest demonstrated by our students,” he continued. “Indeed, Dr. King and I, as well as all of the others involved in the project, came to look forward to returning each and every week. For us, it was one of the real joys of our week.”

King, an associate professor, said the Great Books experience was rewarding for both teachers and discussion members. The inmates participated on a voluntary basis and earned no college credit for doing so.

“The feedback we got was so very positive, including comments that the participants want to continue the program. Each night after class, students would shake our hands and thank us fervently for conducting the classes,” she said. “The students were so eager to discuss the texts in each class, and all of them contributed with their insights. . . . I was impressed with how much these men supported each other, how politely they were in making sure all were able to express their ideas and opinions and with how easily they shared their experiences and observations.”

Born said the recent prison book discussions that Phillips oversaw set “an important precedent for the Tennessee initiative.” The program also “provides motivated prisoners with the kind of intellectual stimulation that is sorely lacking in many of the nation’s prisons,” he noted.

As for future involvement with the program, King, for one, expressed a desire to continue such an outreach.

“I would like to see this project extended, and I think MTSU can benefit from continuing support of it, particularly in terms of connecting very disparate communities who can learn from each other, extending the university into the community in practical ways. I am certainly eager to continue participating,” she said.

Because of the success of the local pilot program, Phillips, too, said he hopes to continue his involvement, and he plans to maintain the partnerships he’s established and seek external funding to ensure its continuation—something Dr. John McDaniel, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, also favors.

“I certainly will be supportive of a reprise of the program,” McDaniel said. “As I have said publicly and often, this is a wonderfully innovative outreach—or ‘inreach’—program that combines the best of service with the best of liberal arts ideals.”

For more information about the program, contact Born at 1-800-222-5870, extension 282, or via e-mail at Daniel.born@greatchooks.org.
rs. Michael Hein and Rick Moffett of MTSU’s Center for Organizational and Human Resources Effectiveness, with the help of MTSU graduate students, recently developed and conducted training for Rutherford County leaders. The Rutherford County Leadership Academy was a five-month process Moffett called a “good example of a win-win partnership for the university and the community.”

Hein and Moffett acted as senior COHRE consultants, and Hein’s graduate students performed a needs analysis on participants as a class project. The idea for the program emerged when Jeff Craig, one of Hein’s former students and the former Rutherford County chief administrative officer, contacted Hein about a need for management training among county employees.

“A lot of people in the county come up through the ranks and don’t have management training and some of what you might consider basic leadership management,” Hein said. “[Craig] wanted something that would be perceived as something very rigorous and prestigious.”

The proposal outlined the objectives of each phase. The first incorporated Hein’s graduate students as they conducted the needs assessment on 10 participants chosen by the county. The participants took personality tests to determine their strengths and weaknesses as leaders.

Hein said that these personality tests allowed them to discuss how their personalities could affect their leadership style and their relationships with employees.

“And there isn’t a ‘right’ personality for a leader, but you need to understand your personality to be effective as a leader,” Hein said.

The COHRE team used this information to customize training for the groups needing it. Participants received individual coaching before and after the training sessions to determine how to improve their performance and reach goals.

The training itself included activities such as role-playing and small-group discussions to identify solutions for potential challenges in the workplace.

Among the participants were MTSU alumni Lois Miller, insurance director; Lisa Nolen, finance director; Mike Nunley, emergency medical services director; and Doug Brown, technical services manager.

The following employees recently earned the designation of Certified Professional Secretary after passing the CPS exam: Yvonne Elliott (general education), Roxanne Fest (athletics), Kimberly Griffin (speech and theatre), Melissa Hawkins (graduate studies), Grace James (Center for Ovadia), Kathy Kano (student affairs), Karen Martin (James E. Walker Library), Annette Merriman (information technology), Pam Middleton (Walker Library) and Lynn Parker (graduate studies).

The Japan Center of Tennessee helped adapt the tale from its original Kanji language. The book was illustrated by artist Carol Ponder, who worked at MTSU since April 2000, and is one of several artists who have adapted these tales in English and Korean.