Preserving battlefield is hot summer work

Grad students’ love of history translates well

by Stephanie Dragoo

Graduate students in MTSU’s public history program are preserving the military and cultural history of Murfreesboro at Stones River National Battlefield. Elizabeth Goetsch, 23, a third-year graduate student, and John George, 43, a doctoral candidate in public history, are working alongside the battlefield staff to bring history to life for tourists and visitors. Goetsch is a park ranger and gives tours both in the museum and on the grounds. Her interests extend beyond the military element of the battlefield’s history, and she incorporates details about lesser-known people and groups into her talks.

“I try to build the story more than just the battle, because the landscape tells more stories,” said Dr. Dovie Kimmins, associate director of the Tennessee Mathematics Education grant will assist in recruiting math and science middle-school teachers to help keep the nation competitive in the future, it’s imperative that we recruit and train math and science teachers now,” said Bart Gordon said.


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by Joshua Graham

Switching between protective ear wear and a pair of headphones doesn’t seem to be a problem for MTSU junior Lannie White.

During the day, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., he can be found at Stones River National Battlefield, taking care of the grounds, and at night he’s conducting his own radio show on MTSU’s student-run FM station, WMTS 88.3.

Originally from Anne Arundel County, Md., White said he chose to attend MTSU for the mass communication program, where he’s enrolled in its electronic media emphasis.

Whether he is on the battlefield or on campus, however, White said he is learning that “Tennessee has a love of history that Tennessee has a

HAUL IT AWAY—MTSU students feed brush and tree limbs into a chipper after clearing an area at the Stones River National Battlefield in video from an upcoming edition of “Middle Tennessee Record,” the university’s monthly video magazine. Twenty-one students majoring in public history, biology, agriculture, mass communication or outdoor recreation are working this summer in various capacities at the battlefield site northwest of Murfreesboro.

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M TSU students are going back in time this summer—and bringing history forward—by using their expertise to help expand visitor services and preserve and maintain the grounds and artifacts at the Stones River National Battlefield. Twenty-one students majoring in public history, biology, agriculture, mass communication or outdoor recreation are using their talents and knowledge in sometimes unexpected ways.

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Grant will aid teacher recruitment

by Tom Tozer


“We need to help our kids be the very best they can be in the United States.”

The funding stems from an appropriation Gordon and Sen. Lamar Alexander secured in Congress.

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Summer ‘08 INROADS interns expand talents, discover new strengths for business world

by Joshua Graham

INROADS Inc., founded by Frank C. Carr in 1970, is a program designed to increase ethnic diversity in cooperative management in the United States. According to its Web site (www.INROADS.org), its goal is to change the way candidates gain entry into the business world.

For three MTSU INROADS interns, Danny Heyward, Chris Whitaker and this writer, the program is fulfilling all expectations.

Deborah Roberts, business coordinator for INROADS and director of administrative services at MTSU, is responsible for working with departments to place the interns in jobs relating to their majors and the campus.

Roberts, who has worked with INROADS at MTSU since 1996, said a majority of INROADS interns have graduated, and she still remains in contact with some of them today.

“It’s an excellent program,” Roberts said. “I personally wished I had the opportunity to be with INROADS. It allows students to prepare for the business world.”

Danny Heyward, a nongraduating senior majoring in construction management technology, works in construction and renovation at MTSU, completing his third year as an intern.

Heyward said INROADS has helped him with dining etiquette and writing resumes, and has guided him in how to speak, present himself and meet the requirements to become a professional in the business world.

INROADS also has inspired Heyward to get involved more with his community. He is participating in Nashville Rescue Mission and Habitat for Humanities.

“I don’t want to (only) participate—I want a leadership role,” Heyward said.

Chris Whitaker, a rising junior at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, who is majoring in computer science and electrical engineering, works at MTSU with the registrar’s office.

Whitaker said that INROADS puts him ahead of the game when preparing his resume and speaking in public.

Whitaker is also working with the Freshman Summer Institute, a program designed to make the transition from high school to college easier.

“I realized I really liked working in the university setting,” Whitaker said. “I like working with the (Freshman Summer Institute) students. It’s beneficial and it keeps me well-rounded working in so many offices.

Both Whitaker and I have participated in the Toastmasters program, a session for students to practice speaking skills, that is administered by INROADS.

“Now I can jump in front of people and talk,” Whitaker said. “I tried to be the last person to do it (speak in public).”

My personal experiences with INROADS have been nothing short of an amazing adventure.

I first started INROADS with its pre-college program my junior year of high school. During this program, all the students were able to visit different universities and learn more about the college process. We visited MTSU during one of our university trips, which helped me finalize my decision on which college to choose.

After pre-college, students were then put into a talent pool, where we were given mock interviews to prepare us for real-world interviews. During the summer, INROADS students attend training sessions that focus on important factors to know in the business world, such as business writing, presentation skills, public speaking and managing different generations in the workplace.

I am currently an intern for MTSU, working with the Office of News and Public Affairs. My role in the office has gained me a ton of experience that I can look forward to utilizing in the future. I have been exposed to a variety of media-related responsibilities, including interviewing, working on video shoots, designing and even the basics of answering phones properly and clipping news stories.

Thanks to INROADS, I have never felt so prepared for a position before.

Joshua Graham is a sophomore majoring in electronic media communication.

Sells takes reins as interim VP for Student Affairs

by Tom Tozer

Dr. Debra Sells, associate vice provost for Academic Support Services, has been appointed interim vice president for the Division of Student Affairs, effective Aug. 1. She replaces Dr. Bob Glenn, who has accepted the presidency at Athens (Ala.) State University.

Sells, who has been at MTSU for 12 years, said when she asked President Sidney A. McPhee how he defined “interim,” he told her not to worry about the word and instead to focus on moving forward with projects already in motion.

“I am pleased that Dr. Sells has agreed to assume the position of interim vice president during this transition period,” McPhee said. “She is an excellent administrator who has demonstrated concern for students and their welfare on our campus. She has an outstanding reputation for leadership, and I have no doubt that she will continue her good work in carrying out her new responsibilities.”

Sells referred to the proposed Student Union as one of those important projects already in progress. She said it also is vital to continue such activities as the Distinguished Lecture Series and the Fall Convocation, because such programs “straddle that bridge between faculty and students. We want to bring speakers to campus who connect with faculty. We ask faculty, ‘Who do you want to bring to campus that will enhance your class?’ We’ll find ways to support those curricular programs that enhance teaching and learning.”

“We are working in a difficult budget environment,” Sells noted. “When there is a budget crunch, that’s a good time to look very strategically at what you’re doing. Is everything we do addressing university priorities?”

Regarding the issue of student-centeredness, Sells said she wants university staff to find ways to say “yes” to students instead of “no.”

“Our job requires flexibility and the ability to exercise good judgment about how we can best support an individual student’s needs. I hope we’re getting better and better,” she said, relating a story about a student who said her adviser not only helped her with her paperwork but volunteered to deliver the material to its destination.

“The student was totally stunned,” Sells said. “That makes me very happy. It’s not everywhere yet, but it’s better. We need to keep talking about it.”

Sells said she sees her greatest challenge as prioritizing and figuring out which areas need the most attention. She said her management style is simply to hire the very best people and give them the support and direction they need to do what they do well. “I want to hire the smartest, most highly qualified people we can attract to MTSU.”

She speaks highly of her predecessor, who “leaves a rich legacy and who’s been a big part of campus life. … Dr. Glenn came here really determined that we would shift the culture so that a student knew what it meant to be an MTSU student,” she said. “We demonstrate what we value by what we support with our presence. Bob certainly did a great job of that.”

“I have worked with top student-affairs professionals from all across the country, and I have never come across anyone better qualified or more able than Deb. She will do a terrific job,” Glenn said of his successor.

Prior to her position in Academic Support Services, Sells was director of MTSU Housing and Residential Life from 1996 to 2002. Before that, she held residential-life positions at Arizona State University. Sells earned her bachelor’s degree in sociology and communications at Hope College, Holland, Mich.; a master’s in social work at The University of Michigan; and her doctorate of education from ASU.
100 videos, 60,000+ hits:
August marks a milestone

by John C. Lynch

Middle Tennessee Record, or MTR, is turning 100 in August — sort of. With the posting of the August stories, there will be more than 100 MTSU videos on YouTube, and in all, they’ve been viewed more than 60,000 times.

MTR debuted Feb. 16, 2004, on NewsChannel 5+ in Nashville and Cable Channel 9 in Murfreesboro. Since that date, 10 additional cable outlets in the region have picked up the monthly video magazine.

Produced by the Office of News and Public Affairs, the award-winning program became available via RealPlayer streaming video in December 2004. Although streaming video was an added convenience, there were software compatibility problems, and last summer NPA began posting stories on YouTube, making them more widely available and easier to access.

Five of the top YouTube videos will be featured on the August program. “Philippine Street Children,” with Dr. Chuck Frost, is the most viewed story, followed by “Faster than the Speed of Light,” with physics professor Bill Robertson. Dr. Bob Womack’s interview about legendary Walking Horse Wilson’s Allen is third. The fourth most popular YouTube MTR video features Chief Buddy Peaster’s review of the campuswide tornado drill in 2007. Rounding out the top five is a student-produced story about a dummy, SimMan, used to provide realistic learning experience for nursing students.

Other stories in the August lineup include a look at MTSU’s first Alumni Summer College and interviews with agriculture students and a provider of the campus with a variety of healthier, more environmentally friendly, locally grown vegetables. In the remaining two stories, the Center for Environmental Education wins a national award, and Erin Anfinson, assistant professor of art, has created another mural for the Heritage Center.

Videos will be posted on Thursday, July 31, and the program will begin airing Sunday, Aug. 3.

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Basic and Applied Sciences

The center will use the grant money to fund $2,000 scholarships for math and science education sophomores and juniors and $500 scholarships for freshmen with the same major. Staff will recruit freshman students through the university’s freshman orientation program, Kimmins said.

“The overall goal is to increase the number and quality of math and science teachers, specifically middle-school teachers trained by MTSU,” Kimmins said. “We’re also trying to better the programs of study by working on content. We’re really excited about this program and appreciative of the congressman’s help.”

Gordon wrote the House version of the America COMPETES Act, which was signed into law by President George Bush in August 2007. The legislation puts the United States on a path to double basic scientific research and establishes or expands initiatives to improve the teaching of math and science to K-12 students.

VIEDEO STARS—Top YouTube videos from “Middle Tennessee Record” are, clockwise from top, Dr. Chuck Frost’s “Philippine Street Children,” Professor Bill Robertson’s “Faster than the Speed of Light,” Dr. Bob Womack’s interview about legendary Walking Horse Wilson’s Allen, Chief Buddy Peaster’s review of the 2007 campuswide tornado drill and a story on the School of Nursing’s SimMan.

photos by News and Public Affairs

VEGGIE TALE—Plant and soil science majors Ben Kelly, left, a junior, and senior Nathan Marsh dig potatoes in an off-campus garden site that’s provided fresh vegetables for MTSU since early summer. The students’ project is featured in the August edition of “Middle Tennessee Record,” which will be posted at www.mtsu.edu and will begin airing on local cable channels Sunday, Aug. 3.

photo by News and Public Affairs

Leadership, Disney Style—Discover how effective leadership has been the catalyst to drive employee/customer satisfaction and bottom-line results from the company’s inception to today.

Management, Disney Style—Examine the importance of integrating an organization’s corporate culture into selection, training and care of employees.

Service, Disney Style—Explore world-renowned principles for service excellence.

 Loyalty, Disney Style—Learn key practices and principles in building and sustaining loyalty that have made Disney a trusted brand around the world for more than 75 years.

Registration and cost information is available at a hot link at the Jones College of Business’s Web site, http://business.web.mtsu.edu, or by going directly to www.keysnashville.com. Registration includes all course materials and a full day of catered meals and beverages.

To receive a $50 registration discount, attendees may use promotional code MTSUBNR when they register online.

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Please note:
Event dates, times and locations may change after press time. Please verify specifics when making plans.

**TV Schedule**

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

**Through Aug. 2**

Walking Horse Owners Association International Grand Championship Pleasure/Colt Walking Horse Show  
Tennessee Miller Coliseum  
For information, visit www.walkinghorseowners.com or contact: 615-494-8822.

**July 30**

July 30-31  
McNair Scholars Program  
Student Presentations  
Cantrell Hall, Jackson Building  
For information, contact: 615-904-8462.

**Aug. 1**

Aug. 1-3  
Middle Tennessee Dog Fanciers Agility Show  
Tennessee Livestock Center  
For information, contact: 931-648-5296.

**Aug. 3**

Sunday, Aug. 3  
“MTSU On the Record—Beyond the Plantation”  
Graduate student Dollie Boyd and history professor Dr. Brenden Martin, who worked on a permanent exhibit on the history of slavery in Murfreesboro at Oaklands Historic House Museum, discuss their research.  
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM  

**Aug. 4**

**Aug. 5**

**Aug. 6**

**Aug. 7**

Thursday, Aug. 7  
Summer Session III, Summer Full Term final exams for M-Th classes  
Blue Raider Blast at The Avenue  
5:30 p.m., Medical Center Parkway, Murfreesboro  
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

**Friday, Aug. 8**

Friday, Aug. 8  
Army ROTC Summer Commissioning Ceremony  
10 a.m., KUC Theater  
For information, contact: 615-898-2470.

**Aug. 9**

Saturday, Aug. 9  
Summer Commencement  
10 a.m., Murphy Center  
For information, contact: 615-898-2919.

**Aug. 10**

Sunday, Aug. 10  
“MTSU On the Record—The Split Tongue Sparrow”  
Dr. Jan Hayes, professor emeritus of educational leadership, will discuss her children’s book, *The Split Tongue Sparrow*, and how a trip to Asia inspired it.  
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM  

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**Add ‘get new campus tag’ to your to-do list**

When you’re preparing your to-do list for the new academic year, don’t forget to request your 2008-09 campus parking permit from MTSU Parking and Transportation Services. Employees already should have received their parking permit request paperwork by campus mail, officials said. The deadline to submit a parking permit request by mail is Monday, Aug. 11, in order to receive the permit by Aug. 15. Employees also may stop by the Parking and Transportation Services office, which is located in the back of the building at 1403 E. Main St. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

White permits, which are available to faculty, administration, staff and graduate teaching assistants, will cost $125 this year. Green permits, which are available to faculty, administration, staff and students, cost $105. Payment may be arranged by pre-tax payroll tax deduction (at a rate of $10.41 per month for white and $8.75 per month for green permits) or by lump-sum payment.

Each parking permit is transferable to any vehicle that an employee chooses to drive on campus, so each employee needs only one parking permit per academic year.

Employees who purchase a permit in person may pay by payroll deduction, cash, check or credit card. Those who mail in their parking permit requests should pay by payroll deduction or lump-sum check; cash should not be sent through the mail. All checks should be made payable to MTSU and include the employee’s assigned “M” number.

For more information about campus parking permits, call Parking and Transportation Services at 615-898-2850 or stop by the office during regular business hours.

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**Calendar Items Welcomed**

Want to make sure your event gets plenty of attendees? Get it on *The Record’s* Campus Calendar page! Submit your campus event information—at least three weeks in advance, please—to gfann@mtsu.edu and don’t forget the date, time, location and contact information.
Goetsch said. Goetsch visited the battlefield frequently last fall as a part of her graduate research on a community of African-American workers that settled near the cemetery after the Battle of Stones River.

During her research, she met Gil Backlund, chief of operations for the park, and Jim Lewis, who’s in charge of cultural resource management and law enforcement. Their work in managing the park as a cultural resource aligned with her scholarly pur-

suits. Since Goetsch joined the staff, both Backlund and Lewis have helped her find ways to utilize the park’s resources for her studies, such as designing exhibits.

“My major is public his-
tory, and my track is a cul-
tural resource management,” Goetsch said. “I have the hands-on experience of being able to do this for my internship requirement. Being a park ranger fulfills that for me.”

Park officials welcome the expertise and enthusiasm that MTSU students are bringing to their summer positions.

“We have 21 employees working season-
ally at the battlefield,” Backlund said. “MTSU has been a really great source of employees for us who are studying in the fields of histo-
ry, biology, parks and recreation and agricult-
ure. Their skills have really helped us do a better job at the battlefield.”

Goetsch earned her undergraduate degree in history at New Mexico State University, and she plans to continue in the public history doctoral program at MTSU. If her eventual career is not with the National Park Service, she said she still hopes to connect her eventual career is not with the National Park Service, she said she still hopes to connect her undergraduate degree in history at Oxford University with a master’s in American stud-
ies at the University of Alabama.

George said he was drawn to the public history program at MTSU because of its emphasis on museum work, historical sites and preservation. “And we have a great resource in the Center for Historic Preservation on campus, which is very highly regarded nationally,” he said.

George finds fulfillment pursuing his passion rather than financial gain. “Everybody wants to prosper, but you’re not prospering very well if you’re unhappy,” he said.

For George and Goetsch, historical preservation is a continually rewarding pur-
suit. They both explore and share history daily at the battlefield.

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While he was younger, White worked alongside his landscaping father, who also is a recreation major. This childhood experience with his dad has helped to prepare him to work on the landscaping at Stones River Battlefield. “That’s actually where I got my experience to work on the battlefield,” he said, referring to his dad. “A lot of the stuff we are doing now, I learned when I was really young.”

White has gained myriad experi-
ences while at MTSU and hopes to graduate in 2010.

“I’m learning a lot fast and taking it all in pretty well, I think,” he said, “especially (since I am) coming from a different state.”

One of the new skills he’s gained at MTSU is run-
ning his own radio broadcast. White’s one-man show, “White’s show,” is on the air every Tuesday from 10 p.m. to midnight.

“It’s going pretty good,” he said. “My show—like the first year-and-a-half I was here—was in the morning, and I just recently got it switched to the night slots. I do my show, play whatever I want. I play … a lot of R&B, but mostly I diversify it.”

When he’s not at Stones River or WMTS-FM, White said, he’s easily entertained and recently took on a new hobby.

“I like to just relax once I get off work,” he said. “I have picked up skateboarding, actually. I just started skateboarding; my little brother was teaching me some tricks the other day.”

White’s plans for the future are extremely clear.

“I’m definitely interested in going into radio when I graduate … nowhere specific, as long as I’m doing what I like to do.”

Senior trades gridiron for new field of interest at SRNB

by Stephanie Dragoo

R ichard Bortner, a senior in MTSU’s outdoor recreation program, is chasing a different dream than his love for the game. Bortner, 22, of Crestview, Fla., is a former football player working to restore the his-
torical landscape at Stones River National Battlefield this summer.

“I played football until the beginning of last season and got a neck injury, so they said it would be in my best inter-
est if I didn’t play anymore,” he said.

Bortner came to MTSU on a scholarship to play right guard for the Blue Raiders football team. The injury pre-
vented any further aspirations toward professional football.

“After graduation this December, Bortner said he wants to pursue wildlife law enforcement. He plans to use his degree as a federal officer to keep the peace and protect the natural landscape from poachers.

“Working outside comes naturally to Bortner. His hometown on the Florida panhandle is about an hour north of Destin, and he grew up enjoy-
ing hobbies like hunting and fishing. Now his major encompasses a wide

variety of possibilities for working outdoors.

“It’s a little obscure, because with outdoor recreation, there are so many different things you can turn it into,” he said.

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“I’d like to go back to Florida because you get a fair mix,” Bortner said. “You know, you’ve got people hunting, and you’ve got coastal fishing as well as inland on rivers and lakes. I think it’s the best fun.”

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Where will you be safe?

Don’t wait to find out.

Check the “Safe Places” link at

www.mtsu.edu/alert4u/tornado.shtml

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Pratt University, a small private college in Montgomery, Ala.

While working 18 years in business, he pursued his-

historical landscape at Stones River National Battlefield this summer.

For the indoor exhibits, doctoral candi-
dates George focuses on preserving artifacts as a museum tech. One of his responsibilities is maintaining the museum’s “integrated pest management” by trapping destructive insects. He also treats paper, wood and other historic materials that disintegrate over time.

“There’s a lot that goes on behind the scenes in conserving artifacts from our past that most people wouldn’t think about. There are certain insects that absolutely destroy a historic artifact,” George said. “If a moth likes to eat wool, and you have a Civil War uni-

form made out of wool, you need to get rid of that moth!”

George is eager to share his love of history through teaching this fall at MTSU. He earned his undergradu-
ate degree in business administration at Faulkner University, a small private college in Montgomery, Ala.

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Vanosdall will lead TMSTEC team
by Lisa L. Rollins

Dr. Frederick “Rick” Vanosdall has joined MTSU as director of the Tennessee Early Childhood Training and Education Center (TECTA), replacing retiring MTSU history professor Dr. Kaylene Gebert.

Vanosdall most recently served as director of the University of Colorado Denver’s Center for Innovative Research and Development. Gebert will continue to serve as MTSU’s assistant vice president for academic and research affairs.

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Aug. 9 commencement to feature professor’s address

by Lisa L. Rollins

A projected 832 degree candidates will graduate during the 96th annual summer commencement ceremony, MTSU officials announced.

The single-semester graduation will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, in Murphy Center with Dr. Kevin E. Smith, professor for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, as the keynote speaker for the evening.

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Smith earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1986 and a Master of Arts degree in 1990 in anthropology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He also holds memberships in a number of professional archaeological organizations.

In addition to his 2007-08 tenure as president of MTSU’s Faculty Senate, Smith has penned numerous journal articles, technical papers, reports and book chapters as well as book reviews and encyclopedia entries. His upcoming book, ‘Speaking with the Ancients: Mississippi Stone Statuary of the Tennessee-Cumberland Style,’ is to be published in November.

As the provost also asked her to take on a new task of providing leadership for several Research Working Groups, to continue their collaboration for the next several months or years and publish from that. And we hope to get the compared to the RWG facilitators and will post updates on a Web site.

One group has already set up a discussion group online, and everyone is copying me on their correspondences,” said Miller. “So, yes, the work has just begun, and the real success of the workshop won’t be determined for several months. It will depend on these RWGs truly working together.

“We hope people will implement their research plans. present at professional conferences and publish from the workshop. We hope to get the entire group back together again. There were absolutely no difficult times. Everything went so smoothly and everyone seemed to be so happy … it was a little scary.”

Miller welcomes busy workload as new vice provost

by Tom Tozer

Dr. Diane Miller’s new role as vice provost became effective July 14, and she’s already at work keeping the approval process moving for three proposed doctoral degrees: computational science, mathematics and science education and molecular biosciences. If the Tennessee Board of Regents and Tennessee Higher Education Commission give their nods to the degrees, the programs could be in place by fall 2009.

“This office helps to facilitate the flow of paperwork related to curricula issues,” Miller said, noting that the provost also asked her to take on a new task of providing leadership for several Research Working Groups, to continue their collaboration for the next several months or years and publish from that.

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Miller also said, “which include starting a new degree program or revising an existing program or course curriculum of the McNair Scholars Program, Miller noted that the provost also asked her to take on a new task of providing an organizational structure for all programs dealing with international affairs, including devising new ways to attract more students from other countries.

“I welcome Dr. Diane Miller to this senior level academic administrative position,” said President Sidney A. McPhee. “Dr. Miller brings with her a wealth of experience as both a faculty member and an administrator and as a former president of the Faculty Senate. Her dedication and commitment to the university are certainly assets as she provides leadership in many areas within Academic Affairs and across the campus.”

“I’ve been humbled and appreciative of all the e-mails and cards from people wishing me well,” Miller said.
Fulbright award helps Armstrong sustain ambitions

Next ‘leg’ of musician’s journey stops in Berlin

by Randy Weiler

Through the Jake Leg Stompers, a lively old-time jug band, MTSU alumnus and multi-talented musician Brandon Armstrong has seen much of the eastern United States: major cities like New Orleans, Chicago, Memphis, Louisville and Nashville, and small towns like Calhoun, Ga., Centerville, Tenn., and Leland, Greenville, Oxford and Clarksdale, Miss.

Through a Fulbright U.S. Student fellowship, Armstrong will see more of the world—particularly Germany—starting in September when he travels to Berlin to study urban sustainability.

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Dr. Taylor A. Barnes, another honors student, has been named an honorable mention award winner in a national honor society scholarship/fellowship competition for 2007-08. He is one of more than 1,450 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2008-09 academic year through the Fulbright program.

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Passages

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Dr. Douglas Y. McCallie (food services), 66, passed away July 9. Funeral services were conducted July 12. Mr. McCallie served as director ofARAMARK Food Services at MTSU from 1976 to 1998. The Corlew Building dining hall was named Mr. McCallie Dining Hall that year in his honor. He is survived by his wife, Dottie Willis McCallie; children Valarie (Jeff) Day and Wade (Yvette) McCallie; and grandchildren Maddie and Colin McCallie. Memorials may be made to the MTSU Foundation for Alumni Scholarships.

James Grant Reed (facilities services), 60, passed away July 18. Funeral services were conducted July 21. Mr. Reed, who was a supervisor in the Facilities Services Department, was employed by MTSU from April 1986 until his retirement in May 1999 and was currently site manager of Piedmont Girl Scout Camp. He is survived by his wife, Martha Patch Reed; sons Timothy (DeAnna) Reed, Jason (Lori) Reed and Joey (Meg) Reed; daughters Janice Hoak and Laura (Jimmy) Cooper; sisters Carol Harris, Lucille Davenport and Wilma Christine Davenport; an uncle, Paul Blanton; and 14 grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Vanderbilt Heart Transplant program.

Faculty/Staff Update

December 2005 graduate, said, “The progress being made at MTSU is motivation for me to learn how to implement sustainability initiatives at the city level, and that is exactly what I will be studying in Germany.” Armstrong added. “As a city, Berlin has made profound commitments and achievements in how people can live sustainably in urban settings. I want to bring that experience to Tennessee.”

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